



Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless
 --A Continuum of Care and Homeless Task Force
 Wednesday, July 13, 2022
 10:00am-11:30am
 Via Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NOTES

10:00am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please introduce yourself and your agency in the chat 	Laura Ellsworth , Council for the Homeless
Issues, Hot Topics & Discussion		
10:05am	Homeless Action Plan Discussion <p>Attendees discussed some key points in the service provider survey, and were given the link to fill out the entire survey online. The discussion that ensued was a chance to dig deeper into some of the questions and to garner feedback.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What challenges do you experience when serving BIPOC clients? Given your stories, what can be done to improve the homeless crisis response system? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Affordable housing for stability. Covid era funding has ended and landlords are increasing rental costs at unsustainable rates. b. Discrimination in the application process. Applicants with nontraditional family structures or nontraditionally white names are denied at higher rates. c. Language barriers present disconnect in communication between clients and organizations or tenants and landlords. d. Discrimination following a denial and the following appeal process. Landlords are required to give denial and appeal decisions in writing. e. Anti-racism and bias training at the organizational level. Organizations need to identify gaps and areas of improvement to develop training plans. 2. Our data shows us that diversion is a helpful practice, especially for BIPOC clients. What can the homeless system do to take this best practice to a larger scale? If your agency would like to offer diversion, what prevents your agency from doing so? <p><i>Diversion is for low barrier clients who already have resources to work with. Assistance is on a case by case basis and is normally a onetime payment to cover barriers including owed rent, future rent, collections, application fees, etc.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bureaucratic processes. Organizations need resources to supplement staffing needs, grant and contract requirements, and stabilizing programs that are already in place. 	Patricia Julio , Julio Consulting, LLC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Adequate compensation for staff. Organizations struggle with providing living wages to current staff. c. Increased Flex Funding. d. Measures to hold landlords accountable. <p>3. The following is a list of approaches to reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness in our community that would require local, state or federal action, such as a policy change or a budget allocation. What are your top 3 priorities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Occupational support for frontline medical and health workers working to address COVID who are vulnerable to homelessness b. Financial support for renters and tenants who are impacted by long COVID and economic loss over the next 5 years c. Legal Advocacy and Support, especially for limited English speakers d. Increase financial investment in more mental health and substance treatment facilities e. Make a policy change to increase renter and tenant protections f. Make a policy change to increase density and affordable housing stock g. Increase capital funding to support new construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing 	
11:15	<p>Announcements/Updates</p> <p>Homeless Action Plan Service Providers survey: Please complete no later than August 12. Reminders will be sent throughout July. Complete it here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGFQ72Y</p> <p>2021 Homeless System Data webinar Watch the July 12 webinar here: https://youtu.be/GqKzE8HPK90</p>	All
11:30am	Adjourn	Laura Ellsworth , Council for the Homeless

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Next Coalition Meeting: September 14, 2022, from 10:00am-11:30am

The Coalition meets on the 2nd Wed, bi-monthly for planning to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County.

General Contact or Accessibility Needs: Council for the Homeless (360) 993-9561 or aconnolly@councilforthehomeless.org

For more information on the Coalition, visit www.councilforthehomeless.org and click on Agency Resources.

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