

SEATTLE/KING COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE FY2024 WORKPLAN BRAINSTORM ACTIVITY - DECEMBER 19, 2023

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Education and prevention focused work and to combat the perceptions of who people experiencing homelessness are. Combat stigma toward people experiencing homelessness. Change	Emphasis on individual and community level wellbeing	Clarify and solicit CoC membership to help with annual CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity rating panel	More violence prevention in all components of the homelessness response system	Never had a balance of how we navigate unsheltered homelessness. Our funding is skewed against people who are in vehicles.
Robust capacity building and ensuring that we are not so reactive!	Often referrals that are made to programs are often not eligible! Folks do not qualify and we are seeing housing being left open. (Ineligible referrals negatively impacts HMIS data quality!)	Emphasis on individual and community level wellbeing	At Mary's Place, we'd love to see more investment in homelessness prevention as a core component of a crisis response system. We'd also love to see a focus on families with children. When young children experience homelessness, it can impact their development and those impacts can be lifelong. People who experience homelessness as young people often experience it again as adults. We'd like to see a focus on breaking this cycle by keeping children housed or returned to housing rapidly.	Hope and dream is that the RHA thinks about housing as a human right and that yes, we are all the same and we need to bring back the human rights component back into this work!
More collaboration among government partners and CoC members.	How to separate capitalism from HMIS?	Often referrals that are made to programs are often not eligible! Folks do not qualify and we are seeing housing being left open. (Underspending affects CoC NOFO applications!)	I'd always like to see the KCRHA have more acknowledgement and emphasis on the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness, that DV is one of the leading causes of family homelessness; making sure that the homelessness providers have the training and resources and partnerships needed to serve survivors well. And that DV providers are looped into the homelessness systems in a meaningful way.	I would prefer that the RHA does not have any part in sweeps.
Emphasis on individual and community level wellbeing	Explore a comparable database for survivors of violence to have their de-identified information included in HMIS in a highly protected platform that is accessible by Victim Service Providers (VSPs) only.	I would like to see a direct referral portal available for school district McKinney-Vento liaisons.	Emphasis on individual and community level wellbeing	The interplay of severe weather and sweeps intensely impacts people who are unhoused as their gear gets taken away.
How can we use culture and social media to help move change and make change in moving this work forward? Some of the changes that are being discussed may take an act of congress so the advocacy pieces and identification of the stakeholders who can show up in these advocacy platforms is essential.			Often referrals that are made to programs are often not eligible! Folks do not qualify and we are seeing housing being left open. Getting HUD to change the requirements (this is actually in the works!)	Being intentional about language choices and content being created to communicate honestly about the work that we do.

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Ensuring that we have a robust set of trainings for CoC subrecipients and members that focus on Housing First, harm reduction and other frameworks.			<p>Sounds like this could also fit into CES to improve assessment (understanding need and eligibility) and referrals and matching. Perhaps housing inventory diversity, which likely ties in other categories.</p> <p>Need to make sure that referrals to programs are appropriate! I.E. Eligible NOT "appropriate" as in "housing ready"</p> <p>Transparency in CE prioritization and communications.</p> <p>I would like to see a direct referral portal available for school district McKinney-Vento liaisons.</p>	