

PAC Agenda  
August 12, 2021

Those in attendance via Skype:

PAC members: Alex Miller, Anny Libengood, Joseph Tielke, Sherry Scudder, Anita Deranleau, Dawn Sikkink, Jamie Kirsch

SDHDA staff: Davis Schofield, Stephanie Marshall, Denise Albertson, Chas Olson

- CES Assessment Transition Plan: Davis

CES call-in transition from contract with Helpline (end of December but can end sooner) to employee of SDHDA. Job posting will be going out soon. Helpline will continue to refer to the 800 CES number. Plan is to hire 2 assessors- preference is Pierre but open to it being remote. Pay \$19-22hr. Paid for by CoC, ESG-CV, SDHDA general funds. Adding 5 FTEs. ESG-CV funding came back from original applicants- 100% spent by 09/2022

- Double-up Count Discussion: Joe/Davis

There was discussion on a second count. The last PIT count meeting there wasn't a bunch of discussion on that and the original people leading that discussion aren't as involved. Interest in a 2<sup>nd</sup> count has waned. There is another PIT meeting coming up soon. PAC members Jamie and Sherry believe there is interest however, Davis isn't hearing it. Sherry/Alex discussed having a second count in order to go to HUD with a request to change HUD's homeless definition is. Davis will ask for feedback and asks that the PAC also ask for feedback in their communities. SDHA has done some work on the back end in order to have a place to enter doubled-up data. The PIT count committee will draft an email.

- PAC Code of Conduct, Yearly Review: Alex

Davis is still missing a few from PAC members. He will email those people individually with a reminder. Davis saw a couple of minor corrections and Alex will make those corrections. PAC members do not need to sign the updated version due to the changes being very minor.

Joe made a motion to accept, Sherry seconded. Motion passes.

- SDCES Policy and Procedures Yearly Review Begins

This will change with the Homeless Prevention Build-out. Stephanie recommends this be tabled until next month due to the changes. CES meeting will be middle of September. Will request feedback from CoC on changes. Final approval won't be ready until. Annual review is scheduled for Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and will be submitted to PAC before the October PAC meeting.

Sherry made a motion to move this item to next meeting. Anita seconded. Motion passes.

- Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Report: Davis

Four communities have accepted the 133 vouchers and the SDHA office is helping with roll-out. They are holding community meetings. Referrals have been flowing through CES. SDHA continue to monitor HUD guidance. Davis says they continue to expand their network and educate regarding a systems approach. First referrals are from the outlying areas. SFH is having a partner meeting tomorrow to finalize process. Sherry emphasizes the importance of the availability of the vouchers for the homeless population. Davis states that across the state the lack of inventory is the resounding issue. Alex says affordable inventory as well. Jamie states their area has the issue of people living in motels and they don't qualify for funding or support due to the property classification. Sherry states motels without kitchen facilities do not qualify. Denise states ESG has more flexibility if there is a lease at the motel etc. Rental arrears with ESG is also a possibility. ESG habitability inspection is much less than the HQS inspection.

- PAC Member Resignation (Montie) & Planning: Alex

Alex had been in communication with Mike Red Cloud about being present at the meeting today but is not present. Alex will reach out.

Anny suggested a revolving position/guest where those on the front lines bring in people with lived experience who would like to share their stories or feedback.

Stephanie supports the idea. She suggests having some pointed questions or topics for them to give input/share their story. She also suggests giving that person some background information about the CoC and the PAC. Stephanie gave some ideas on topics folks can share their experiences and emphasizes asking for both challenges and successes.

Sherry suggests each member sign up to bring in a person with lived experience.

Jamie suggested adding a youth with lived experience as well. Alex will reach out to the YAB and invite a member. Discussion regarding the challenges of consistency due to various elements; meeting times/days.

Group decided to bring someone to the next meeting. Anny volunteered to find someone for the first trial run.

- CES Homeless Prevention (HP) Build-out Update: Stephanie

Finalized in training site and then have 7 days to do internal system testing with 5-6 specific end users in addition to SDHDA. This will be a time to fix any glitches. Then they would like to invite those end users to Pierre for in-person training to walk through the HP build. Launch HP live- target is end of Sept. provided no major glitches or changes. Based on the work thus far, the end of Sept. is a reasonable target. Education about what CE is and the benefits is an ongoing process especially in the next 6-12 months. Stephanie invites PAC and other members to attend the Sept 15-16 meeting.

- ESG-CV Report: Denise

Denise says we will meet the expenditure deadline- 20% Sept. 2021, 80% by March 30, 2022, 100% by Sept. 30, 2022. There is concern across the country about expenditure. Funding did come back from two places. A large renovation project's environmental review did not pass so the project was not able to move forward. Another agency returned their grant due to staff capacity within their agency. Vaccine incentives- can pay for PPE, renter's insurance when it's a requirement of the lease, they've completely lifted the number of months a person can receive assistance. Lifted the 24-month limit completely. A person can be on ESG-CV potentially until Sept. 2022.

Sherry asked if the returned funding would be returned to Federal Gov. Denise states the funding will go to the build-out and the new CES assessors. They will keep a close eye on agency spending and if it funding needs to be captured and reallocated, that would be the goal.

Question: How are the programs in Pine Ridge coming along. A: It's coming along. Agencies that haven't worked federal funding before there is a large learning curve. There is a really good group of agencies working hard and collaborating.

Question: Any housing authorities that came on board? A: Aberdeen was the only one.

Denise and company are setting up additional technical assistance trainings.

Native American-lead programs can apply for funding.

Agencies need to go directly to Denise/SDHDA for help/clarification/frustration relief

- CoC NOFA update: Release date in the next 2-3 weeks. May know more next week. Information will be shared as soon as it is received.
- HUD TA meeting- discussion about processes/fund availability to different geographical areas and Tribal organizations
- CoC competition coming up- Davis sent out the 2019 CoC competition tools to review. Look forward to information coming soon.

Next meeting Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am