

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

May 3, 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: Michele Fournier

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements All
Introductions Who and Where you are from. 44 attendees.
2. Inspiration Volunteer
3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
No additions or changes.
4. Approve Consent Agenda Michele Fournier
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of April 5, 2022 minutes
 - c. Additions to the AgendaMotion by Cathy W, Second by Katie W, no objections, Passed/Approved.

Information & Discussion

1. Beyond Backgrounds Kahari Smith-Brewer
Welcome all! Brief overview of the program, and how it can benefit renters. Outreach Coordinator and Liaison, by reaching out to engage landlords with working with BB. Incentive program that assists landlords in risk mitigations funds. See Power Point for specifics. beyondbackgrounds@housinglink.org
2. Certificates of Consistency Process Tim Poland
Developers will be asking for our OK to various items they're asking for. Two presentations so far for our next meeting. They will fill out Supportive Housing documents and get them to Tim in time to read through to formulate questions that we may have. Also, who their Supportive Services provider is going to be. CoC has developed further questions regarding selection criteria for these developers to screen people in instead of out. Hard questions are just fine, but can we say no? Ji gave her thoughts, want to be open to serving those hard to house groups. If we as a CoC don't feel satisfied with answers, we will pass that info onto Ji to look at. MN Housing can be supportive or not. Jay is wondering if there a way to have a separate set of criteria for the hard to house people on the PL? Ji will investigate and get back to us. Tenant selection process from Ji would be good to see to help gauge a developer's process.
3. Conflict of Interest Form Michele Fournier
This form was sent out earlier and again this time with the agenda. Everyone must sign and return to Tim before voting on any advisory items. Attending these meetings a specific number of times (80%+) to vote are also in this info. Please check with your agency to have one designated voter from each agency.
4. Point in Time (PIT)/Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Update Tim Poland
Submitted all the data from current years counts, will take around 6 months to get back. Bed counts, trends, gaps, needs throughout our CoC. 2022 PIT Count Preliminary Numbers:
Total # of Households = 584 with 221 being Unsheltered
Total # of Persons = 916 with 366 being Unsheltered
Number of Children (under age 18) = 251 with 94 being Unsheltered

Total number of Chronic Homeless Individuals = 159 with 22 being Unsheltered

5. Committee Updates

Michele Fournier

A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures Amy Sidmore

Moving forward with Bryan HUD-TA, and transition for when he is done and how things will mesh with development of new items. They need people to look at prioritization re singles, families, youth, etc. Another group of DV/SA also trafficking, for specific data/info in these areas. Also, looking at incorporating Racial Equity info to come into all of this too. JohnPaul said of course!

Amy S email: asidmore@mac-v.org

B. CoC Policies & Procedures

Michele Fournier

Working through the P&P by jumping into and review from the beginning. Will start going through everything we already have.

C. HMIS/Data

Rachel Zetah

We did not meet, have scheduled meeting for this month.

D. Membership

Amy Carter

Met and discussed all the new people who were invited and many of whom are at this meeting today. Now looking at county entities as to who we would like to see here. Discussion on lived-experience and that difficult ask and/or need. Amy C email: acarter@rise.org

E. Performance & Ranking

Tammy Moreland

Tim - Finished up Mission/Vision/Purpose, working towards data seeking and monitoring of grant recipients.

F. PIT Count (Regional PIT Count)

Lori Irwin

Will be meeting this month, sent vision/mission/purpose. Changed name to Regional PIT Count to separate from the group that actually does the PIT Count.

G. Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion

JonPaul Dufour

Didn't meet this month due to scheduling snafu's but will be in the near future.

H. Youth Initiative

Amie Kirby

Jen W – did not meet since our last meeting but will be meeting again soon.

6. Monthly Coordinated Entry Data

Jay Vasek

Numbers are increasing around 19 households/month, so steadily growing. The number of calls has grown 349% since this time last year, which is hugely significant. Explained Call to Connect. Many other agencies are also feeling last month was huge uptick in calls.

