12th ANNUAL HOMELESS SUMMIT

SUMMIT AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 6
9:00 am – 10:00 am Registration

10:00 am – 10:15 am Welcome Address – Lorraine Polak, Director of Rental Housing Development, South Dakota Housing Development Authority, Pierre, SD

10:15 am – 12:00 pm “More Than a Statistic” – Jacob Speillis, More Than a Statistic Academy, LLC, Toledo, OH

Jacob Speillis, formerly a heroin addict, convict and homeless teenager inspires everyone he connects with to take life to the next level. Jacob shares his incredible journey of going from 20 cents to obtaining his Masters in Social Work. Jacob will address compassion fatigue, maintaining motivation and the effects of stress upon individuals experiencing homelessness.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm “SD Department of Labor – Workforce Services and Opportunities” – Marcia Hultman, Secretary, SD Department of Labor and Regulation, Pierre, SD

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicated South Dakota’s unemployment rate was 2.8% for March 2017. The jobs are available; so how can we better assist our clients in obtaining employment? South Dakota Secretary Marcia Hultman will join us to provide a greater awareness of the services offered by SD Department of Labor and Regulation from soft skill workshops to training opportunities.

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm “Community Engagement – Telling our Story” – Eric Sivertsen, CEO/Partner, Epicosity, Sioux Falls, SD

Community engagement is a planned process with a specific purpose and working with identified groups of people, whether they are connected by geographic location or special interest. Whether we are engaging others to share in our mission or requesting potential funding opportunities we need to know how to tell our story. Eric will provide valuable information on how to tell your story to different audiences using different marketing techniques.

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm “Working with Landlords to Provide Permanent Supportive Housing” – Sue Augustus and Heather Muller, Senior Program Managers, Corporation for Supportive Housing

Background checks, poor credit history, poor landlord references; why would a landlord be willing to lease their housing units to individuals who may not be their ideal tenant? Sue Augustus and Heather Muller will take us down the road of understanding the elements and mechanics of developing an effective marketing plan for recruiting landlords and overcoming barriers.

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm “Providing Education and Services for Homeless Children” – Patricia Julianelle, Director of Program and Legal Affairs, SchoolHouse Connection, Washington, D.C.

Education gives children and youth the tools they need to end their homelessness and achieve their dreams. Patricia will outline the rights of children experiencing homelessness, grass root approaches for change and how to engage our youth in making changes.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Reception and Hors D’oeuvres
South Dakota Housing Development Authority recently contracted with Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to assist in the creation of SDHHC’s coordinated entry system. An effective coordinated entry system will require all SDHHC members to assist in the formation of a centralized and streamlined process for individuals who are homeless to access housing and supportive services.

The morning session will be facilitated by Heather Muller and Sue Augustus and will involve SDHHC members from across the state. Please join us as we begin to create South Dakota’s coordinated entry system by creating uniform standards for assessment and referral, identifying existing resources, recognizing the character and capacities of local communities, identifying access points and learning from the success of other continuums of care.

JACOB SPELLIS – Jacob Spellis, MSW has over 5 years of experience in motivational speaking and is passionate about exceeding your expectations. Jacob’s commitment to community development started upon his release from incarceration. He began to speak to individuals in treatment centers, jails, schools and colleges which led to his passion of helping people reach their full potential. He has spoken at many conferences advocating for civil rights and inspiring individuals. Drawing from his own experiences of going from 20 cents to obtaining his MSW from the University of Michigan. He was recently selected as a Jefferson award finalist and received the University of Toledo Alumni award.

MARCIA HULTMAN – Marcia Hultman was appointed the Cabinet Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) by Governor Dennis Daugaard in 2014. Prior to her appointment, she had served in a variety of leadership roles with DLR for 17 years. Throughout her career, Marcia has been actively involved in the delivery of workforce training, employment, adult education and literacy, and unemployment insurance services funded by USDOL, as well as state specific wage and hour, workers’ compensation, and human rights programs. Marcia chairs the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council, and serves on the Workers’ Compensation Advisory Council, Workforce Development Council, Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, and the DOL Retirement Board. Additionally, Marcia is responsible for regulatory functions related to the banking, insurance, and securities industries, as well as occupational and professional licensing boards and commissions. Marcia received a bachelor’s degree from Black Hills State University and completed the Council of State Government Henry Toll Leadership program in 2016. She is a native of Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Just as her grandmother and mother before her, she was trained to be a teacher. She taught school in Hot Springs, Custer, and Rapid City before relocating to Pierre and joining state government in 1997.

SUE AUGUSTUS – Sue Augustus has worked in the field of homelessness for 30 years. Sue has worked in various capacities at Corporation for Supportive Housing, and is currently a Senior Program Manager at CSH working with the HUD technical assistance team, including work with the South Dakota on Vets@Home initiative. Sue received a bachelor degree from the University Notre Dame and a J.D. from IIT/Chicago Kent College of Law.

HEATHER MULLER – Heather Muller is experienced in system change – both design and implementation. She has fourteen years of experience in social services delivery and program management. Currently a Senior Program Manager at Corporation for Supportive Housing’s Houston Office, Ms. Muller is responsible for the implementation of Houston’s Coordinated Access System and the community’s annual training programs. Based on the extensive work in Houston, Ms. Muller implements the Coordinated Entry Design Lab Program for other communities to develop a system that meets their needs. Prior to joining CSH, Ms. Muller was a program manager at SEARCH Homeless Services in Houston, Texas a CoC funded non-profit agency. Ms. Muller also worked at Transitions Mental Health Association in San Luis Obispo, CA where she started and managed a permanent housing program. Heather earned a bachelor degree in Sociology from the University of San Francisco.

ERIC SIVERTSEN – Eric Sivertsen is Epicosity’s coach, compass and leader. He can also be described as a serial entrepreneur. He heads up the effort to provide strategic vision for the team with his intensely smart business mind. Under his leadership, the agency has twice been named to the Inc. 5000 list, as well as one of Prairie Business magazine’s 50 Best Places To Work. In his down time, Eric loves mountain hiking and nature in general. But not as much as he loves being a husband and dad. Eric has a degree from the University of South Dakota.

PATRICIA JULIANELLE – Patricia Julianelle is an attorney and legal consultant for state and local governments, and non-profit organizations. She has over 20 years experience defending children’s and youth’s rights, including advocating for youth in education, juvenile justice, child welfare, and immigration services. Patricia is an expert on education law and policy, including the rights of children experiencing homelessness, students with disabilities and undocumented immigrants. She has worked with the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAECHY), the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP), the National Disabilities Rights Network (NDRN), Washington’s State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the American Bar Association, among other organizations.