

Consumer Advisory Council Meeting Summary

October 21, 2009

Consumer Advisory Council members present:

Anthony	Jaclyn	Margaret
Blue	Latrice	Nancy
Daniel		

Members absent:

Linda	Paul
Nina	Sheila

Community present:

Bill	Laird	Ronnie
Kristine	Richard	

Welcome and Introduction.

The meeting was called to order by Jaclyn, serving as Co-Chair, at 6:10pm.

The October 21 Agenda and September 16, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with the proposal to move the nomination of Ariyette Nelson to the end of the meeting to give her more time to get here from the Eastside.

Public Comment

Blue announced that in the process of his current move, he contacted numerous resources and was shocked at how many providers have cut back services. Nancy suggested calling 211 and said the call is free from any pay phone. She also stated that it seems there are always service cutbacks at the end of the year.

Laird reminded everyone to vote by November 3rd.

Feedback from GB, IAC, Funders Group

Governing Board September 23, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Jaclyn shared her experience attending her first GB meeting as an official member of the Board. She said she mostly sat back and listened trying to understand how things are run because it was a higher level than what she is used to.

Latrice noted from the minutes that the GB suggested that CAC hold a focus group on how to encourage and not discourage people in the system. Nancy asked if the GB or IAC had suggestions on how to encourage people. Bill said that the IAC has not yet discussed any suggestions.

Interagency Advisory Council September 14, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Latrice asked if the issues with HMIS were technical. Bill said that one of the biggest issues is getting the data we need in the system. Agencies are not consistently inputting the data. For example, an agency can have 100 clients, but only four entered into HMIS.

Legislative Breakfast

Jaclyn shared her experience of presenting her story in front of the attendees. She was pleased with the positive feedback she received.

Bill said that all the feedback he has heard has been positive and also the breakfast solidified the value and significance of the CEH Governing Board and legislative breakfast sponsors.

King County Family Homelessness Project

Bill reviewed the housing stabilization model chart that was included in the meeting packet. The model begins with coordinated common point of entry where everyone is assessed the same way to determine what the family needs are. Housing and/or stabilization services are then determined and referrals to the

proper agencies are given. The end result is to house the family in non-time limited stable housing with or without services so the family can then carry themselves to economic stability.

Nancy asked how long it would be until the same system would be available or expanded to single adults that did not fall into the chronic illness category. Systems take time to change. We will begin by implementing the family homelessness model and then work towards providing appropriate models for all.

Blue asked where the money stream will come from. Answer: The Gates Foundation will fund putting the families system in place. Current money streams will then be used in different ways for continued funding.

Jaclyn asked what the assessment forms would look like and how will it differentiate between motivated and unmotivated people. A draft form will be emailed to committee members. Nancy commented that the questions need to be very specific, as they also need to be very specific for HMIS.

Latrice asked what the timeline is to put the family system into action. The system is scheduled to be approved in January 2010.

LGBTQ Focus Group

The next CAC hosted focus group will be the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Queer homeless population. Nancy did some research at the library prior to the meeting. The only articles that she could find relating to homelessness and the LGBTQ population was in regards to HIV and violence aimed at them. Nancy feels there is a tremendous amount of prejudice and misconceptions.

It was agreed that the focus group needs:

- to be a mix of youth and adults;
- Held in a safe zone. Bill agreed to contact Seattle University for a meeting space.
- Scheduled for the first two weeks of December.
- Nancy, Jaclyn and Blue to facilitate.

Public Comment

Jaclyn announced that she is working on compiling a list of all holiday meals and services and where you can access them for the 2009 holiday season.

December CAC Meeting

The next meeting, co-chaired by Latrice and Jaclyn, will be Wednesday, November 18th at Plymouth Congregational Church, 6pm – 8:00pm. On the agenda:

- Nomination of Ariyette Nelson
- Planning for LGBTQ focus group

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.