

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

October 4, 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
We have several new attendees/members.
2. Inspiration: Your life is your garden, Your thoughts are the seeds, If your life isn't awesome, You've been watering the weeds!
3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
Addition Non-Discrimination Policy under Action items.
4. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Sidmore
Motion by Jen E, Seconded by Cathy W.
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of September 6, 2022 minutes
 - c. Approval of September 28, 2022 minutes
 - d. Additions to the Agenda

Action Items

Information & Discussion

1. Non-Discrimination Policy
Any discussions, this is from the CE System. Gender based discriminations is listed a little farther down in the policy. Not just Fair Housing, more inclusive for housing issues. No retaliation clause at the end. Take first paragraph out, add CoC, which is the next policy. CE Advisory Comm is monitoring some of this. May be tweaking some of the name changes in the body. Tim will send out completed document.
Motion by Alisa L, Seconded by Rachel A. No opposed. Approved to move to governing board.
2. Cold Weather Planning Discussion Amy Sidmore
Discussions on plans in place for when cold weather hits. Additional over-flow shelters opening up, where are people going to go when the cold temps hit. Pastor Carol: They ran the Church of the week for over-flow people when it is cold. Using shelter during the day, bussing them to churches for the over-night. They have done 15-20 open doors for overnight stay when cold. Using the West location, which has around 100 beds, very helpful. If someone is using, they continue to provide service when temps drop. No one is going to freeze to death. Dallas Place? Pastor Carol will reach out to them. Dallas Place shelters people during the day, but not overnight unless extreme emergencies. What about resources for families or youth? Pastor Carol has options for families/youth age 18 and up. Families in Katie's Wing in St. Cloud, also another campus to accommodate 60-80 people, large families. Main campus takes single adults. There are around 200 beds for both campuses. Place of Hope call 320-203-7881. Trying to bridge the gap with keeping everyone safe. There are no shelters in Sherburne County, so they go elsewhere. Youth, 17 and under is very under served, almost no place for them to go. Karla: First come

first serve in Brainerd has Overnight Shelter for that area, just opened for this winter season. Room for 20 beds, 10 men/10 women, over 18, no minors, it is always utilized and always full. We have so many counties that do not have shelter options at all for anyone to stay. Maybe engaging churches in any community to help assist homeless in overnight stay when temps drop. Neil F applied for funding due 10-20, for HRA's in rural counties for vouchers to assist rural HRA's. This is not just winter, it is year-round. Jenny E Eastern region has 2 shelters in Pine City and Cambridge. This does not include youth. Karla with Salvation Army in St. Cloud is ordering additional beds, trying to increase the numbers of beds for people. Salvation Army in Brainerd – not sure who took over for Carol, short staffed there, hard to maintain cases. Jen W: Assistance through the counties for youth would be our first call, 180 in St. Cloud maybe an option. Crisis nursery (up to age 12) but not non-accompanied minors, not an emergency shelter. Harry: If Bryan is on what is going on at River Heights? Construction is ongoing but won't be open until April. Harry said they will have 18 more beds, everything is full already. Lean on municipalities for overflow shelters for warmth. If they are veterans, call MACVE, would free up a bed for someone else. Link for signing up for overnight housing, see link.

<https://www.180degrees.org/>

<https://ysnmn.org>

<https://www.bridgesofhopemn.org/warmingshelter>

<https://www.placeofhopeministries.com/>

3. NOFO Updates

Tim Poland

So good news, NOFO submitted a couple days ahead of due date. We will know after the new year how everything turned out.

4. Addressing Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Planning

Tim Poland

This was started on the 29th, 7 applications at present. Ranking/scoring with these applicants. All new programs so lots of questions. Special extra meeting Oct. 18th full meeting, brief board meeting for submissions. Invite will be coming out soon. Lived expertise planning meetings going forward.

5. Committee Updates

Amy Sidmore

a. Coordinated Entry Advisory

Amy Sidmore

Met in September, started pouring through P&P, continuing this process. Were aiming for approval in December, but will need to be after the new year. Meeting on Oct. 11th maybe?

b. CoC Policies & Procedures

Tim Poland

Nothing to report, kind of wobbly right now, need a chair for this committee.

c. HMIS-Data

Rachel Zetah

No new updates, data reports from Anabel last month. Next meeting at the end of October.

d. Membership

Amy Carter

Met on the 22nd, developing an entire packet for lived expertise, recruited a few more for transportation. Actually have several options for lived expertise.

e. Performance & Ranking

Tammy Moreland

Been working hard with regular NOFO, now working with Unsheltered/Rural Homelessness

f. Racial Equity, Inclusion & Diversity

JonPaul Dufour

Oct 11th next meeting to catch up and get things in place.

g. Point in Time

Lori Irwin

We have not met but will be meeting soon to plan. It is a group effort, link will be sent out. Jan. 25th 2023

<https://www.hmismn.org/point-in-time-count-information>

h. Youth

Kathy Sauve

No updates but will be scheduling next meeting.

Program Presentation:

None.

New Funding Throughout the CoC

1. Agency Updates:

Standdown on Oct. 20th.

Kids Fighting Hunger is hosting it's 11th annual We Are Thankful packaging event:

Where: Rivers Edge Convention Center

Date: November 13, 2022

Time: Three packaging sessions: 9:00 - 10:30, 11:00-12:30, 1:00 - 2:30

600 volunteers are needed to package 150,000 oatmeal and rice meals, 200 per session. Registration opens at the end of this week at unitedwayhelps.org.

This is a community focused service project and to date 75% of the meals that will be packaged have been pre-ordered by 12 area food shelves.

This year KFH is promoting a community food shelf drive on behalf of Catholic Charities encouraging those participating in packaging to bring non-perishable food items and to reach out to our community at large to drop off items throughout the day. Catholic Charities will have a truck in the event room to facilitate this event.

For more information contact: cathy.wogen@gmail.com, 320-291-6007

Anabel – FHPAP reports suite will be changing. HMIS training has been extended to Oct.18th. Log into Moodle site to see if there is a green banner, means you took it all.

<https://hmismn.org/user-training-data-security-recert>

Place of Hope will be Celebrating 25yrs. since opening! More info to come!

Katie – Project Connect: SCSU is doing an order for long sleeved shirts. Link will be sent. Community Connect in Elk River Oct. 18th

Jenny E - Community Connects:

Oct. 11 10:00 – 2:00 **Pine County** – Hinckley Community Center

Oct. 20 10:00 – 2:00 **Chisago County** – Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church

Oct. 20 11:00 – 2:00 **Kanabec County** – Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mora

Nov. 5 11:00 – 1:00 **Isanti County** – First Baptist Church, Cambridge

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Adjourn: Motion by Kaytee Welsch, Seconded by Lori Irwin.

Meeting adjourned!