

## Housing Stakeholder Coalition

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### High Intensity Behavioral Health Program Update

- About 30,000 of our County's 70,000 residents access Medicaid insurance
  - Target population: low-income/disabled
- Up until April 2016 the County managed behavioral health funding and programs at the local level
  - In April 2016 5 counties combined into a regional model: Great Rivers Behavioral Health
  - Their website lists all of the providers contracted with them [www.greatriversbho.org](http://www.greatriversbho.org)
  - You can use the web site to locate a provider near you by clicking "find a BH provider"
  - Crisis Line is available to all (not based on income) 532-HELP
- The number of Medicaid funded behavioral health treatment providers has almost doubled
- Funding to meet needs has increased
- Increased capacity and access
- High Intensity programs (new)
  - Higher need than traditional care
  - Goal: remove barriers
  - Most programs launched by November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Capacity to serve 120 more people with high intensity programs
    - Focus on most vulnerable
- County is working with BHO to coordinate Behavioral Health care with a goal of "precise fit" – i.e. the right care for the individual (not more than needed, not less)
- Community partners or residents can refer anyone who may be in need of high intensity behavioral health services to the Crisis Clinic through 532-HELP
  - If you are told that they cannot respond and to call 911 make note of circumstance and share with Alice Larsen the director

### Union Gospel Mission Update

- Ground floor remodel nearing completion
- *New/expanded services:*
  - Day room space (open to all –men, women, families)
  - Lockers
  - Showers (men)
  - Clothing bank (men)
  - Public restrooms
- Individuals do not need to be overnight guests to access

- Unless there is a history of violence/safety concerns guests who have been banned or are not able to be an overnight guests are still welcome in day room and associated facilities
- Women's shelter (Friendship House) can provide showers and clothing for women/children
- Staff will be on duty to assist
- CCAP can come to day room to administer Coordinated Entry assessment as capacity allows
- Will host a community Open House once construction is completed (potentially after January 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Committee Updates**

### **Coordinated Entry**

- Better at capturing, analyzing, and presenting information (double-edge sword)
- Shifted tool to allow for some reviewer input
- HUD has published new guidance – committee has reviewed and making work plan to align

### **Affordable Housing**

- Group has done a lot of work to identify need, resources, and gaps
- Units and subsidies
- Landlords are the quickest solution to reducing the gap
  - Survey – what are their needs? Barriers?
  - Damage deposit pool to reduce burden on local and state funding
  - Housing Quality Standards is a concern
- City of Aberdeen is implementing minimum maintenance standards
  - Coalition identified a goal to work proactively with the City to protect clients/minimize negative impacts of standards implementation
  - CCAP can assist with landlord mediation
  - Landlords are usually legally required to pay for rehousing costs but many times do not

### **Vulnerable Populations**

- Survey on needs and barriers of homeless population

## **Other Updates**

- CCAP is beginning planning for Project Connect/Point in Time
  - See attached flyer for planning meeting information
  - October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 p.m. at CCAP office
- Chaplains on the Harbor
  - Opening Emergency Cold Weather Shelter in Westport
  - Temperatures below 35 degrees or major storm
  - Last year served 70 total/15-20 a night
  - Located at 281 West Spokane

- 6 p.m. – 8 a.m.
- Revival of Grays Harbor
  - Low-barrier, cold weather shelter
  - 35 degrees or below, or major storm
  - First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen
  - Open a few nights this winter, served 35 people a night
- Esther House
  - Had some staffing issues but working to be at full capacity
  - Currently have two openings for single women on top bunks
  - Now have a 24/7 manager in place to support the work
  - Connection to Quinault tribe
  - Can serve up to 12 women and children
  - Focus on one-on-one case management
  - Located at 807 West First Street in Aberdeen/across from PAWS