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GKCCEH APRIL 2020 COMMITTEE UPDATES

PROGRESS AND EVALUATION:

The group met virtually on April 08. Topics discussed include: HMIS LA transition, HMIS implementation status, DV release of information update, UW211 update and next steps, Vi-SPDAT transition (pilot implementation with UW211 clients as 'experimental group') -evaluation of both pilots scheduled for end of May 2020. Housing Retention subcommittee restructuring (next steps: working group charter for board approval, expanse scope of work/responsibility, merge with transfer deliberation group, recruit new applicants).

COVID-19 specific CE topics discussed include: COVID-19 community plan, BNL management during COVID 19, COVID 19 and updated CE prioritization, extension on expiring VATs (policy drafted), continuing the housing process during COVID 19 (elec signatures, virtual tours, increased client and landlord engagement)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

This group didn't meet in April, due to inability to plan for in-person trainings because of uncertainty of when in-person trainings can take place.

However, the E & T's previous planning and research regarding Diversion and Motivational Interviewing training has been used to schedule a series of virtual trainings in the upcoming weeks. These trainings will be focused on identifying underlying needs and utilizing community resources already in place to divert individuals from entering the homeless system.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS:

While this group didn't meet in April, many of the small ad hoc groups continue their work on policies - particularly reallocation, move on, and diversion planning. The group is meeting virtually in mid-May to re-group, briefly review policy priorities, and set hard completion dates for open policies.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

This group continues to meet via webinar and evaluate what areas of focus this group should be prioritizing during the COVID 19 pandemic. The committee discussed a variety of ways to collaboratively respond to the COVID 19 crisis, particularly in regard to offering clear messaging to funders about the need in the community.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:

This committee has grown small over recent months and is currently determining what additional community members need to be invited to join this committee in order to have an effective committee.