**Central CoC Governing Board Meeting**

June 15, 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**



X Amy Carter

X Jennifer Walker

X Jenny Erdmann

X Lori Gudim

X Maria Essman

X Marlena Jasch

X Matt Viney

X Michele Fournier

X Rachel Zetah

* Shirwa Adan

X Tammy Moreland

X Tim Poland

**Call to Order**

1. Welcome & Call to Order All

**Inspiration**

Volunteer All

Rachel – When I is replaced with we, even illness becomes wellness.

Lori – Today’s tall oak tree is yesterday’s nut that held its ground.

**Business**

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
2. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Carter
   1. June 15, 2023 Agenda
   2. May 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May meeting minutes and today’s agenda by Lori G, Seconded by Matt V. Approved.

1. MHFA Planning Grant Authorization Tim Poland

In the final phase of submitting the Grant authorization of $40,000, which went down from last year. Need board approval of this. Asked for $60,000 but got $40,000. This is for salaries, CE, PL, travel, office, computer, etc. Not for transportation or accessibility for trainings for people with lived experience. Training cost is focused on Tim/Brenda to attend workshops. Are there ways to make training accessible to attend virtually? There is a push to make trainings virtual for more accessibility for anyone to attend. Can we apply for other grants for the shorted amounts? Otto Bremer? Who can write/apply for grants? Usually Tim does this, but CMHP has received $ from Otto Bremer already. Tim needs to ask his employer. Initiative Foundation helps train for grant writing. MHFA got increased funding but was not passed onto CoC’s for usage. Bonuses maybe? Who to ask, Jennifer Ho? Is there a place in the NOFO, is there some place to ask for more $? Tim says doesn’t think so but will check into it. Can it be added to admin costs? Ask for % of fees for grant writing, need to investigate this route. Is there a category in RFP’s where you can ask for $? HUD one is very rigid.

Motion to sign the contract as is by Tammy M, Seconded by Jenny E. Motion carries.

1. CES Scoring Worksheet Tim Poland

Much discussion on this topic, to assign the ranking or position for entries in the system. This is done once the assessment is completed. The intent is to assist Brenda in what service best fits the situation. Can boxes be changed at this point? The Meth/Arson/Murder/Sexual offense is a huge high barrier, should be extreme, moved to #4? Level #3 would be TH, not RRH. TH should be more with PSH, RRH should be separate from that. HPH is essentially everybody, a very broad category. So, Level #3 score, how does that coordinate with our prioritization currently? The PL has 3 tabs, 1. Everyone, 2. PSH, 3. TH/RRH which was set up when we were still doing the VI-SPDAT. If we are putting someone into #3, but could go into #2, are we siloing them? This is quite fluid, changes to needs of client on the PL. Maybe we could start and work on this for 6 months and continue to tweak. Each level is the type of housing we are looking at to get housed, then goes onto look at barriers to being housed. Brenda works diligently at filtering categories and finding what is needed for openings along with the criteria needed. Not sure if feedback is going to be ready to look at in July. Level #1 would not go on the PL, L#2 subsidized housing? Would be in RRH referral, but things change if on the list for months & months. Referrals are to HUD or State funded programs, not necessarily market rate places. If Youth is #1, Jen/Maria would not want them turned away for service, as they would still work with them on finding a living option, considered diversion maybe. Eligible for SHY or other youth programs. Do we add everyone to the PL? Try it and see how it goes for screening purposes? Being added to HMIS does not necessarily mean they are on the PL, depending upon the needs of the entry. Evidence of working/not working over the next 6 months?

Motion to approve the CES Scoring Worksheet as presented to the CoC governing Board to be reviewed by the CES Sub-Committee in 6 months with recommendations to go to the full CoC Advisory and then to the CoC Board. Original motion and amended motion to approve made by Maria E and seconded by Tammy M. Approved

**Discussion and Information**

1. Strategic Planning Tim Poland

Attempted survey, 8 out of 10 did it. Highest was to do it at the Full Membership level, then Board, then CoC funded programs, then community planning at large. How do we do this? Change and planning through all CoC members,

1. Charter and Bylaws Updates Process Tim Poland

This needs to get accomplished, revisions, ideas, etc. from everyone. Small group of 3 is what we are currently at. We can successfully hammer this out. Could it be sent out for changes for everyone to add and make changes? Maybe done through Google in editable format, little bubbles on the side? Talk to the intern to get on this. Make it a contest, you win a Snickers bar. Add something to see if people really read the doc to make revisions and give feedback.

1. July Meeting Amy Carter/Tim Poland

Do we want to do a strategic planning meeting in July? Board meeting July 20th. Maria E gone, Matt, Amy, Michele F, Rachel, Jen W, Lori, Tammy & Marlena could attend, ask Jen E and Shirwa. In person with virtual option? In person for brainstorming would be highly encouraged for this purpose. Longer meeting, suggestion of half a day or longer? 9a-2p? This is just Board participation, and how we involve the full members. This will be at the CMHP building in St. Augusta.

1. Other All

Members on our committees? Trying to generate attendance to our committees.

**Adjourn: Motion by Michele, seconded by Jen W. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes taken by Lori Gudim**

**Next meeting for Strategic Planning will be July 20th 9a to 2p at CMHP in St. Augusta on 75th not 7th.**