

Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

June 1, 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
- Tim Poland

Inspiration

Volunteer

Business

1. Any additions to the Agenda

Tim 2 additions discuss secretary position for Board. Jay submitted discussion on rescinding expedited housing policy. Motion made by Michele F. Second by Lori G. - Motion Carries

2. Adding Consent Agenda to the meetings

Tim – the consent agenda is a consolidated approval for non-essential approval agenda items requiring a vote. Will start this process in August 2021.

3. Approval of April 2021 and May 4, 2021 and May 11, 2021 extra meeting minutes

April 2021 and May 4 & 11, 2021 minutes approved.

Motion made by Michele F. Second by Kathy S. - Motion carries

4. Discussion on HUD Emergency Housing Voucher Allocations – Louise Reis, St. Cloud HRA

48 housing vouchers. Use of CE to fill vacancies. Household must be homeless or at risk, DV/Stalking/Trafficking, recently homeless/time limited housing situations. Person will receive housing search, owner outreach to accept vouchers, transportation assistance, application assistance, expedite leasing process. Referrals to financial support, moving assistance, mainstream services, application fee assistance. 2 year time limit could be re-issued within that time frame. Will over ask for referrals from CE due to mobility of persons on the list. Persons will return to list if no contact is made. HRA is designating staff to leasing up these vouchers. See MOU for further clarification and details.

5. Approval of MOU with St. Cloud HRA.

Bryan N. made motion to approve. Second by Lori G. - Motion Carries

Ben - Question resident of St Cloud??? Louise - No referred by CE, can port the voucher anywhere in the US.

Jennifer – how to track DV and stalking? Tim – Google doc for DV. Kathy – trafficking would need to be a separate tracking method. Louise - Eviction moratorium is creating a barrier to accepting persons with vouchers as there is no tool for eviction. Hope to have leased up within 6 months.

6. Approval of MOU with Morrison County HRA

15 vouchers, concerns about lack of HMIS participation. HRA rep Lorelee will train on HMIS. HUD requirement to work outside of HMIS to make this happen to fill vouchers. Housing limited in Morrison County. HUD just distributed the vouchers no research into communities was completed.

Ben B. made motion to approve. Second by Lori G. - Motion Carries

7. Approval of State of MN Cooperation Agreement with MN Department of Veterans Affairs

Documents describes the CoC and its relationship with the VA registry.

Motion made by Bryan N to approve. Seconded by Lori G. - Motion Carries

8. Discussion rescinding expedited housing policy

Priority to persons due to COVID at high risk.

Kathy – pandemic not over

Table until further notice.

9. Approve Letters of Support for LSS-LKAYS (Lakes Area Youth Services) Street Outreach and LSS-LKAYS (Lakes Area Youth Services) Transitional Living Program

Federal grants for a continuation of services. A letter will be drafted by LSS

Motion made Amy C. to approve. Seconded Lori G - Motion Carries

Discussion:

Tim – how have letters of support been brought to the CoC in the past?

Kathy- may need to formalize the process to give agencies opportunity to request.

10. Schedule Certificates of Consistency Board approval meeting date/time

Need a Special Board meeting to follow-up June 15th 12:00 – 1:00

11. Begin planning for 2021 NOFO process

Need to identify a planning committee

12. Identifying a replacement Board member

Chassidy – no replacement from Lakes and Pines at this time. Last Board attendance scheduled for August 2021.

Possibly Liz Young from Hearth Connection.

13. Secretary position.

Lori Gudim nomination for Secretary Position for Full CoC Membership Committee

Motion to accept Lori as CoC secretary

Motion made by Kathy S. Seconded by Ben B - Motion Carries

14. Discussion on Board meeting time/date – I (Tim) am proposing we either move the Board meeting to 3:00-4:00 PM after the Full Membership meeting or to the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

10 day notice of Board Meetings was in bylaws. Is the flow working? Virtual meetings would work best to minimize travel if/when we go back to in person. Add time change to Special Board meeting for further discussion. Doodle poll for options.

15. Who will share this meeting updates from the Board at the CoC Full Membership meeting?

Due to full schedule at the full CoC Meeting no update will be given.

16. Discussion of who takes notes and timeline of return of notes, who's on what committee, organizational/structural make up of Board

Did Not Discuss.

17. Adjourn

Motion made by Lori G. Seconded by Jen W. - Motion Carries.