

SPOC October Meeting

October 4, 2023 at 11 AM

Attendees:

- Taura Brown, SPOC Champion
- Amy Brown, SPOC Champion
- Tasha Gray, HAND
- Julie Schneider, HRD
- Safiya Merchant, HRD
- David Bowser, HRD
- Sarah Rennie, Michigan Coalition To End Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Dr. Gerald Curley, VA
- ReGina Hentz, CoC Board Member and PWLEH
- Amber Matthews, Detroit Phoenix Center Youth Advocate and PWLEH
- A'Aisha Ahmed, PWLEH
- Donna Price, BPA Team Lived Experience Consultant
- Elijah Earnest, BPA Team Lived Experience Consultant
- Barbara Poppe, BPA team
- Kourtney Clark, BPA team
- Matthew Doherty, BPA team
- Matt White, BPA team
- Kristy Greenwalt, BPA team
- David Dirks, BPA team

Brief Summary of Discussion

Interim Report

BPA member Matthew Doherty discussed the interim report with SPOC members and summarized the sections of the report and a proposed distribution plan, including posting on the City's webpage and disseminating through quarterly stakeholder communications and other distribution lists. The content of the interim report will be used in workgroups and community session planning teams. Doherty then asked the SPOC if they had any feedback.

SPOC member Sarah Rennie questioned the report's data point about how many domestic violence beds are in the system, saying that the report's figure is an overestimate and that there are not enough resources for domestic violence survivors experiencing homelessness. She was disappointed the report did not explicitly mention domestic violence, sexual assault, or increasing resources for these constituencies. Rennie said the report needs to acknowledge that the findings are a preliminary understanding of the complex structures we are trying to address.

SPOC member Taura Brown agreed and noted the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ population who experience homelessness.

Rennie asked for the interim report to include an acknowledgement that the report is based on preliminary research and does not capture all information on needs and priorities, including those for populations like DV survivors, the LGBTQ population, etc.

Key Decision: The SPOC agreed to publish the report if the disclaimer requested by Rennie was incorporated. Doherty will incorporate the disclaimers in the next draft.

BPA team member Barbara Poppe advised SPOC members to recruit people representing DV, SA, and LGBTQ stakeholders for the implementation workgroups and community planning teams/sessions.

Recruiting PWLEH for Implementation Design Phase

The BPA team also provided an update to the SPOC about PWLEH recruitment for workgroups and community session planning teams. An interest form was sent out and each group now includes PWLEH representatives. 12 people were recruited and onboarded for these roles, and they are receiving compensation as well as support from HAND staff.

Implementation Design Phase Updates

Each workgroup and community session planning team provided updates. These included the following:

- System Modeling
 - Moving forward with data collection
 - Meetings have kicked off
- Implementation Framework
 - Co-chairs have met
 - Membership has been finalized
- Building Momentum
 - Group will meet next week
 - Agenda for first meeting to include discussing charter, prior and current initiatives, and the NIS/C4 work
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
 - Group will likely need to find a replacement for one of its co-chairs due to personal reasons
 - A community session with outreach providers has taken place, and another will be scheduled
- Reimagining Interim Housing
 - The group is starting and has a large planning team
- Rehousing and Housing Supply
 - The group completed its first meeting

Meeting Norms

The group discussed meeting norms and how we approach situations when people can't make meetings. Members had the following recommendations/ideas:

- Assume good intentions and lay out expectations again
- Determine ways to follow up with those who miss meetings to also collect their feedback

- Creating the graceful space for people whose lives might change and may need to revisit their commitments to this work

Next Steps

HRD Project Manager Safiya Merchant will distribute contacts for key stakeholder groups to the BPA team to inform membership and ensure equitable representation across stakeholder groups, including DV survivors, families with children, LGBTQ+ residents, youth, etc.

HRD Project Manager Safiya Merchant will circulate a survey across SPOC members to create a directory so members can follow up with one another.

The BPA team will circulate back to the HAND and HRD teams for final items related to the interim report and then distribute it. The next SPOC meeting will take place on Nov. 1 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.