Iowa Change Leadership Vision Council
North Star Work Group (NSWG)
August 26, 2021
9:00 – 10:30 am
Attendees: Ana Clymer, Stephanie Hernandez, Greg Bellville, Marlo Nash, Andrea Dencklau, Kelli Soyer, Kristie Oliver, Katie Henry

Results:
1. Next steps identified for advancing the housing strategy.
2. Progress indicator is chosen for financial security.
3. Population-level target statement is drafted for financial security.
4. Pathway for completion of NSWG’s portion of the Results Action Plan, with a timeline, is established (Meeting w/ Director Garcia planned for Sept. 24)
5. Action Commitments are made and documented.

Materials:
1. Agenda
2. Powerpoint deck
3. NSWG Strategy Template

Agenda:

● Meeting Overview and Check In
  o How are you?
  o Do you have a question or comment about the results for today’s meeting?

● Housing strategy development – next steps
  o Insights and learnings from housing outreach – Stephanie, Kristie, Greg, Kelli
    ▪ 14 regions in the state – approximately 500 calls/day that are answered by 3 staff members
      ● Once on an intake list, it can still take approximately 26 days to obtain housing
    ▪ Another program focus is homeless veterans
    ▪ Screening tool used to determine housing need
      ● VI-SPDAT – Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
    ▪ Duplication of services – lots of coordinators/case managers who provide same services – systems need to become vulnerable and understand when to step back
  o Generating ideas specific to using ARPA funds
    ▪ What are your criteria?
  o Developing the next steps for the housing strategy
    ▪ Meet again in a couple of weeks to prepare for meeting with Director Garcia on 9/24.

● Progress indicator and target discussion for financial security
• Putting result in the center to determine next steps: financial security

• Discussing the pathway for completion of the NSWG’s portion of the Vision Council Results Action Plan

• Action commitments and Check Out
  o What is one commitment you can make in support of this work between now and the Work Group’s next meeting?
    • Updates from previous commitments
      • Anna spoke with Dave Stone from United Way – recommended other coalitions to look into
        o OpportUNITY Housing Workgroup (Luke Lynch, OpportUNITY, l.lynch@unitedwaydm.org) Central iowa coalition of housing advocates convened by United Way/OpportUNITY
        o Statewide Housing Coalition (Jon Murphy, lobbyist, jon@lobbyiowa.com) Statewide coalition that works on affordable housing policies at state level
        o https://nationalequityatlas.org/indicators
      • Greg met with Michele, which lead to the meeting with Tim, Cody & Ashley
    • Commitments made from today’s meeting
      • Marlo will find some data on homelessness
      • Andrea will look into Early Childhood Iowa and the Polk County House State Trust Fund
      • Kristie will speak with John Murphy and Four Oaks
      • Kristie will also reach out to agencies to obtain statements about children being ready to return home, but parents don’t have home to return to
    • Other agencies to look into for more information
      • Institute for Community Alliances
      • Iowa Finance Authority
      • Housing Trust Fund
      • Opportunity Housing Work Group
      • Central Iowa Coalition

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