

DV Expansion Meeting

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Present: Shaundell Diaz, Kris Billhardt, Wyanet Tasker, Nancy Alvarado, Erin Hartwiger, Jane Lindfors, Michele LaFleur, Sonya, Danielle Hartner, Becky Lockwood, Shannon Ray, Jane Ralph, Lynne Marie Wanamaker, Jane Ralph, Morgan, Joyce, Jarissa Bloomer

Intros

Kris gives an introduction-

Looking at differences between housing systems and DV systems

Starting by having those who can speak to the CE system and how it currently operates, adaptations that need to be made for survivors, planned changes. Don't have everything figured out yet

Nancy explaining how we have deidentification system code in place, participants can choose which information they want shared. Consent and transparency are trained, sign confidentiality agreements. Assessors are held accountable for communicating to participants, those being assessed are given a choice to be anonymous or de-identified. Advocates have the identifier and should be giving participants autonomy over what can and can't be shared. Assessors are to ensure that information is shared during the screening process, the purpose for sharing information, where or to whom the information will be shared and who will have access, where information will be stored and for how long, and how to revoke consent.

Nancy bringing up a concern about need to identify a person from each agency who can make appropriate updates to the by names list for individuals, important that there's a point person for a person in case they lose the advocate.

Making sure participants know why information is shared, trying to minimize traumatization from retelling someone's story.

Shaundell- during case conferencing, because there are EHV vouchers, individuals are being coded and not particularly entered and if entered then coded completely from the beginning in HMIS, homeless management information system. If someone on the BNL comes up who is coded, Shaundell asks not to share identifiable information and only refers to the individual by the deidentified number, known to the DV advocates and who is leading case conferencing.

Nancy- is it necessary to share where someone currently is as opposed to where they want to go, where they want to be?

Hearing from DV providers-

When aggregate reporting was brought in, had to examine the smallest number in an aggregate data report that would the risk of providing PII, particularly relevant in small communities. DPH identified

that number as 6, DPH reports grey out any fields reported under 6. Something for us to think about, DPH had to take for legal review

Not allowed to present conditions of service- if everyone has to enter an ROI, this means they can't participate any longer. Would want there to be a default specific to domestic violence, can call around but not speak about you with any detail without a release of information. Want to make sure there aren't ever any conditions.

Becky- In terms of safety or survivors, what is happening now when a survivor is presented at wells st or craigs doors, and they're sharing that information, is their data being entered in any particular way? Is it a risk factor in the assessment? One of my goals is to build stronger relationships with programs who are seeing a ton of survivors and not necessarily making connections with local DV organizations, don't see many of those folks on these calls

Michele- people present at shelters who are fleeing DV, often shelter and staff dependent if they are connected to DV services. Our data system ask if someone has experienced or is fleeing DV

Nancy- people are being missed that are experiencing DV, their DV is directly correlated to their housing instability. Especially when people go into EA shelters, different agencies operate differently. Imperative to collaborate with local agencies to bridge the gap.

Kris- screening and identification on the front end is an important part of the protocol, many survivors have lots of reasons not to disclose survivorship. Often people will open up about episodes after developing trust with a program. You're all pinpointing the things that need to be part of a long-term plan. The expansion project has some immediate goals to get the navigators on board and we've acknowledged from the start that there are all kinds of needs and having more homeless service providers in the conversation can only be beneficial. Provide some training and uniformity so survivors know what to expect when presenting. We're identifying all of the questions and that's a great place to be.

Shaundell- there are no self-referrals in the CE system

Wyant leading us through an implementation timeline for all of these pieces. Some pieces need to be in place quicker than others. Discussing milestones and activities need to reach those milestones in small groups.

Danielle – have been imagining the DV navigator as serving those who are referred to the BNL but are we considering this a different DV BNL or is everyone going on the same list and the same access points?

Shaundell- our hope is to separate and filter and the plan is to modify and bring to this group the current assessment so that it's more survivor friendly.

Nancy- want to make sure that it isn't written in stone it'll be two separate ones, want to make sure survivors are given the same opportunity. Don't want the potential of someone not qualifying for something on the regular list because they're on a DV list. Working on this ongoing process. Understand the need for survivor specific BNL, Nancy planning on doing outreach to places that will prioritize survivors. Don't want someone to miss opportunities on the regular BNL because they are on the DV

BNL. Navigators may be helping someone get to the BNL and acting as a liaison, still kind of to be determine as well.

Becky- seeing the navigator as someone who is connecting with folks through DV programs and connecting them to the BNL. Thought the BNL needed to be 12 months of homelessness over a certain time period in order to get on the BNL

Kris – follow up resources could be sharing a fake BNL with fake data and sharing the release of information currently

Kris- letter of intent finalized now and hoping to hear back from those who would be interested in pursuing a subcontract with the navigator position.

Kris- have been talking about the training needs survey, it's finished now and just need to convert it into survey money format. Should have the link available by next wednesday. Pretty short, there are two branches, one for those working in homeless/housing system and other branch those who service survivors. Asking about what training you've been through, you've provided, and you would like to be trained in, what you think other systems should be trained in. Make the link available to everyone in your org, as many people answering will help.

Kris- Keleigh pulled together an inventory of current response system, she acknowledged that there are many things that could be missing because they aren't known to the CoC. Kris is in the process of converting to a Google Doc to fill in what's missing. Survivor specific resource section is fairly bare, Kris has added a supportive services column as well.

Jane- will there be a time limit on responding or adding to this resource map?

Kris- good question, what's realistic? Two or three weeks? Kris going to send out the map with timeframe.

Going to send out training survey, letter of interest, ROI, BNL sample, think there was something else I missed?