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[CRISIS RESPONSE]

Summer overflow beds added

With homelessness among single adults growing by 20% in the last 2 years, waitlists for shelter in Columbus and Franklin County continued to grow over the summer. The Community Shelter Board worked with its provider agencies to add temporary beds to the shelter system – 48 beds were added for women and 58 beds for men. Lutheran Social Services-Faith Mission is providing the majority of these temporary beds, along with Southeast-Friends of the Homeless, the Engagement Center at Maryhaven and Volunteers

of America of Greater Ohio. This temporary expansion was made possible by emergency funds from Columbus City Council. The additional beds are intended to remain in place until November when the regular winter overflow season begins.

In the meantime, plans are being finalized for an adequate number of winter beds. The YMCA of Central Ohio will take the lead to coordinate winter overflow efforts among all shelter providers to add beds within the currently operating shelters from November 2013 through April 2014. If funding is secured for the new crisis response system, a flexible capacity model could be piloted beginning in the spring of 2014 to eliminate waitlists.

Navigator Pilot

CSB is pleased to announce the start of a pilot program as the first step in implementation of the newly redesigned system to address homelessness among single men and women. The Navigator pilot is a centralized case management approach designed to move people out of shelter more quickly and into stable housing.



Case managers will work side-by-side with a person throughout their homeless crisis, linking them to employment and job training, support services, medical care and housing resources. Landlord relationships will also be a focus, so that people can better access safe, decent housing. Case managers will work with people after they are housed to continue to provide support to maintain stable housing.

The Navigator pilot will begin in October, led by Lutheran Social Services/Faith Mission – an organization with a long history of helping individuals experiencing homelessness.

The shelter implementation sites will be Volunteers of America's shelter for men and Southeast-Rebecca's Place for women. Shelter participants will be randomly assigned to the Navigator team. Those not assigned to the Navigator pilot team will receive the usual case management services currently being offered in the shelters.

The need for change is very real. We have improved results for families, but we are falling behind with single adults. CSB welcomed hundreds of voices to the table to shape the new model. We set out to develop this *transformational* new model for single adults using national research, best practices, our own local data, and the insight and professional knowledge of our partners.

To learn more about the community's work to redesign the shelter system for single adults, read the [case statement](#).

[GATEWAY]

Federal funds for Continuum of Care

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development scores each continuum of care's funding application. The overall score for Columbus and Franklin County's most recent application was 114 out of 134 possible points. Points were lost for lower than targeted rates of employment at exit from permanent supportive housing, and for other systems such as jail, prison and mental health discharging individuals to homeless shelters.

HUD did not fund the Commons at Livingston II permanent supportive housing project, likely because of this score. The funding impact of this score was discussed by the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative.

With these results in mind, CSB has begun the registration process for this year's Continuum of Care application. The notice of funding availability and full application are expected to be released in mid-October and due by mid-December. No additional, new funds will be available in this new funding round. HUD has noted that bonus projects will only be considered if existing funds are reallocated from an existing project. Qualifying new projects are rapid re-housing projects serving families or permanent supportive housing projects serving chronically homeless households. Additional funding cuts are also expected.

CSB will work with HUD grantees to submit a competitive application.

[IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

Practitioners Gather in Washington, DC

The National Alliance to End Homelessness hosted its annual National Conference on Ending Homelessness July 22-24 in Washington, DC. Thousands of people from across the country attended to share experience and expertise. Michelle Heritage and Sara Loken were invited presenters during the conference.

While in DC, Michelle and Sara joined other Ohioans on Capitol Hill to meet with staff in the offices of Congresswoman Joyce Beatty and Congressman Steve Stivers.

United Way of Central Ohio's Community Care Day

CSB staff worked in record-breaking heat on September 10 to help Homeless Families Foundation have a safer playground. This was part of United Way's Community Care Day, when corporate and community volunteers serve at non-profit organizations throughout central Ohio.



Staffing update

CSB is pleased to introduce Erin LaVoie as the new Finance Administrator, Yolande' Hall as the new Grants Administrator, and Teresa Myers as the new Program Manager for direct client assistance programs.

Isolde Teba, Program Manager for the Unified Supportive Housing System, gave birth to a healthy baby girl on August 27. Shanell Davis has joined us for a graduate assistant internship from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at OSU. She will join Erin Maus, Program Manager, in covering the work of the Unified Supportive Housing System during Isolde's maternity leave.

Christa Phillips is earning a master's degree in social work from the Ohio State University and has joined CSB's programs and planning department for a student internship.

Sara Loken is taking on a new role as Community Relations Director. The search is underway for an [Executive Assistant](#). We are looking for a self-motivated, experienced professional to provide a wide variety of support to our executive director and two other members of the leadership team.

Alex Ingley has accepted a position at United Way. The search is underway for a part-time [Development & Communications Associate](#). This position is ideal for a bright sophomore or junior, a retiree, or a stay-at-home parent with school-aged children.



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Dream Speech 50

CSB is pleased to share a terrific tribute by the Harmony Project to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through 50 diverse faces and voices to celebrate and revisit the speech that changed America. Hear his dream come to life, through the voices of those living that dream today in Columbus. Watch the video at <http://harmonyproject.com/dreamspeech50/>

