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ASH Redesign Housing Work Group
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 ▪ 10:00 – 11:00am ▪ Conference Call

Agenda
1. Welcome
2. Matrix Review and Recommendations Part 2
3. Close

Attendees
Cory Morris, Sydney Harris, Lauv Bruner, Spencer Andries, Marilyn Hartman, Cristyn Cordova, Melissa Shearer, Sonja Burns, Michelle Hallee,

Minutes
Welcome
Group was welcomed and agenda was reviewed.

Matrix review and recommendations part 2
Group started by viewing suggested gaps in the system based on matrix. Created five areas of focus – academic hub, transitional units on ASH campus (for 365 and frequent readmissions), stronger bridging, data and collaboration, and other housing/residential concerns. Group went through each area and discussed details for recommendations. A member brought up the concept of psychiatric living complexes, where there is a range of services offered to assist a wide range of needs. Member also discussed program called Psynergy, out of California, which also provide various levels of care for different needs. Group discussed potential need for different units – transitional and permanent care. Group also discussed individuals who have delusions which cause them to be violent towards others and appropriate settings for them. Group discussed one-on-one mentoring as a way of supporting individuals who are transitioning out of the hospital and back into the community. A member suggested that a functional ACT team with peer support would be helpful in supporting these individuals. Group discussed effectiveness of PHP/IOP in other areas but has barriers, such as needing insurance. Group discussed recommending a PHP/IOP pilot for the ASH campus aimed at people who do not meet criteria for existing programs.

Members discussed barriers around ideas presented and concerns around recommendations not being implemented. Group discussed dire need for staffing and salary increases to compete with private companies.

Next Steps
Asked the group for feedback on what they'd like to see in their section of the report and how to share the draft for edits and comments.