## Report

* **Outreach GRID-** Outreach Grid is a collaborative software application for service outreach workers, service providers, and law enforcement to coordinate their city's unsheltered homeless services. TCHC, the developers of the app, and Outreach Teams met on May 22 to demo the app and design a scope of work that would be needed to integrate this app into our local community. Outreach teams and law enforcement liaisons from each district are being trained on the application this week. Will go live in July. TCHC secured a grant through the North Texas Communities Foundation to purchase this app to help coordinate and streamline outreach effort. This will help us gather data and have a better understanding of our growing number of unsheltered homeless and their needs.
* **Data Solutions**- TCHC is continuing to analyze and explore options for data management and analysis software for outreach, HMIS, and broader community data analytics. TCHC has met with **CNM** about possible dashboard reporting capabilities. CNM proposal for a community dashboard is attached. TCHC has met with **Green River** to discuss a software that would interact with the existing HMIS system to help automate coordinated entry and streamline reporting needs. The Green River data warehouse software proposal is attached. HMIS clean up- TCHC has contracted with **Social Solutions** to clean up about 16,000 duplicate records and the TC Emergency Shelter site.
* **System Modeling**- Abt Associates (HUD TA provider) is assisting TCHC with a tool that will identify gaps, needs and opportunities for improved system capacity and performance. TCHC will begin meeting with key stakeholders in July to complete our current system modeling assessment. The assessment should be completed middle of August and be able to inform strategic planning.
* **Case Management Institute-** The Case Manager Institute would be a training series to help case managers and other program staff who are working with people experiencing homelessness learn to utilize and implement best practices and gain knowledge of specialized resources and services in the field of homelessness.  The first step in creating this institute is to learn more about our community’s need. TCHC has partnered with TCU Department of Social Work at TCU to help assess our training needs in our continuum.  This assessment will give us a better understanding of trainings attended by case managers, utility of these trainings, and the ability to apply knowledge and skills learned in the training.  It will also help us understand the level of employment-related stress case managers experience, characteristics of participant positions, sufficiency of workplace supports, and feasibility of caseload.  This assessment will consist of a web survey, individual interviews with Executive Directors, and focus groups with case managers. The assessment began June 1, 2018.
* **Housing Authorities NOFAs- Mainstream and FUP**- Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office, Fort Worth Housing Solutions and Arlington Housing Authority administer the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program also known as Section 8. These three agencies submitted applications to HUD in response to their Mainstream Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), on June 18, 2018. The NOFA makes available a minimum award to PHAs of $75,000 and a maximum award of $5,000,000. FUP is a program under which HCVs are provided to two groups: 1. *Families* for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the imminent placement of the family's child, or children, in out-of-home care; or the delay in the discharge of the child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care; and 2. *Youths* at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age (have not reached their 25th birthday) who left foster care at age 16, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act, and is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older

**Upcoming Events**

*Community Conference on Homelessness* – June 30, 2018, 9am, University Christian Church

*Boxers n Brews*- August 9, 2018, 5pm, Wild Acre Brewing Company

*Mulligans for the Homeless*- October 11, 2018