

Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

January 19, 2023
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
 - Bryan Newman
 - Cathy Wogen
 - Jennifer Walker
 - Kathy Sauve
 - Lori Gudim
 - Matt Viney
 - Tammy Moreland
 - Tim Poland
- Jason Krebsbach -Guest

Call to Order

1. Welcome & Introductions All
Kathy S's last Board Meeting – Boo hooo!

Inspiration

Volunteer
None

Business

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
Additions or changes? One addition – Addition: Cathy W Discuss REI Committee info.
2. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Carter
 - a. January 19, 2023 Agenda
 - b. November 17, 2022 Board Meeting MinutesMotion to approve by Bryan N, Seconded by Kathy S. No opposed. Approved
3. Approve Prioritization Order Tim Poland

This went through the Full CoC Meeting 11-1-22. See new order, but there are some things to work out as far as distinguishing between PSH/RRH/TH. There may need to be addendums, we won't know until we start going through the process. The Advisory Committee will be asked for input on this process. After February, the VI-SPDAT will no longer be used. Sorting is done automatically in the order of 1-9, but it becomes very vague as to whose needs are greater than another. Kinda been a convoluted process to get rid of the VI-SPDAT, we are one of the last CoC's to stop using it. Several CoC's are using this Prioritization Order, no info on how it's working at present. Unsure as to effectiveness of all the CoC working towards housing clients after 60 days. We will review as to effectiveness in 6 months to a year to see if we can glean progress being made. Southwest is rural like us and they are using it. At least it's not

Motion by Kathy S, Seconded by Cathy W., no opposition. Approved!

Discussion and Information

1. Determine Jenny Erdmann's Term Length Tim Poland
Jenny wants to understand expectations for her length of service. Staying on for 2yrs. She's agreeable to this term length. Agreed she will serve 2 years. She's replacing Michele F.

2. Board Member Candidates Amy Carter
Amy/Tim sent out nomination questions, got 5 back. Need to fill 4 openings, may have 6 possible candidates.
1. Marlena Jasch - Person with lived experience/MICH Consultant.
2. Sarah Rosenbaum - St. Cloud HRA.
3. Shirwa Adan - Central MN Community Empowerment Organization.
4. Lori Irwin - Sherburne Co. Homeless Outreach.
5. Michele Fournier – Family Pathways Director of DV. Majority is in the St. Cloud area.

Ultimately, the full CoC makes the decision on who will fill the 4 board seats. Board should have some recommendations as to what roll new members should fill. Kathy S, Cathy W, Amy S and Bryan N are the members leaving. Need to look at needs of areas and what people would be bringing to the table. Ask assistance from the Membership Committee also. Looking for Diversity in the board members. Deadline of today, but giving Mary W a little more time, 27th. Tim will send out candidates by the 31st for the February 7th full meeting. Kathy S said goodbye, she will still be at the full meetings! To be on the board, was there discussion on being involved with the CoC for a year's time. Do we need a pre-check on length of membership requirement of 1 year that is mandatory? This is a huge opportunity for diversity we are faced with in the representation piece. Cathy W will still be attending the full CoC meetings. There are 5 questions on the application, could they be ranked as a matter of importance or value, say 1 to 3. Due to these questions being developed so recently, we are working through this process as a first time kinda thing. The process of nominating and voting on candidates should be based on need according to HUD's perspective. Top 3 are Region, Diversity Representation, & CoC Length of Experience. Amy will send out an invite for Membership Committee to schedule meeting time. Does the length of service. Amy S term is through 2024, so off in Feb 2025, could be a shorter time. This will be open until the 27th and start making decisions after that.

3. CoC Committees for 2023 Tim Poland
REID Committee Cathy W
Had a great meeting last week, worked through our Purpose. Victoria has put us on a path for success. Would like to bring this to the full committee in February. Discussion on a couple versions. See below.
Committee Mission Statement:
We accelerate the identification and understanding of disparities to advocate and address inequities in homelessness.
Committee Vision Statement:
Housing and supportive services are universally accessible to all individuals experiencing homelessness, while ensuring that outcomes are not predicted by personal characteristics.
Committee Purpose Statement:
The purpose of the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee is the undeniable belief that housing is a basic human right to support the Central MN Continuum of Care's (CoC) mission and vision through continued efforts to embed an equity lens within day-to-day work of its business by providing immediate, on-going, and long-term actions the CoC can take and advising on how to build its institutional capacity to promote equity through policies, practices and built environments to achieve measurable results.

4. Review and Revise CoC Bylaws

Tim Poland

Tabled

A. Article III-Membership

Tabled

B. Article V-Officers

Tabled

C. Article VIII-Decision Making Section

Tabled

5. Other

All

Thanks Bryan and Cathy for your years of service on the board. We all appreciate your input and expertise as well as your dedication to our CoC!

Remember the PIT Count next week on the 25th.

All other agenda items are tabled for next scheduled board meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Jen W, Seconded by Bryan N. Approved