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Isolation/Quarantine Center (IQC)

- ▶ Daily Average: 15 rooms
- May high: 46 (05/30/22)
 - ► March high was 11, and April was 14
- May low: 4 (05/15/22)
 - March and April's low was 7

NOTE: There were 18 rooms occupied on Friday 06/10/22.



Vulnerable Persons Hotel (VPH)

- ▶ 100 guests in 86 rooms (06/13/22)
 - ▶ More guests than rooms due to partners and/or caregivers
 - Number of guest decreased over time since stopped taking referrals in anticipations of hotel closing date. VPH waitlist closed 04/15/22 to ease the transition through the end of the program, and vacancies have not been filled since 04/25/22.
 - Currently we know of approximately another 10 households expected to find and move into housing by end of June.



VPH Closing

- ► The hotel shelter program at the Madison Plaza Hotel is scheduled to end on June 30th, 2022. It does not appear that additional resources will be provided by the federal government on the scale of the CARES and American Rescue Plan (ARP) stimulus bills.
- County Executive's office supports a program extension, however the County has not found nor come to an agreement with any local hotels for services to continue. The current site has been sold and no longer continues business as a hotel operation; they plan to start renovating the building after the end of June.
- ▶ EQUUS is working to locate a hotel location for a VPH program extension through September. A new location has not been finalized, however, legislation is still going through the County Board that would authorize the spending needed to be able to implement a program extension.
- Program sunset plans are still being implemented in the event a hotel cannot be found for an extension.

Implementations

- ▶ Equus has asked each guest what their plan is for after the hotel shelter ends. This information is shared with staff at the Beacon and shelters so they can anticipate doing any preparation and/or intakes before closing date.
- ▶ Biweekly meetings with shelter and outreach providers to talk about logistics of the hotel closing including number anticipated using shelter or living back on the streets.
- Weekly case conferencing meetings attended by a number of staff from various agencies to discuss each individual's case and plans for after hotel closing. Shared Google spreadsheet with specific information on guests plans, housing barriers and notes who will be following up with each individual.
- ► Housing Navigation (Catholic Charities) at the hotel very frequently to assist individuals with applications, money owed and housing search in general.



Future Transition Plans

To provide additional support after the VPH program ends, options have been explored to assist VPH guests remain connected to stability services. Plans include extending:

- Support services provided by EQUUS to allow staff to keep serving former VPH guests in other locations in our community to continue work on housing goals and other resource connections.
- ▶ The operation of the IQC through the end of September.
- Adding Equus on as an additional H2H provider to assist with housing search for hotel guests and placement into apartments.



Hotels to Housing (H2H)

- ► As of May 31st, 2022
 - 167 currently housed
 - * 135 Lutheran Social Services (LSS) & 32 The Salvation Army (TSA)
 - An additional 13 were housed, but have already exited for various reasons (voucher, deceased, assisted living, etc.)
 - 73 enrolled & still engaged in housing search (all single individuals)
- ► The majority of slots remaining to be filled with new enrollees is to serve families as part of TSA's contract for services



Hotels to Housing Provider Updates

- Per Dane County Board approval, Equus will be an additional Hotels to Housing Provider. They will assist enrolled clients after hotel shelter program ends by continuing to connect individuals during their housing search and provide case management support once they find housing.
- ► Lutheran Social Services (LSS) will work continue to support clients in housing search until a contract is signed with Equus for H2H. They will continue as a H2H provider to housed clients in the community.
- ► The Salvation Army (TSA) plans on opening up referral services for families to no later than the end of June.



Questions?

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