

## Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

August 18, 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

X Amy Carter	X Lori Gudim
o Amy Sidmore on vac	X Matt Viney
X Bryan Newman	X Rachel Zetah
o Cathy Wogen	X Tammy Moreland
o Jennifer Walker	X Tim Poland
X Kathy Sauve	

### Call to Order: Tim chaired the meeting.

### Inspiration

The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why?  
Mark Twain

### Business

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?  
\*Adding #5/6 The CoC Full Membership Committee voted to pass this forward for approval at their August 2, 2022 meeting.
2. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Sidmore  
Motion by Kathy S , Seconded by Amy C. Discussion, nope. Approved.
  - a. August 18, 2022 Agenda
  - b. June 16, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approve a New Board Member Amy Sidmore/Amy Carter  
Two nominees have sent in their answers, Jen Erdmann, and Jessi Robin. There was a third. See attached answers to questions. Technically, Michelle did not resign, but was formally removed due to her ending employment, no one could get in touch with her until after the two people were nominated. Discussion on how to proceed, do we take a new person or let Michelle come back as chair or take new nominees. We need representation from Eastern, Jen E would fulfill that. Matt and Amy both gave votes for Jen E. Kathy S said we would be losing a great board member in Michelle. We can encourage her to re-apply. Kathy W, Kathy S and Bryan N's terms are up in February, so there will be openings. We will appoint Jen E. to the board. All voted yes. Approved! Discussion is how long is her term? She will fulfill the same length as the person who left, so two years. We need to firm up process to remove board members. Please send Tim a personal email for contacting in this situation.
4. Determine Vice Chair Amy Sidmore  
Reviewed duties of Vice Chair. Tim asking Amy C or Kathy S? Kathy needs to turn down this request. Amy C said OK, yes. Amy Carter is our new Vice Chair.  
Motion by Bryan N, Second by Rachel Z. All in favor! Approved.

5. Removing the Veteran's Preference Policy Tim Poland  
Full CoC approve to remove this policy. Board review. Discussion or concerns? Amy S was in favor of removing this, especially since they hit functional zero. Rachel has concern over removing it permanently, but we know we will always be keeping this in mind when housing a veteran comes up. Full CoC approval on removal on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion by Bryan N, Second by Matt V. No further discussion. Approved.
  
6. Removing the COVID Prioritization from current CE P&P. Tim Poland  
This came out a couple years ago due to Covid with servicing people due to age, health issues, etc. Full CoC approved removal of this policy from Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Motion by Amy C, Second Kathy S. No further discussion. Approved.
  
7. HUD FY2022 Annual CoC Competition NOFO Tim Poland  
This is due September 30<sup>th</sup>, quick turnaround! Due to Tim Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. Will start ranking/scoring process. There is one new project. Last year there was only Tier 1 which made it easy. This year Tier 1/Tier 2, it is divided between these two, 95%/5%. The DV project funding is a renewal this year, that was new last year. May be a special board meeting called Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> for voting on applications?
  
8. Approve FY2022 NOFO Scoring Tool Tim Poland  
This is the same tool as used last year, just need a vote to agree to use it again. It was easier and very transparent to see the scoring process. Reviewed the attached doc sent out. Scoring, info sent, housing first, CH, all the same. Equity section added last year, this is being scored this year for the first time. Rachel – responses to veterans being taken off the priority policy. Motion by Rachel Z, Seconded by Bryan N. Any discussion, nope. Approved.
  
9. HUD Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Tim Poland  
\$2.8 mil over 3 years. Unsheltered \$617,673. Rural \$281,882. In light of this being brand new, Tim requested interest. There were 13 interested parties. He's requesting info on dollar amount as well as kind of an intent to apply. Due 30 days before due date, will have 3 months to process, but working on three different NOFO grants is much much work. Need to develop a document on our CoC addressing Unsheltered/Rural homelessness. Need board feedback on this. Rural counties deemed rural, did not make sense. Cass, Crow Wing, Kanabec, Morrison, Pine, and Todd were deemed rural. Not Mille Lacs?  
Not sure if this will continue after the 3 years, it will depend on reflection of involvement/usage. In three years if it goes away, those developed projects would be in competition with existing NOFO entities. Is it ok to ask who the projects are that expressed interest? It fills gaps in service. Morrison – for shelter. Brainerd area – Love my Neighbor for PSH. Center City – request for support services. Steps of Strategy in St. Paul – proposal in Morrison. Hotel/motel voucher funding. Youth support. Project Ford – Milaca expanding into St. Cloud area. Homeless helping Homeless asking for support. Trying to fund projects that have not been in existence. Due Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> deadline to HUD, so due to Tim Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Board vote: Make a motion to apply Matt V, Second by Amy C. Approved.
  
10. ICA/HMIS Request for Input Tim Poland  
MN Dept of Health wanting to expand access for HIV/Aids and Syphilis. So, they can use it for support in methods of controlling spread of these pathogens. Covid is much different in spreading than those sexually transmitted diseases, how does that info help them to control the spread of this. Releases are needed for many topics, MH/CD, etc. for our services to provide support. Are other states giving the OK to this ask? Is this on-going or just for a specific reason. DHS is asking all CoC's for input on this topic. Even if one CoC is not agreeable, it will reflect how DHS will proceed with this.  
Board vote: Motion to not allow MDH this access in HMIS by Tammy M, Second by Matt V. Unanimous decision to not allow MDH access in HMIS for those above-mentioned items. Tim will draft a letter stating Central CoC is not in agreement with MNDHS having access in HMIS.

## Discussion and Information

1. Coordinated Entry Coordinator Position Update Tim Poland  
Still open, still looking for applications. Pumped up in Indeed! Yes! College inquiries?
  
2. How Will We Include People with Lived Experience? Tim Poland  
We are required to have lived experience personnel on our board. So, qualifications are exp. of homelessness past 5-7 years, asking input from this group who have valuable opinions for what we are trying to accomplish. The Membership Committee is meeting next week at CMHP, no tokenism. Maybe an advisory committee that can give us feedback to questions posed. Volunteer program through AmeriCorps, will be starting with Matt. MN Coalition for Homeless – has developed groups that go to different committee meetings to supply information to groups asking for this type of feedback. Term of Regional Expert! We need this. Membership Committee next week on Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
  
3. Committee Progress Reports Amy Sidmore/Tim Poland
  
4. Other All

**Adjourn: Motion by Rachel Z, Seconded by Tammy M. Approved!**