WI BOS CoC Discharge Committee

Meeting Minutes: 10/05/2023

1. Introduction of New Attendees: Sherri Waid, Ryan Graham, Mindy Howell, Meredith McCoy, Megan Gruber, Joseph VanRoy, Duana Bremer, Chandra Wakefield, Sandra Brekke, Jen Bisterfeldt, Lyric Glynn

Guests: Krysta Berger: Salvation Army

1. Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve: Sandy/Megan, All Aye
2. WI BOSCoC Updates: Ryan reported that he is transitioning to Homeless Systems Manager from coordinated entry. Meredith is transitioning to Monitoring and Compliance Manager. Ryan reported that they are hiring for a grants specialist and another program person.

Conference in February: In Person and first ever conference scheduled.

1. Presentation by Sandy Brekke: Gunderson Health Systems. Background in Nursing, in both healthcare systems and free clinics.
   1. Statistics that are seen at Gunderson: 4x rate of ER visits when homeless and 6x rate of hospitalization. Average age of death is 50.5.
   2. Challenges:
      1. Understaffed and losing money in health systems.
      2. Data regarding homelessness is not collected for patients. Difficult to avoid discharge to homelessness if the staff do not know that they are homeless.
      3. Insurance Company controls discharge date, not health system.
      4. Hospital Social Workers often not aware of resources available for homelessness. Their skillset lies with caregiving, nursing homes, and end of life care.
      5. Data is being collected regarding social determinants of health, but it is done via MyChart and many people who are homeless do not have reliable internet for MyChart.
      6. Coding for homelessness is being added to conditions, so they may be able to pull data from that sample. Otherwise, it has been very difficult to pull homelessness data.
      7. Hospitals cannot put people into hotels and many shelters don’t allow anyone in who cannot care from themselves. Looking at recuperation centers and investments into housing through HUD Vouchers. Recuperation Centers are typically grant funded or non-profit.
      8. If hospitals knew which programs their patients were working with (had access to Clarity) that would be very helpful.
2. Other Business: More presentations to come at next meeting.
3. Adourn at 1:00pm
   1. Next Meeting: November 7, 2023 at Noon