

## **Journey Home Board Executive Committee**

**May 9, 2014**

**5:00-5:30pm**

### **I. Attendance**

Attendees: Adrienne Breidenstine, Mark Furst, Kate Briddell, Dominique Moore, Bill McLennan, Sister Helen Amos, Amy Kleine, Jeff Hettleman, Kevin Lindamood

Absent: Olivia Farrow

### **II. Funding Decision: Journey Home Housing & Employment Program**

The Resource Allocation Workgroup submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee to discontinue funding for the Journey Home Housing and Employment program at the end of the grant period (July 31) and redesign this program to achieve the program goals. The justification for this recommendation includes:

- The program is in its second iteration and is still not achieving projected outcomes, which leads us to believe there are flaws in the program design
- In its current design, the program does not honor the JH Board's commitment to housing first

For these reasons, the RAW felt it was important to "hit the pause button" by discontinuing the program in its current form and consider a redesign. Attached is the most recent quarterly report for this program. We have determined that if this program ends, those participants who are in the program will continue to receive the housing subsidy for the duration of the subsidy period.

Jeff Hettleman expressed that it seems that there is good reason to discontinue funding for the Housing and Employment program and asked if there were any good reasons to continue the program.

Amy Kleine added that Catholic Charities (ACC) has been a good partner and has been willing to adjust their strategies and has been open to program design discussions. ACC faced some of the same challenges as MOED which is why we think it is a fundamental flaw in the program design.

Kevin Lindamood asked what would be timing for a RFP for a redesigned Housing and Employment Program. Adrienne expressed that timing would depend on how quickly community stakeholders, including HABC and Abell Foundation, could reach agreement on what a redesigned program would look like. Adrienne would need to work with the RAW and UWCM on developing an RFP process.

Dominique Moore expressed that the RAW is going to request that ACC will provide a set of recommendations on how to improve the program. This can be used to help inform the redesign of the program.

The Executive Committee approved the RAW recommendation to discontinuing funding for the Housing and Employment program and charged the Adrienne Breidenstine to work with community stakeholders, including HABC and the Abell Foundation, to retool the program.

Next Steps:

1. Adrienne will call ACC to inform them of the Board's decision.
2. Adrienne and UWCM will begin working on closing out the grant with Catholic Charities
3. The key partners will meet to begin redesign in June.
4. This funding decision will be reported to the Journey Home Board before the next Board meeting.