**Central CoC Full Membership Meeting**

April 4, 2023, 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

There are 61 people attending this meeting, Ji believes it is the highest attended not just in MN but in the world!

1. Inspiration – Being – Turning to One Another by Margaret Wheatley read by Lori G Volunteer
2. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion? No
3. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Carter
   1. Approve Agenda
   2. Approval of March 7, 2023 minutes
   3. Additions to the Agenda

Motion by Cindy L, Seconded by Hyacinth S. Discussion? Approved!

Action Items

* + - 1. No Action Items Amy Carter/Tim Poland

Information & Discussion

1. MN Housing Finance Agency Presentation Sara Gomoll

Working on the Multi Family Consolidated RFP Overview. Stepping into my role, thought I knew a lot, but can always learn new things. Sarah Broich, Vicki Farden and Sara G. See Power Point, this will be shared. Developers plan projects and submit applications for capital financing. QAP and Self-Scoring Worksheet identifies MN Housing priorities for tax credit allocations and available funding resources. There are incentives for supportive housing. Consults will happen in September. Once a developer has been selected, do they come into our CoC to give us their schpeel? Will need County and CoC feedback on local needs. Spoiler alert, this is brand new so working through a lot of new procedures. Sara will share info on all this for us to better understand the new process. Jessica R – How is the rent figured, can it get raised? Rental research companies that give feedback. Sending TSP guidelines for this. Monthly or annual proof of income timelines? Do developers have to identify the number of supportive housing units set aside for this. Yes, has to be announced at the application process. The goal would be to have support attached to all of them in one way, shape or form. Who the service provider is will be community driven. Tim – Some developers might want to go around CE due to filling units. We need cooperation from all areas to make this work. Marlana – is there data of vacant units that are not being filled? This does not come up until a Compliance Officer investigates these issues as a compliance check. Really varies, can be 1-3yrs, but can be 5-10 if minimal snags. Currently, there is a huge increase in financing, so developers are being encouraged to apply for this. Tim – Really looking at equality across all the counties for tenant application processes. Trying to focus on CoC’s having more power to give the needs assessments of the populations in specific locations. Sara will send out slides as well as applications, TSP Guidelines.

2. Menti Poll Tim Poland

Self-Identify your race, can be more than 1.

Do you have lived experience in any of the following. (Not working in the field)

This pole will be left open for anyone to go in and answer the questions.

3. Priority List Scoring Poll Tim Poland

With the changes we’ve adopted with doing away with VI-SPDAT score, trying to figure out how to get a score for the PL that would be useful. See Survey Monkey questions. This will be sent as a link to answer after the meeting is done.

4. Priority List Updates Brenda Engelking/Tim Poland

Brenda has a PP to share re Priority List issues. This is a lot of information, will get through it and then field questions. Some households are not being prioritized, then in fact they will not get referred. Prior living situation is being answered a few different ways. Households will be prioritized by utilizing the Current Living Situation. This needs to be updated. Determining CH, HUD is looking at this at “That point in time”. See Determining Chronic Homeless answers. Once considered CH, they will always be CH, even if couch hopping. We need to continue to work with ICA to improve/maintain data. At this point, there have been no real solutions, not due to in-depth discussions on this. This is why we are postponing the training to relieve the situation. Emily S is a data analyst for ICA. Still searching through the procedure for finding highest vulnerability of families without the VI-SPDAT score, which is what we’ve always relied on. When a family’s needs change, we don’t want to get caught up in assessments and if they are CH or not. This isn’t black/white, there are many influences that come into play with assessing needs of families. Tim is happy Emily is still talking to us to sort this through. Probably not finding a solution today, just getting it all out there to be more understanding of the issues. Question is not where you were the night before, but where are you living presently and where did you come from. Emily shared her screen on the question in question. If a person stayed on someone’s couch the night before it asks how long were you there. If you answer YES, there are other questions, No and the pop-up questions stop. This bypasses the HUD perceptions. This is a wording choice and needs to be modified. HUD language cannot be changed, maybe helper text that can help explain this to answer correctly for that families’ current needs. Marlena – Related to HMIS and DV data, not being quite protected in the HMIS system? Tim- We’ve got a google doc set up for DV providers that don’t have identifiable info, the family makes up their own ID#, need to contact the DV service provider to get info on them. This is used for housing referral specifically, not necessarily for finding new providers. Amy – for Veterans, should be referred to MACV to assist in getting set up to be referred. Brenda – What are the resolutions? We have the first step figured out, hashing through more ideas to get steps developed. Training is key to everyone doing it the same way to validate the data. Looking at non-prioritized, then CH, sorting through all this. Trying to get it to the point where training can be done and not changed after a couple of weeks. In CMHP website. Very similar questions to the VI-SPDAT, just not that title. Brenda will send the PP out for everyone to look at. Marlena – Do people know if they are not CH or what they are labeled? Feedback from an accessor: In the past it had the VI-SPDAT score, but some don’t even know that. The CH status is not determined by the VI-SPDAT score, determined by their housing Hx. The Assessing receipt has information for the family to take with them. Please email Emily if you have questions to ask. [Emily.salvaterra@icalliances.org](mailto:Emily.salvaterra@icalliances.org)

5. People with Lived Expertise Needed Tim Poland

Please direct questions to Tim to generate more individuals in this category, Tim will be sending out specifics.

6. HUD NOFO Grant Results Tim Poland

See the results Tim posted for HUD NOFO Grant results and amounts. There may be 3 new funding sources being offered in the late spring.

7. CoC Intern Position Tim Poland

Continuing the search, through colleges, etc. Looking for Data Geek who loves crunching the numbers to identify gaps in services. Have to see Tim/Brenda in the hallways, but we are a fun bunch.

8. Coordinated Entry Reports Brenda Engelking

Brenda will do this next meeting.

New Funding Throughout the CoC

1. Agency Updates All

Marlena – Any developments done with committees, meeting dates, etc? Tim has been receiving some info, he will circulate.

Tim – Reminder Hailey at Ucare has email for free personal care packets.

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Adjourn : Motion by Marlena J, Seconded by Lori G. Adjourned!

Minutes submitted by Lori Gudim

Next meeting 5-2-23