

Neighborhood Advisory Group

05.19.20
430pm-530pm

Present: Elly Johnson, Fiona Bartell, Bill Spencer, Michael Moran, Ann Schwarting, Brooke Atkins, Melody Lyle, Nate Fristoe

Update

- One unit open at 1440. We have had five new folks move into 1440 during pandemic
- Housed 8 people in last 8 weeks
- No COVID sickness/symptoms
- Due to Safer at Home, we cannot enforce guests
 - Require all guests to wear masks
- Food insecurity is not an issue
- One youth has been successfully sober for a couple of weeks and keeping engaged with hobbies
- 9 new tenants got employment in April
- Many have received stimulus checks
- Tenants are paired with a musician mentor from eTown with virtual music lessons. Very cathartic
- Temporary certificate of occupancy for commercial space and courtyard
- How to use courtyard
 - Put Xs on ground to remind distance
 - Signage about how to use it appropriately
 - Use the kitchen for programs - cooking classes, etc.

Questions

- Emergency vehicles (GS)
 - Chris said he'd send something else about the visits
 - A few people struggling with substance use and mental health
 - Self-harm, intoxication
 - Staff calls 911 to make sure that vitals are okay
 - M1 hold which then they stay 72 hours
 - Male last night needs in patient care but with how programming is set up with fair housing, it can be stressful and know that the young person may come back
 - Recommendations for support
 - Not a treatment facility
 - Dry facility - no drugs and alcohol on site.
 - The struggling ones often overshadow the many more that are doing really well
- Are they bringing in alcohol or drugs? (GS)

- We give violations, warnings, notices if we smell marijuana or suspicion of alcohol.
- How many violations until they are evicted? Good Neighbor Agreement (GS)
 - Don't want to be enabling
 - Consequences for warnings
 - We try to avoid eviction as that can be very detrimental to have on someone's record
 - We encourage them to move out on their own
 - Demand for compliance and develop a behavior contract
- Why did five people move in recently? (Bill)
 - Handful of people move out in February and March because it's not the right fit
 - Where are these people going? Are we learning from the turnover? Are we able to better screen people?
 - Some have moved back in with family, partners, or to their hometown
 - Working with a coordinated entry system and fair housing - we can't handpick the tenants, but explain expectations and the kind of community we are...but it takes living there to really understand.
 - We can't ask intangible questions - it's not like a college application
 - Very restricted in what we can ask to screen prospective tenants
 - However, our staff is becoming more and more skilled with having the right supportive services to fit the needs of the diversity of the people.
- With about 10 people moving out, how does that turnover rate compare to other permanent supportive housing? (Bill)
 - Higher turnover rates due to trauma, homelessness history
- It's not the successful youth that we are concerned about, it's the few challenging ones and their risk to the community (Bill)
- Incident in early May where few residents assaulted someone offsite? What does that kind of violence do for the facility? (GS)
 - We couldn't do much legally since it was offsite but we made it very clear that any violence or aggressive behaviors is not tolerated and that there are consequences.
 - Talking about restorative justice practices
 - Our building does not shield you from legal consequences
 - Also it's pretty normal for this age group, things like this happen at CU
- Are there any needs we can help with? (Bill)
- What has happened with youth visiting the Source for meals? (Melody)
 - We did close the drop in center at The Source and so 1440 residents no longer visit there for food, but we have had lots of meal and non-perishable food donations