



Seattle-King County CE Committee Meeting

Date/Time

Thursday, January 25th, 2023; 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Roll Call

Name	Present
Devin Konick-Seese	x
Noah Fay	x
Eddy Matlock-Mahon	x
Martha Linder	
Porscha Anderson	x
Patricia Rena Barnes-Sam	x
Elliot Hart	x
Antoinette Lambert	x
Kelsey Beckmeyer	x
Galena White	
Zsa Zsa Floyd	
Kenyatta G Carrollhillman	x
SHERRY L TILLMAN	x

- Roll Call – [10] members present – [3] members absent
 - Quorum is met.

Theory of Change –

- If we create a homelessness response system that centers people who have lived experience of homelessness, then we will be able to meet needs and eliminate inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.



Land Acknowledgement – Marvin Futrell

Introductions- Beth Lazar

- **Beth Lazar (DCPO at KCRHA)**: Emphasizes the need for efficient throughput in the Continuum of Care (CE), ensuring faster access to housing resources and reduced time to house individuals.
- **Kelsey Beckmeyer (Program Performance Manager at KCRHA)**: Advocates for a comprehensive system understanding individual and family needs, moving beyond referral processes to integrate a broader web of opportunities and clearer pathways in the CE system.
- **Sherry Tillman**: Stresses the importance of consistency in support, ensuring families avoid returning to the streets and receive necessary care.
- **Noah Fay (Senior Housing Director at DESC)**: Prioritizes addressing the needs of the highest-needs community members with appropriate resources.
- **Eddie Matlock-Mahon (Coordinated Care Agency)**: Focuses on reducing housing wait times, ensuring throughput and equal access for sheltered and unsheltered individuals.
- **Elliot Hart (Director of Rental Office and Compliance at Plymouth Housing)**: Seeks to identify and address provider pain points to better meet housing seeker needs.
- **Porscha Anderson (Director of Housing and Support Systems at Friends of Youth)**: Aims to ensure youth and family experiences are acknowledged and addressed.
- **Devin Konick-Seese (King County Department of Human Services Project Manager)**: Focuses on reducing documentation burdens and streamlining resource matching and access processes.
- **Kenyatta Carrollhillman**: Calls for more responsive resources that meet people's needs more quickly.
- **Marvin Futrell (Director of Washington State Lived Experience Coalition)**: Suggests a better understanding of change theory and creating an equitable system for resource allocation, moving beyond management to resolution pathways.
- **Patricia Barnes-Sam (DESC Mental Health Professional, Behavioral Health Response Team)**: Advocates for more equitable education within the system, improving communication with clients, and involving more voices from the



community to reduce re-traumatization and improve respect and access to housing.

Coordinated Entry Re-Grounding – Beth Lazar

- **Discussion on Prioritization and Process Changes:**

- The group considered which changes could be implemented first for impactful, easy wins in the system. There's ongoing collaboration with HUD regarding prioritization laws. The topic will be revisited in February for potential adjustments before proposing to the CoC Board for a vote.

- **Eddie Matlock-Mahon:** Raised questions about the new prioritization method sent out, and the current process being used.

- **Beth Lazar:** Confirmed that the current process remains unchanged.

- **Patricia Barnes:** A CoC Board member and advocate for individuals in care systems, expressed concerns about the barriers faced by those needing care, including re-experiencing trauma. She seeks a platform to voice these issues and hold providers accountable.

- **Beth Lazar:** Acknowledged Patricia's input as valuable for identifying gaps in coordinated entry, specifically in paperwork and education, and encouraged bringing in work and lived experiences to identify solutions.

- **Assigned Homework:** Members are asked to identify 2-3 key topics they feel are crucial to address. They should rate these topics based on ease of implementation and the time required to tackle them.

Committee Responsibilities – Beth Lazar

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Next Steps & Adjourn

- February 22nd, 2024; from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



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