**Core Committee Meeting Notes**

**8/2/18 1-3pm, The Road Home**

Attending: Rachel Kaiser (Tellurian), Katie (ICA), Maggie Carden (ICA), Paris (Sankofa), Riley (CAC), Belinda (TRH), Jael (YWCA), Casey Becker (Dane County), Megan (TRC), Torrie Kopp Muller (CoC Coordinator), Sarah Lim (City of Madison)

1. **Community Plan Updates: what has your agency done for the below strategies?**

1.2.5. Harm reduction

* TRH housing programs use harm reduction approach. We educate landlords on harm reduction and trauma informed care.
* Tellurian offered Narcan training and HIV/Hep C testing at the Willy Street SRO housing program site for the residents and had a good turnout. Director of Homeless Services will attend the harm reduction conference this year and can provide a local training.
* TRC had a staff training on harm reduction. Also did Narcan training by ADRC and will place sharps containers in office locations.

1.3.3. Access to public benefits

* YWCA has developed tools and will reach out to the public benefit agencies about the use of the tools.

2.2.3. Review, reduce and standardize screening criteria

* Torrie will provide more information racial equity impact assessment.
* TRC eviction prevention program reviewed and reduced the screening criteria and intake process.
* Torrie collected and reviewed all application materials from all CoC funded programs and Heartland to create a shared application; found out that different programs have different funding sources that required additional information (section 42, HOME, etc)
* We can review again to see if there are information that can be collected later at intake, not at screening, to make the application process simpler.

2.4.2. Peer support

* Tellurian reported that peer support certification training opportunity is very limited. Tellurian is on the interest/wait list to receive training.
* A training regarding peer support (their roles, opportunities, how to get training) would be helpful.

2.4.3. Hiring people with education and training

* YWCA is including specific questions in their hiring process regarding applicant’s experience in trauma-informed care and other evidence based practices.

2.4.4. Connecting homeless youth with mentoring, jobs, education opportunities

* YWCA is exploring the option of providing stipends through HIGHER Education and Employment Initiatives
* Mentoring opportunities for youth are necessary but limited.
* More information on employment related resources and their referral processes would be helpful.

1. Emerging Issues: Race and the Housing Priority List

Tabled to the next meeting

1. NOFA work

Provided feedback and suggestions for the CoC Consolidated Application.