**Central CoC Governing Board Meeting**

July 20, 2023

9:00 AM-1:30 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.

**In Attendance**



X Amy Carter

X Jennifer Walker

* 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

The moon is a reminder that no matter what phase I am in, I am still whole.

**Business**

Both Tim and Amy went to a Strategic Planning Meeting and will be sharing what they learned.

**Discussion and Information**

1. Strategic Planning Amy Carter/Tim Poland
2. What’s working well

Focus on why we are a part of this Board group! We make decisions in a more timely manner. We are a functioning working Board now. Everyone is willing to share their expertise. Participation is on the up-swing, 62 people attending. The fact that our funding continues to be funded, not mentioning our scores! Virtual participation has helped pull in members thru the Covid deal. The meeting time has been very consistent, always the first Tuesday of the month. Meeting flow works well, don’t waste time. Grants help programs maintain staying open and running well, consistent. P&P are firming up, clearer, help with the running of our CoC. PLE inclusion has been improved

1. What isn’t working well

Areas we would like to see improvement – Frustrations with ruminating of topics, need to make decisions and move on. Aiming funding at PLE to increase inclusiveness. Concerns with openings that stay open for months due to system, barriers for filling those vacancies. This also has to do with Property requirements. Call to Connect is not working well: Avg. 30% answering rate, not enough. 90% of calls are during work hours 8a-4:30p. When we have developed a goal list, we need to stick with it, not lose focus. Work at increasing DV victims/survivors participation, Google Docs is not working. This is a task Brenda will be focusing on. Are our topics interesting and worth our time to maintain engagement with members to make it worth our time. We are planning to use the Orientation process (stealing from FHPAP) so all members know why we are here. A list of organizations that are involved with our group would be great. Need to make our purpose clear, improve engagement so our mission is understood by all attending. Improving networking with all agencies in explaining how valuable this group can be for their organization. Make training interesting and engaging to bring about a deeper understanding of how we can make a positive impact. NOFO grantees – Knowledge of CoC NOFO funded projects. Updates on how $ is allocated and used. RRH is not working well, has not been for some time. Continuing being reminded as to who we are serving. Barriers continue to prevent people being housed. Knowledge of the system on funds for damage deposit/first month’s rent, utilities, application fees, etc. Finding the money source to assist people with fees associated with having a housing option to use, just no funding yet. Are we utilizing our partners, needing to know member eligibilities. Regional meetings? Crow Wing has a smaller group that meets for more specific needs/services. Need transparency with P&P to better serve our clients who need a place to live. Unnecessary guidelines, complicated systems.

1. **Possible goals – Narrow it down! We need to be realistic with time commitments and what we are able to do with who is involved. What is manageable and/or achievable?**

**\*Generate interest, CoC purpose, networking** Michele/Tammy

-Membership agencies eligibilitiy 7 Strategy Screen Yes Yes Yes Yes

-Regional meetings 5\* Yes Yes Yes Maybe

DV representation, Google Docs 3

Are we interesting, Orientation 5

-Trainings 7 Yes Yes Yes Maybe

**\*Systemic issues** Rachel/Lori

Call to Connect 1

-Open bed, filling vacancies 9 Yes Yes Yes Yes

-Program and funding requirements 8 Yes Yes Yes Yes with time

-Property requirements 8 Yes Yes Yes Quite possibly

HUD program updates 1

Rapid Re-Housing 0

**\*CoC Structure** Matt/Amy

Rumination 1

-Keeping on task with goals/tracking 7 Yes Yes Yes Yes

-Collaboration between partners 8 Yes Yes Yes Yes

Training opportunities 2

-Improving networking, inviting new members 5 Yes Yes Yes Yes

Committee/work group updates 4

**\*Who we are serving, community** Marlena/Jennifer

-Focusing on who we are serving 8 Yes Yes Yes Yes

-DV connections 6\* Yes Yes Yes Yes

-PLE Funding/ease of access 7 Yes Yes Yes Possibly with Limited funding

P&P transparency/updates 6

1. Prioritization of goals

See above list for small break-out groups.

1. Strategy Screen

Answered above with Yes Yes Yes Highly unlikely (just kidding)

1. Strategic Framework and Action Plan

All sheets handed into Tim

1. Final review

**Adjourn**