

## Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

May 4, 2021

### **Mission Statement**

Central MN CoC is committed to building strong partnerships and being collaborative in our strategic planning efforts to improve our homeless response system. We strive to maximize access to funding and resources to assist in finding homes for all individuals and families who are at the greatest risk of being excluded from necessary services.

### **Vision Statement**

Central MN CoC envisions a community committed to racial equity in which everyone has a stable permanent home and the support and resources needed to maintain it.

### **In Attendance**

- Ben Byker
- Amy Carter
- Lori Gudim
- Amy Sidmore
- Chassidy Lobdell
- Tammy Moreland
- Bryan Newman
- Michele Fournier
- Jennifer Walker
- Cathy Wogen
- Kathy Sauve

### **Inspiration**

Volunteer

### **Business**

1. Approval of April 2021 minutes
2. Any additions to the Agenda
3. Who will share this meeting updates from the Board @CoC Full Membership meeting?
4. Discussion of who takes notes and timeline of return of notes, who's on what committee, organizational/structural make up of Board

### **CoC Priorities for PSH for the 2022 RFP**

1. When are we moving away from VI-SPDAT?
2. Did the Board vote to pass the MN Housing priorities for PSH for 2022 (Family/Single by County)
3. Certificates of Consistency-Review of this process

### **Central MN CoC-Certificate of Consistency**

*As you are preparing to build and request a certificate of consistency from the Central Continuum of Care, we are here to remind you that High Priority Homeless have high barriers and this needs to be addressed now as we have had many denials from past projects. The below questions are more specific than they have been in the past due to the issues of high barriers.*

1. What steps have you taken to ensure racial equity is among your prospective tenant selection criteria?
2. Is your tenant selection criteria flexible to allow for higher barrier individuals to access housing? If yes, explain what high barriers you are accepting/will not accept.
3. Do you perform a background check? (if so, how far back do you go?) (We would prefer to see no more than 5 years)
4. What/how much emphasis do you place on criminal backgrounds in your tenant selection criteria and is that up for negotiation?
5. What eliminates (be specific) a high barrier individual from your housing?
6. Do you look at credit score (if so, what is an acceptable score)?
7. Do you look at past eviction history (if so, what is acceptable)? (What is not acceptable)?
8. What is your income criteria?
9. Do you have a housing first model in place?
10. How will prospective tenants be able to access your tenant selection criteria?  
Is it available on site, online, will you send to Coordinated Entry Coordinator etc.?
11. What is the policy to appeal a denial, how long will the appeal process take to make a decision? How often have appeals been reversed (Looking for %)
12. Do you require your property management company to have training for households that are High Priority Households (HPH), Chronic Households (CH), Long-Term Homeless (LTH) and those with Disabilities? If not, why not? If so, explain the training program.