Program Presentation

1. St. Cloud HUD/VASH

Jamie Schmitz

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans – VA Housing Resources for anyone asking. Street Outreach – Veteran Affairs and Supportive Housing. Crisis lines to triage veterans who need immediate assistance. See Power Point being sent. HUD partnership working with St. Cloud Housing Authority, financial as well as case management. Assess to figure out if they qualify for assistance from HUD VASH.

New Funding Throughout the CoC

1. Agency Updates

All

*Kaytland W. TriCap – funds for Stearns, Benton, Sherburne. Asked to look first for other funding first. This is a once a year ask for support with various issues with financial situations.

*REAP Update – Cathy W – Graduations this year, MESH – how to continue our work? Progress has been made with the forming of our several Committees, lots to be proud of. Maintain a commitment to Racial Equity Inclusion and Diversity as we all circle back around to this. And how to incorporate it in our CoC. Racial Equity and Accountability Project (REAP) replaced SPARC. SMAC (Suburban Metro Area CoC) is incorporating a new thought: lived expertise instead of lived experience!

*Annabel ICA– Get ready for the new HMIS reporting tool! The big transition from ART to Business Objects will take place in May. Here are key details every HMIS user who runs reports should know:

- WellSky will be copying reports from ART's Public Folder to BusinessObjects. Reports saved in a user's Favorites folder, their inbox, or their list of scheduled reports will not be copied over. If it is important to preserve those reports, users will want to save them in a secure location outside of HMIS.
- Any reports that are scheduled to run on an ongoing basis will need to be rescheduled in BusinessObjects following ART's retirement.
- ART access will be shut off two weeks after WellSky finishes copying reports. All links to ART will be removed from HMIS, with the "Connect to ART" link being replaced by a "Connect to BusinessObjects" link. Though the exact date for this system update is not yet known, ICA recognizes that agencies will be facing several deadlines in early and mid-May, and we are working with WellSky to ensure this transition takes place with a minimum of disruption for our users.
- New resources that help orient users to BusinessObjects will be made available in multiple online locations, including the HMIS Knowledge Base and Moodle training site.

The Reporting and Evaluation team is working right now to make some exciting feature enhancements to the [MN Dash to End Homelessness](#). We plan to release a new version in mid-May and will communicate via the newsletter about the new features users can expect to see.

There are still slots available for Data Therapy sessions with an ICA data analyst. If one-on-one support from a member of the Reporting and Evaluation team to make the best possible use of reports and reporting tools sounds interesting to you, [click this link to sign up for a session!](#)

We recently updated the 251 Quarterly Data Quality report to include links to data corrections articles directly within the report! We also made an update that should allow for the detail tabs to be more easily sorted. Check out these new features in version 2022.2.

Cathy W – Performance and Ranking Committee needs 2 new members. Please let Tim or Tammy M know.
Jen W – PIT needs new members.
Sounds like many of the committees could use a couple new members.

Posted in the Chat box:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rlspsc-15-things-veterans-want-you-to-know-tickets-315446187037>

The Rivers and lakes Suicide Prevention Coalition is hosting this free virtual event tomorrow – you can get your tickets at the above link! Nystrom and Associates has current openings at our Residential Treatment Center in Big Lake. We are still accepting new clients. Our testing schedule is booked through July but August testing schedule opened yesterday and opens the first of each month and stays open until full (September will open June 1st and so on). We have also added 2 new SUD providers at our Alexandria clinic. May is Mental Health Awareness month! Non-Nystrom – I am a certified to provide Narcan instruction and provide kits to folks and am doing so free of charge during the month of May. I am also able to provide Make it ok presentations and several others! Please reach out with any questions or concerns. 218-820-2813

Adjourn: Motion by Jay V, Second by Cathy W, no objections - Passed.