

Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

May 19, 2022

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

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

- Amy Carter
- Amy Sidmore
- Bryan Newman
- Cathy Wogen
- Jennifer Walker
- Kathy Sauve
- Lori Gudim
- Matt Viney
- Michele Fournier
- Rachel Zetah
- Tammy Moreland
- Tim Poland

Call to Order

Inspiration

Volunteer: Amy C Changes are a part of life!

Business

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
None
2. Approve Consent Agenda Michele Fournier
Motion by Amy C , Second by Bryan N . Discussion, Passed.
 - a. May 19, 2022 Agenda
 - b. April 21, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Discussion and Information

1. Coordinated Entry Coordinator Position Tim Poland
Position is posted, people are applying now. 4 applications in already. This position is "In office" full time. Tim is working through processes for PL. TA - Bryan has been replaced with Brittany, hoping she will be continuing with overhauling policies, procedures, etc. Tim is working through referrals, and the job left by Jay. Focusing on how to make changes for the better, to make useable referrals.
2. Medical Leave Tim Poland
Tim put in for medical leave, two and a half weeks starting 5-26-22 so in a week. Michelle asked if there was anything anyother people could do. Navigators are mostly all new, so that is hard. Tim will be overseeing the new person in Jay's position. Kaylee is very new, Jessica U is new as are her supervisors. Drops back to Katie and Joelle from Tri-Cap, they have been in their positions the longest. Hoping the Memorial W/E will slow things down a bit. Please be patient!
3. MHFA Planning Grant Work Plan Michele Fournier/Tim Poland

Since there is no real planning committee for the CoC, MN Housing has a doc to develop our focus and planning for the next year. We asked for \$62,000, prolly won't get. \$42,500 was our present amount for this working year, includes rural and tribal. How to trim less off the budgeted amount as the work does not go away because we got less. Working on Housing (Racial, Health) Justice, as homelessness is the worst injustice there is. Trying to figure out what that means. PIT Count helps us define needs, NOFO is a process that does the same. Tamm M has theirs done and turned into Gi to review. See doc attached to review what's in there so far.

Community Outreach and Engagement: Listening session (2x's/yr) Michelle asked about funding for people traveling to this function to increase community engagement in the northern area, there really is no funding. Amy C did some of this in the St. Cloud area through FHPAP. Some duplication of committees, which is not a good thing. There is a Parent Advisory Board that has funds for people coming to meet with this. Somehow sharing the info through these different committees would be a way to proceed. Goal towards pulling people in for gaining info of underserved populations. Tammy says focusing on people with lived experience could be racial, homelessness, etc.

Coming Home St. Cloud Project: Enhancing, expanding this program to more sites, but billing is an issue. There are some contact names who could be invited to our CoC to help create similar projects in all three of the regions within Central CoC. Membership Committee can reach out. Big push to get more involved with Health care issues, MH, CD, etc. to alleviate issues developing at the start.

CoC Wide Meetings: All continuing! Is there anything that we are missing? Cathy W, might want to consider Directors Council thru SMACoC, maybe this would go in the first task or go to one of our existing committee. MN Coalition for Homelessness. MICH has people from lived expertise. They are paid, receive a stipend. We could sponsor an expert. Appears to be a bit of a breakdown with MICH and various CoC's, that could help bring them together.

Participating in Statewide Planning Meetings: Continue discussions in this.

Annual HUD NOFO Application: Not going away anytime soon but there is a push for this to happen everyother year, would take an act of Congress. Not much room for changing, this takes 3 full months, it is very time consuming. Applications process is looking more at development of new programs and cutting underperforming programs, also equity questions have been introduced in the application process. Maybe Membership Committee might address the possibility of new program development through funding of HUD NOFO. Put together an info packet to share with these entities.

HUD PIT/HIC Count: Has to be maintained, required by HUD. This is a great deal of useful info gleaned from these planed tasks. Racial disparities, needs gaps.

Coordinated Entry System/Priority List Work: Goat for equitable assessment process to continue work on CE P&P to ensure equitable and just outcomes for all households.

This will be firmed up and handed into Gi.

Statewide Strategic Planning Grant Budget Worksheet: This is our Central MN Housing Partnership. See doc sent out for this meeting. Please give some thoughts to the Travel/Mileage amount of \$1,404.00 as this cannot be increased later. What about adding to "Meeting" for stipends (\$25/hr) It's at \$1,000. Cathy W came up with \$3,500/year attending 10 meetings for 2hrs for 7 attendies, acting as a consultant to the info they would be delivering to our meetings. Review the acknowledgement form and vote on this with the changes discussed. Vote with existing board members after reviewing it.

Motion to allow Michelle to sign form, Cathy W, Second by Bryan N. Vote – approved by all.

4. Other
No updates!

All

Adjourn: Motion by Cathy W, Second by Lori G. No objections. Passed.