

# The Funders Group Meeting Summary

November 24, 2008

<b>TFG Members present:</b>		<b>TFG members absent:</b>
Jackie MacLean Alan Painter Jason Johnson Tom Tierney Adrienne Quinn	Emily Leslie Arthur Sullivan Stephen Norman David Wertheimer	
<b>Funders Group Reps/Staffers Present:</b>		
Bill Rumpf Debbie Thiele Sara Levin	Cheryl Markham Katy Miller Vince Matulionis	Bill Block Gretchen Bruce Marty Lindley

## Agenda / Meeting Summary Approval

The agenda and meeting summary were approved as presented.

## The Funders Group (TFG) Workplan

The group re-affirmed the initial selection of priorities agreed to at the inaugural meeting:

1. Production
  - a. Unit (Capital) Production.
  - b. Increase Number of Existing Units Added to Homeless System thru rental supports
2. Internal System Changes: Align funders' efforts, show clear measures and increase efficiencies.
  - a. Create Coordinated Assessment and Entry for High Utilizer Chronic Single Adults.
  - b. Create Coordinated Assessment and Entry for Families.
  - c. Complete development and utilization of HMIS.

Discussion moved onto ideas for each of the 4 distinct pieces to the workplan:

1. financial plan
2. production goals and tracking
3. system change goals
4. dashboard

## Financial Plan

Marty Lindley, Business Director for KC DCHS, distributed a template for collecting and analyzing funding currently and potentially *available* for homeless housing and services. Each partner within TFG would have their finance folks identify aggregate amounts allocated to homelessness from their various fund sources (eg, **Federal**: McKinney, CDBG, HOPWA, etc.; **State**: THOR, ESAP, etc.; **County/Local**: CX/General Funds, 2163, Levy & Millage funds; **Philanthropic**: Gates, UWKC.)

They would also break out aggregate amounts *allocated* to various strategies (as defined and included in this year's NOFA.) A rough breakdown of those strategies include:

<b>Housing</b>	<b>Supportive Services</b>	<b>Housing Finance</b>
* Non-Time-Limited Housing	▪ Case Management	▪ Capital for Housing
▪ Affordable Housing	▪ Enhanced Property Mgt / Front Desk Enhancement	▪ Operating Support
▪ Permanent Supportive Housing	▪ Employment Services	▪ Rental Assistance
▪ Service Enriched Housing	▪ Financial Assistance	
▪ Subsidized Housing	▪ Health Care Services	<b>Other</b>
▪ Transition in Place	▪ Landlord Liaison	
*Time-Limited Housing	▪ Linkage Services	
▪ Transitional Housing	▪ Outreach Services	
▪ Emergency Shelter	▪ Resident Services	
	▪ Treatment Services	

A final formula on the spreadsheet will highlight the difference between the amount available and amount allocated, and therefore potentially available for distribution/ redistribution towards ten year plan strategies.

To avoid duplication of dollars, the funding partner that “generates” the dollars should take credit for them. For instance, United Way and the City of Seattle both contribute dollars to the Landlord Liaison project, which is managed by King County. United Way and Seattle should reflect those dollars under their respective columns, while King County will not include those dollars on the LLP line item. It was agreed to collect information for 2009 and 2010 (as possible) to identify what is already contracted for, and what may be in play as we look forward. Each funder identified a key contact for Marty and Gretchen to help with the collection of this information. David Okimoto suggested we also collect population level data, as we will likely want that information for some of our early analysis.

### **Production Goals Tracking**

Debbie Thiele reviewed the current Production Tracking Report that OH compiles to track housing and rental units under the Ten-Year Plan. It is excel based and tracks the number of units under the ten year plan that are secured through capital or rental supports, with breakouts by region, population and year brought online. She noted that the units included in this document are only new units funded by new dollars within the coordinated NOFA process – either directly funded or voucher matches contributed by SHA and KCHA. It does not include turnover units, VASH vouchers, or units KCHA or SHA make available to people exiting homelessness under their own internal preferences.

The group discussed if/how it is possible to track units across the homeless system and the public housing system. Debbie Thiele will convene a workgroup to investigate this – likely pulling from the Homeless Housing Funders Group, or dedicating a meeting of that group to this issue.

### **Landlord Liaison and Rental Subsidy Tracking**

Katy Miller discussed the data she anticipates collecting from agencies participating in the Landlord Liaison Project – move ins to permanent housing, retention rates, services provided, expenditures of the risk fund, exits, housing barriers, subsidies provided (amount & length of time), etc. She estimates the most straightforward way to collect this information is within Safe Harbors since it is already being used by participating agencies and includes unique client identifiers. She will ask Safe Harbors to include a checkbox that indicates that a client is also a LLP client.

Members discussed how these placements are or are not duplicative of the Production Tracking Report that Debbie manages, and how to track all rental subsidies provided to clients exiting homelessness. Katy will convene a workgroup to investigate the most effective way to track clients, program usage, placement under the LLP and other rental supports – likely pulling from the Homeless Housing Funders Group, or dedicating a meeting of that group to this issue.

### **Dashboard**

Bill Block reviewed a dashboard report that CEH completes for King County. It includes metrics on the One Night Count and housing production (for lack of other system-wide measures consistently available to CEH.) Members suggest that if we use something similar for The Funders Group dashboard report that we include the One Night Count only in the quarter following the ONC, but not give it such prominent placement every quarter. The next version will identify other appropriate metrics as we move forward with workplan development for the priority areas.

### **IAC Agenda**

The December IAC meeting is likely to be cancelled. For the January meeting, TFG will seek to have available draft workplans for each of the production and system change strategies listed above, noting that we need to draft a workplan template.

### **Upcoming The Funders Group meetings**

December: Coordinated Entry for High Utilizers – initial thinking by UWKC, MHCADSD. KC planning effort around the Gates project – ending and preventing family homelessness  
January: Safe Harbors – Update on SH, & metrics

Allan Painter noted that if the economy and recession continue to worsen, we will likely see an increase in the need for shelter and housing, and the community will look to The Funders Group for leadership on the issue above and beyond the 10YP. (Something like what Boston has done, who has convened a War Room to discuss that city's response to the economic situation.)