**Central CoC Governing Board Meeting**

May 18, 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
* Jennifer Walker
* Jenny Erdmann
* Lori Gudim
* Maria Essman
* Michele Fournier
* Rachel Zetah
* Shirwa Adan
* Tammy Moreland
* Tim Poland

**Call to Order**

1. Welcome & Call to Order All

**Inspiration**

Volunteer – What we see depends mainly on what we look for. John Lubbock

**Business**

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
2. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Carter
   1. May 18, 2023 Agenda
   2. April 20, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Michele F, Seconded by Jenny E . Discussion? None. Approved.

**Discussion and Information**

1. Prioritization/Priority List Issues Tim Poland

Still having issues with prioritization with CH, PIT the night before where they are coming from. Depending on where they are at, could mean they are not in fact CH. Met with ICA - Brit, did not go well. Hoping for some feedback on how to remedy this situation, she recommended consulting with HUD to get some clarification on where to go. Can we change our prioritization steps? No one is giving us direction. Brit feels we need to figure out how to manage our PL ourselves. Asking for direction and not getting anything. Dropping CH down in the list does not solve the problem, it buries it. Is this a data entry issue, no. They are doing what HUD’s expectations are for them. If programs need CH certification, and after moving around, which happens, a referral changes from that, how do they know that. This is not reality. Changing the data system is huge and expensive, so may not happen. We cannot just move on and ignore this problem, that’s not how we roll. Prior living arrangements is the issue in the Household, should not be changed, only current living arrangements. Maybe having a committee that focuses specifically on CH would help, maybe navigators being involved in this? Maybe our CoC is just more vocal on these issues and are not comfortable with the situation. Keeping the CH data current in the system with an entry would be very time consuming. Focusing on reducing imminent risk of homelessness would need a new set of P&P to address this. Can we look at it as once CH, always CH? CH has to meet the criteria of homelessness for quite some time along with a disabling condition that does not go away. There is resistance from ICA, as they are hoping to have system changes made in the next year and do not want to pay for changes now. ICA governance board voted to look at changes in their systems so there will be changes coming. Tim looking at discussing these issues with Dawn Horgan to get her thoughts on this. Would like decision on once CH always CH. Then it becomes a training issue of updating how our PL handles this. ICA reached out to WI, they are having the same issues, no solutions have been found. Maybe going through a grievance procedure submitted to the governance board to be heard and answers or directions made.

1. ICA/HMIS Funding Request Tim Poland

ICA looking at a different software provider, currently not logically made for putting data in. Many things do not make it easy to input data and not have errors. Current system from 20 years ago, system has reached its life span. Other newer software programs can do many of these things, with less issues. They need more money, asking for 1k. Would need to reallocate $ to do an expansion for them to change this. Going from 2.5% to 3.5% would mean taking away funds from current providers, which could be very detrimental to existing programs and could be in the next few months. Legislative changes are happening now this week, could lengthen the session a couple more weeks possibly. If ICA gets no extra funding, are they able to make do with what they have? Some programs not spending all their allocations would be who we would look at for options. Also, supporting new programs developing would be a focus. In HHS bill, SF2995 this is the Omnibus bill. Tim will have a conversation with Jennifer Prins, HMIS finance committee chair, and CoC Coordinator SE MN. Call if we have questions.

1. Committee Progress Tim Poland

Committees are working, Tim could use some notes or updates on meetings and what discussions have been. Concerns are in Racial Equity and Youth Committees, with not moving forward as planned. There are some committees that need to be in place for funding. We have to figure out how to move forward with decision making and having an action plan. P&P could do more, HMIS/Data could do more, need feedback on what to do if a committee is not performing as expected. No chair for Racial Equity, only one person came. No movement. Action plans have been developed in some committees to know where the focus is and what steps need to be taken to move forward. Youth Committee has scheduled meetings now and will hopefully show some progress. Are there specifics the board is wanting from the Racial Equity Committee? Needs or wants are not clear at this point. What are the outcomes we are looking for? High disparity between BIPOC, LGBTQ, etc. Is there a HUD mandate for what is being asked of this committee. The ask is: What are we doing to work towards racial equity in housing people on our PL. Very vague, and hard to answer. We are doing that in FHPAP, to signify needs of BIPOC, LGBTQ+ to lower disparity of numbers served. The size of our CoC can really affect the challenges in serving rural and/or metro areas, so vastly different. Thought of adding (essentially splitting) or creating another CoC? More probable would be combining metro to be one, and rural to be one which would be even bigger areas covered, scary thought. Maybe getting committees to meet together with the Board to get things going? Shirwa wants to be part of the Racial Equity Committee to help focus on where they need to go and add what their work has been with his organization in the first-time home buyers. Tap into what is being done in the St. Cloud area so far. Shirwa become chair of this committee?

1. Strategic Planning Amy Carter/Tim Poland

Initiative Foundation meeting brought handouts from there, figuring out how to encompass this information in moving our CoC and Board forward. Where does this start? The board, the full CoC? Ideas were a work group looking at this? Tim will do Survey Monkey to ask for feedback. Who do we focus on for developing outcomes, large or smaller scope? See Strategic Planning sent out with today’s agenda.

1. Community Meetings Tim Poland

Some of these have been set. May 24th in Big Lake, sent flyer out. This is being done in conjunction with Wilder/Hearth group. We all want to work together on gathering this information. Not for providers. More dates will be coming up in Brainerd and Mora.

1. Other All

**Adjourn: Motion by Jen W, Seconded by Michele F. Adjourned!**

**Meeting notes by Lori Gudim**

**Next meeting June 15th.**