

Outreach Committee Meeting 1: June 9, 2010

Initial Decisions:

- There is interest in doing large single adult shelters, targeted unsheltered communities/hotspots, and possibly hospitals for the registry week.
- There is interest in including sheltered families, but this might be over a longer period of time (i.e. two-weeks instead of three) and a separate community debrief
- Registry for unsheltered will be between 4 and 6 a.m. Sheltered registry may be in the evening when people are more open to talking.
- Initial potential scope of people to target in registry week is over 800, so the group will organize it by tiers of priority depending on volunteers – what locations should be done the first week, and then where will teams go next?

Information needed for next meeting:

- Street outreach providers and Franciscan Outreach soup kitchen will identify the locations, and number of people regularly at each location, for the next meeting the week of June 21st
- DFSS will reach out to Franciscan, REST, and San Jose Obrero to discuss potential inclusion in the Registry Week, including survey times and volunteers needed beyond staff
- Khen Nickele of the Division of Mental Health and Paul Mireles of Thresholds will determine the average number of homeless who frequent Stroger and Sinai hospitals under their targeted outreach

Review of Vulnerability Index – Initial discussion of allowed changes:

- # 16 “Where did you live before becoming homeless: Include specific to regions of city of Chicago, downstate Illinois, suburbs
- #17 “Where do you go when you don’t feel well”: list specific hospitals and community clinics;
 - Need clarification from Common Ground “when you’re not feeling well” includes mental as well as physical;
- Additional question ideas:
 - Prior to becoming homeless, were you living alone or with others?
 - Do you prefer to live in a certain area of the city?

Next meeting: June 22 or June 24 @ 9:30 am - TBD