DV Expansion Workgroup

July 13th, 2023

**Present**

* Emma C (Three County CoC)
* Shaundell D (Three County CoC)
* Michele L (Three County CoC)
* Katie D (Three County CoC)
* Becky L (Salasin)
* Maddy L (Salasin)
* Loleta C (Jane Doe Initiative)
* Shannon R (Soldier On)
* Danielle H (CHD)
* Patricia (PLE)

**Main takeaways (per Shaundell’s email recap)**

1. We have to update our CE written standards to include the dv expansion.
2. We have to share the
   1. Assessment Michele created (Thank you)
   2. DV Crisis tool (Updated version)
   3. Create a case conferencing privacy agreement relevant to DV practices
3. There is a need for DV-specific shelter beds
4. Education and training
   1. Sharing the current DV training after it has been ‘screened’ by the DV providers
   2. creating a training that provides resources and ways to use the crisis tool when completing our assessment for those that are not DV providers

**Introductions**

**Salasin Housing Navigator Position**

* New position, working on forming relationships

**DV Shelters in Western MA**

* Need for more in Franklin Hampshire

**HMIS Data Agreement & Provider Release**

* Michele giving overview of this form for those who don’t know
* Have heard from VSP that this doesn’t work for them—how can we change to make it better?
* Patricia: did this the other day, found the questions useful, chose to be coded…maybe some reworded but overall info is needed for yall to best assist people
* Maddy: haven’t used it yet but maybe if take the HMIS section out and only have section about deidentified …. If deidentifying, hard to ask for signature
  + ‘verbal consent’
  + VAWA guidelines, multiple verifiers

**Going over CE Assessment & New VSP Referral Form & Crisis tool**

* Becky: Thank you, good compromise…. Only question is how does fleeing DV fit into CH status?
  + Michele: good question, my understanding is it not part of CH
* Danielle: agree it looks great… from CoC perspective, what do you see as duration to be on BNL? Any framework what criteria are for when folks done on BNL?
  + Shaundell: depends on agency…YYA providers keep them on for about 6 months after being housed just in case...ask that you reassess every year because situations and circumstances change
* The info will remain in HMIS unless removed but you can remove them from the BNL
* Becky: for crisis tool, “less is more”, worried about non-DV advocates asking these intense questions… like the idea of trying to triage