

Central COC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021

In Attendance:

Cathy Wogen
Chassidy Lobdell
Ben Byker
Amy Carter
Bryan Newman
Kathy Sauve
Tim Poland
Michele Fournier
Lori Gudim

Inspiration: No inspiration was shared.

Chairperson, Cathy Wogen called meeting to order at 9:01a.m.

No additions to the Consent Agenda; Kathy Sauve made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Brian Newman seconded. Motion approved.

2021 NOFO HUD Priorities (Tim Poland led discussion)

- a) Ending homelessness for all persons: Draw out the fact that we have functional zero for Veterans Homelessness in Central COC;
- b) Use a Housing First approach: Central COC has done a pretty good job at reinforcing Housing First Approach model, most agencies are using the model or saying they are using it.
- c) Reducing unsheltered homelessness: Central COC is trying; have work to do (a product of the economics, Covid-19, environment, etc.). Keep at the forefront of what the Central COC is working on.
- d) Improving system performance: Central COC has been working towards improving data pieces and looking at results of ICA reports, ICA would like to see the Central COC taking a look at the performance of the HUD projects within the Central COC (offer trainings, one on one assistance, etc. if a particular program is struggling). Amy Sidmore suggested emailing other COCs and asking them to share their training materials. Kathy Sauve suggested doing an hour training every second month (?) during the Central COC meeting that focuses on what our needs are within our communities (influx of homeless people, lack of available apartments, COVID-19 variants, unemployment payments stopping, eviction moratorium, vaccination mandate, etc.).
- e) Partnering with housing, health and services agencies: As a COC are you collaborating with other agencies (Central COC does a little bit, but Tim Poland would like to see Central COC focus more on collaboration with these agencies). Kathy Sauve thinks there is a lot of collaborations happening between agencies, and would be interested in learning what others are doing (ask regions who and how they are collaborating to learn and make improvements within all regions). What is each agencies definition of collaboration (what does collaboration mean in terms of HUD)? Perhaps a Survey Monkey, and incorporate into Central COC meeting?

- f) Racial equity: Central COC is talking about Racial Equity, need to make advancements. This particular area has more points and importance when it comes to the HUD NOFO. Need to discuss a plan on developing action steps for diversity and adding persons with lived experience.
- g) Persons with lived experience: Poll to full Central COC showed a variety of lived experience on the Central COC. How do we pull experience from those with lived experience during meetings?

Board Member Chart: Amy Sidmore

Amy walked through the Board Term Chart which at this point in time we would have a majority of the board member terms expiring in 2025 based upon two year terms. The board agreed that three year terms were better and developed the proposal attached to bring to the Full Membership Committee. Amy will develop a chart assuming that the Board will remain the same for 2022-2023 and stagger the terms to ensure that only 1/3 of the Board ends their term in any given year.

Develop a plan to include diversity and persons with lived experience: The results of the poll reflect that of the 24 respondents 13% identify as BIPOC, of the 21 respondents 29% have lived experience and 24% identify as LGBTQ+ With this knowledge the Board and Full Membership Committee will use this data to and process to assess representation annually.

Discussion on committees: Each Board member should be contacting members from the Full Membership Committee inviting them to serve as a committee member. The committee drafts will be discussed at the next meeting. In November each board member who created a committee draft will be presenting to the full membership committee. The committees will then be responsible for finalizing the language for their committee for inclusion in the 2022 CoC Organization and Policies and Procedures manuals.

Adjourn: Motion made by to adjourn meeting, Kathy seconded by Lori. Motion carried.