**Central CoC Governing Board Meeting**

April 20, 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**

* Jennifer Walker
* Jenny Erdmann
* Lori Gudim
* Maria Essman
* Marlena Jasch
* Matt Viney
* Michele Fournier
* Shirwa Adan
* Tammy Moreland
* Tim Poland

**Call to Order**

1. Welcome & Introductions All

**Inspiration**

Volunteer – The rain washed away all the snow so Happy Spring!

**Business**

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
2. Approve Consent Agenda, No changes since adding HUD NOFO. Jenny Erdmann
   1. April 20, 2023 Agenda
   2. March 16, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve agenda and minutes from 3-16-23 by Tammy M, Seconded by Jen W. Passed

**Discussion and Information**

1. HUD NOFO Scores for FY2022 Tim Poland

Tim shared the scoring, we all need to know. See scoring docs from 21 & 22. Problems with scoring in RRH as ability to serve is going down. Can’t serve or spend the $ as they cannot find a place. App fees are not paid through FHPAP, which is very hard for people to come up with. Admin fee/app fee/acct set-up fees, holding fees, etc. Jen E. FHPAP is being monitored by HUD for RRH program. HUD meeting today to review basic scores, wondering if all CoC’s are scoring low in RRH, not sure. We are rural, so historically score lower than metro or city as there are more housing options in those areas. CoC needs to know if a program is no longer going to apply, this is detrimental to the scoring process. And there would be extra $ for other programs. HMIS Bed Coverage are programs that use HMIS. Length of time homeless: Need to work on score – 5 of 13. PL works towards housing longest lengths of time homeless and on the list. Exits to PH destinations/Return of PH – CoC’s strategy: Much of this is based on what housing options are out there, CoC cannot develop or create housing options for families/youth/singles to move into. Summary: Scored 137 out of 200. Coordination with Housing/Healthcare: This is for new programs who do not have that developed yet.

1. Regional Community Listening Sessions Tim Poland

We are in the process of setting up one meeting per region in specific areas, hoping to have them scheduled by end of May, start of June. Open to the public, discourage service providers from attending to ask what is working, what is not. Anyone have thoughts on questions we could ask this group that attends, what is it we need or want to know. Provide snacks/drinks to keep everyone engaged. Once scheduled and announced, we need to get it out there to get people attending. Posting flyer to promote a large number. Tammy: Question is If you are doubled up, would you want to have your own place to rent to be on your own? Wilder Survey takes a year to compile, so old data when it comes out a year later, things have changed. We can ask for the data sooner, we can try. Jen E – We are willing to work with the CoC to be a part of combining our energies to get a larger, greater participation? Digital access? No, in person. Strategic plan? Funding to pay for a facilitator? Could we ask HUD for TA person to assist us in steering this effort? Some companies are looking for HUD TA for rural, BIPOC, etc. who can give valuable information on homelessness. Are there people with lived experience that take part in PIT count night? Working on developing more voices for this. There are stipends to fund lived experience people to attend meetings. PIT count could be looked at for offering where to find numbers.

1. Combining FHPAP and CoC Committees Tim Poland

Looking at combining some of these committees for the sake of better use of our resources. Missions and ideas are duplicated with separate silo’s working hard on the same exact things.

1. Prioritization Issues & ICA Tim Poland

Any thoughts, ideas, please send to Tim in an email to be quick at compiling how to proceed. Britt from ICA is meeting with Tim/Brenda to get things figured out to make sense of development of PL prioritization issues.

1. Client Scoring for Housing Referrals Tim Poland

Poll done, 80% said yes. Discussions starting to ask where to go from here. What do we need to know to put someone in PSH, or? It’s clear, we need to ask the client what they need, where would they want to be to do better?

1. Trainings for 2023 Tim Poland

Suggestions? Please send what trainings our CoC should be providing? Setting up ACE’s Training, already have trainers to provide that workshop. What else do we want, Trauma Informed, Person Centered, MESH does provide some of these topics, but can be spendy. HEARTH Program? They pay training fees. CSH has a ton of training, relatively inexpensive and will work with us. Center for Supportive Housing. Keeping Families Together. Matt – One of the MESH trainers is on his board, he will reach out to them to see what they might be able to provide us. Tammy: If we could get a list of topics on training, they would like to see us provide, we could work together to share knowledge, pull from what our people know, Landlord Engagement, Narcan training, etc. Accessing local people to provide enlightenment on topics we would benefit from would be awesome.

1. Other All

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tammy M, Seconded by Lori G. We are adjourned!**

**Meeting notes by Lori Gudim**

**Next meeting May 18th!**