

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

March 1, 2022, 1:00-3:00 PM

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.

Business

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements All
All attendees introduced themselves.
2. Inspiration Volunteer
Don't let anyone who hasn't been in your shoes tell you how to tie your laces.
3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
No additions.
4. Approve Consent Agenda: Motion by Cindy L, Second by Lori I. Michele Fournier
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of February 1, 2022 minutes
 - c. Additions to the Agenda

Information & Discussion

1. Oasis Central MN Project Rose Surma
Rose – Maren Theatre Co. to build awareness and connection with populations of homeless families thru a production. Developing a production seeking participation for a play about rural homelessness. Productions so far in Worthington, Marshall, Wilmar, Rochester. Working on bringing it to Little Falls currently. Pandemic has slowed things down a bit, but still working towards full production in 2023. Anyone who is interested in Story Circles, with people experiencing homelessness, and also providers who are working with homeless populations. Tim will forward the flyer for contact info. Production is on YouTube. QR code on flyer to scan and check it out. Compensation for those who participated in the production.
2. System Performance Measurement Tim Poland
See data Tim provided with the agenda. HUD requires performance measures to check how we are doing, if we are becoming more efficient or not, what are the trends, etc. Length of time of homelessness, shelters, where they are staying, averages of stays in various programs. Annabel explained 3.917 – series of questions about exactly how long someone is homeless, starting with the first date. Numbers are very significant. Measurements of people leaving homelessness to PH, and then returning to homelessness in specified amount of time, 6mo, 12mo, or less. Looking at success rate numbers coming from various sources, ES, SH, TH. Trending downwards, which is the correct direction. Looks at changes of income sources earned/uneared. Reporting period is one fiscal year, first time homeless, if they are in HMIS, and where they came from. The hope is that we are progressing to less time of being homeless, increased earnings, maintaining being housed, etc. Tim will do some digging in to really look at the numbers and how they are changing so we can use this data to positively impact our future work. Maybe HMIS/Data could look at this.
3. Housing Inventory Count Tim Poland
HIC – info was emailed yesterday, availability of funding and beds available. All programs need to go in to review and verify the data that is in there. Next part, Tim will be emailing out for contact information. He is still looking for contact people for some of the programs, so working on this. Email re PIT, hoping reports have been run and errors have been corrected. Reach out to Annabel, or Tim. Annabel sent a link for the running of that report.

Program Presentation

1. Pathways 4 Youth Ashley Miller
Ashley – Program Manager 16 to 24 for youth experiencing homelessness. Have supplies available to participants, clothing items, personal care items, transportation, gas cards. Resource center to get connected with services in the St. Cloud area. Open Mon-Thurs 1p to 5p but can make scheduled appts. outside those times as needed for youth needing support.

New Funding Throughout the CoC

1. Agency Updates All
Amy C from RISE- Hillside Heights – 15 units being built, 7 high priority, 8 PWD in the Elk River area. RISE will be assisting, 6 1br 9 2br.
Tim - There are a couple of new funding opportunities that are currently going on.
One is through the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). This is a Shelter Capital Request for Proposal. Funds are available to do things like purchase buildings or renovate spaces in order to improve or expand emergency shelter space. Applications are currently in the scoring phase at OEO.
The second one is the Covid 19 Emergency Rental Assistance-Housing Stability Services RFP. This one provides money that can be used for things like eviction prevention and housing navigation. This one is also in the scoring of applications phase.
Catholic Charities, aid for prevention, facing evictions, adults, or youth.
LSS has emergency funds that have to be spent, families facing eviction, rent help, etc. contact Michelle F.

Updates

1. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures Amy Sidmore
1st Meeting set, Snow Day! Will be scheduling another meeting soon.
2. CoC Policies & Procedures Michele Fournier
Meeting a couple weeks back, Chair is Michele, have Secretary, meetings scheduled.
3. HMIS/Data Rachel Zetah
We met twice already, Chair/Vice chair, Secretary set. Mission, Vision, & Purpose are done. Have meetings scheduled. Annabel is concerned re conflict of interest, should be a board level item.
4. Membership Amy Carter
Met 2-24 Mission, Vision & Purpose. Have Chair/Vchair and Secretary. Will meet monthly for the next 3 months to continue planning. Need a couple more members.
5. Performance & Ranking Tammy Moreland
Met 2-10, Tammy is Chair, Sec Jenny F. Discussion of M, V and P. Will forward all the info to Tim to compile. Meeting scheduled soon.
6. PIT Count Jennifer Walker
Meeting scheduled for this Friday. Need a couple more members and have questions re an additional group of the 15 who have taken part in PIT count in the past.
7. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Cathy Wogen
Meeting, Jon Paul is Chair. Will be scheduling next meeting.
8. Youth Initiative Amie Kirby
Have met once, discussion on M, V & P. Amie K is Chair, there may be a couple openings on this committee.

Adjourn: Motion by Katelyn W, Second by Erin W.