CREST Meeting

9/9/2020 1-3pm

* Direct Care and Treatment Operating Deficiency
  + Bridges
    - Entering the last part of the grant cycle
    - 196,000 for the next 10 months expires June 1, 2021
    - Currently have 38 clients in the program
    - Numbers have been much higher with pre-covid and covid
    - Projected—right on target with budget
      * Will plan on spending every dime
      * Has a plan if they are over with executive director
    - Wait-list data
      * Olmsted and Austin—hold off on adding anyone new
      * After October—will know where we stand with budget
      * Few waiting in Fillmore/Houston area
    - Is there a way that this program can be more responsive to the smaller markets and smaller counties?
    - Owatonna HRA the sole administrator
    - Future Options
      * Add Olmsted county as another administrator of funds?
      * Other HRAs and other partners?
      * Request more funding for next grand period?
    - Tim will set up regional meetings to discuss further options
  + Jennifer Prins Presentation—What is CoC?
    - Continuum of Care raises money
    - Requires creation of local continuum of care committee
    - Long-term rental subsidy, transitional housing, etc.
    - Goal—end homelessness
      * Make sure it is rare, brief when possible
    - Mental Health agencies are a part of the housing authorities
    - 35 million dollars come into the state annually
      * 2.3 million dollars into the 20-county region
    - Centralized location to have access to all potential openings for homeless individuals.
    - Similar to a triage in a medical facility. You have one assessment and then are connected to correct provider based on your need.
    - Assess>Assist>Assign
    - Just because the assessment is coordinated does not mean there are enough beds for those that need it.
    - Point in Time:
      * Counts people w/o shelter, in emergency or transitional
      * 459 individuals in January were homeless on any given night in January.
      * Nearly half of individuals experiencing homelessness are children.
    - Tim will send out slides from presentation
  + TCM cost survey
    - Everyone agreed that the survey was a bit confusing, time consuming, angry that it was voluntary and it was not even DHS financial management was not even who sent it out, no current timeline that they will compile the data and give results.
    - Non-profits and Counties had different forms to fill out but all has had to be turned in already.
  + DCT-State Deficit
    - Tim is requesting a small group to look at what the reasoning is for the deficit
  + Crisis center Update
    - Nexus Family Healing
      * They will be looking for an executive director for the center in the very near future. Tim will share the job description and asks that everyone please share this with anyone who may be interested.
    - Following Committees will begin meeting again. Please let Tim know if anyone wants to be a part of any of those committees.
      * Administrative Oversight
      * Clinical oversight
      * Facility
      * Outcomes and measures
  + Grant Management
    - Documents-(Risk Assessment Form, Site Visit Form, Grant Close out Form) anyone receiving over $50,000 in AMHI funding will need to fill out the documents for the funding.
    - Candace would like these completed by mid-November in order to get everything figured out prior to end of year.
    - New application was just received for the next grant cycle.
  + Mobile crisis
    - Application/budget: Increase in overall grant amount but not enough to maintain the current level of services. Counties are willing to cover that gap to make sure the program remains viable.
    - Will not be able to expand, only keep the current level of staffing due to the lack of funding from the state.
    - Year 1 Budget: 1.166 Million overall budget, $102,000 MA, $488,000 county, $575,000 grant
    - Year 2 Budget: 1.2 million overall budget, $118,000, MA, $443,000 county, $650,000 grant
  + Budget update
    - Close on track for spending for the year.
    - Will likely have a bit of extra funding for training in the budget so will likely have to discuss this in the next month or so.
  + MH Forum
    - “Music, Resiliency, and Recovery”
      * November 5th will be the date 1-4pm
      * Russ Turner will facilitate
      * Some education and some music and how that is a tool for mental wellness
      * 3 musicians that Tim has found from around the country to perform.
      * Tim hopes to have invites sent out by end of next week.
      * No gift cards will be available this year.
* Updates:
  + Mower: Emily Miller is new supervisor. Mighty tired of COVID.
  + FCC: Outpatient Services are being offered virtually, do have some openings for DAs and testing.
  + Wabasha: Busier in Adult Targeting Case Management 17-20 cases higher than last year. Staff is all working from the office.
  + Winona: Increase in PPS requests,
  + Houston: no major updates, increase in PPS and intakes are starting to uptick. COVID is dragging on, return to school is causing anxiety.
  + MN Prairie: New jail treatment prospect coming in, trying to get budget figured out, Getting Waseca Rule 25 assessor back, casenote according to treatment coordination, waiting for approval for certification. Still high on PPS numbers overall for the year but currently have slowed a bit, 2-3 sites are open but only by appointment, hiring.
  + Olmsted: Trying to support workforce that are really anxious and tired between COVID and return to school. We are on a hiring freeze but trying to expand and add 3 additional social workers will be housed in law enforcement.
  + Goodhue: Continued on hiring trend. Internal changes. Hiring 5-6 person since June based on 1 person leaving and 1 retirement. Adjusting to new team, new structure. Figuring out how to use CARES money. Most of staff are still working from home but seeing clients as safely preferably outside if possible, PPS is very high, high on adult protection. People are weary and tired.
  + South Country: presentations available for ACES and how to apply for MA
  + HRC: Received Housing stabilization services certification, Youngdahl has one opening-referrals need to go through coordinated entry, preliminary grant to have emergency shelter dollars available.
  + ZV: Each hub is working to provide more services in person. Dodge County will be having a Mental Health Initiative which Mobile Crisis is going to be apart of with QPI.
  + UCARE: no updates
  + Ombudsman: continuing to work on updates from statues
  + NAMI: Staff turn over, realigning organization, increase in the need for services, switching away from BYOC initiative (Bring your own chair) due to weather, moving peer support indoors, not sure how to do groups due to lack of handicap accessible space.