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Discharge Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2021; 12 – 1:00 pm

Teams Meeting

Attended: Kristina Bechtel, Meredith McCoy, Kristen Brusky, Nathan Dougherty, Rachel Thomas, Jessica Neumann, Alfred Johnson, Sarah Hoth

1. Introductions for new attendees
2. Hazel Hindsley, ORP Task Force – Not able to join today, will reschedule.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2021 – Kristen motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Alfred seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
4. Update on Discharge Planning Toolkit - Kristen Brusky/Cassandra Carlson
   1. Community Discharge Planning Policy Committee Update (Similar to “Criminalization of Homelessness Policy”)
      1. Group reviewed the policy draft and offered suggestions/ideas.
   2. Next steps for Community Discharge Planning Policy
      1. Alfred will email additional information to include in the policy
      2. Kristen will send policy to the group to review further
5. Discussion on barriers individuals are finding for those being discharged:
   1. Jails
      1. Sarah discussed issues her clients face when discharging from Wood County Jail including:
         1. Lack of funding for individuals who are not technically considered homeless because they are “couch surfing”/staying with social supports.
         2. Geographical and transportation challenges – available emergency housing may be far from the client’s community and social supports, they may lack transportation to get to housing.
         3. Overall lack of housing options
         4. The various sources of funding for services might not be connected so the client may need to tap into a number of different services/agencies in order to get services versus receiving services from one place.
         5. Sarah discussed an agency in Wood County that has been skillfully providing emergency and transitional housing.
   2. Other
      1. Kristen identified that it has been difficult lately to find landlords willing to rent to clients.
      2. Alfred discussed the importance of agencies following through with effective housing plans.
      3. Jessica highlighted the importance of collecting and sharing information among providers. Jessica shared that libraries may also benefit from information about how to connect clients with services.
6. Other Business
   1. Kristen has a potential speaker for October’s meeting.
7. Next Meeting – October 7, 2021; 12 – 1 pm

Future Speakers:

Katelyn Voorhees Speaker?

Tribal Discharge Planning Speaker

Future Populations of Focus:

Jail

MH/SUD Recover houses

Foster Care