

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

August 1, 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
58 attendees!
2. Inspiration: You spilled your coffee! Volunteer
3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
4. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Carter
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of June 6, 2023 minutes
 - c. Additions to the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda and minutes from last meeting by Jeff P, Seconded by Amy T. Approved

Action Items

1. 7 Steps of Coordinated Entry Brenda Engelking

These were approved 7-13-23. See form. Explanation of the 7 steps on form. Brenda will provide the PP after the meeting. Asking this process be approved to the CEC P&P. Is Call to Connect going to start working better with more calls being answered. That is currently being worked on.

Motion to approve by Diane E, Seconded by Louise R. Call-out vote: Approved to governing board.

2. VAWA Changes Brenda Engelking

HUD published this form Jan. 4th, Brenda will send out the PP for this. See definitions for newer terms, Economic abuse, Technological abuse are both new. New definition of homelessness, category 4 of HUD Homelessness. See form sent out by Tim. See HUD Definition, updating the explanation. Training through HUD to follow. Aug. 10th is the first training.

Motion to approve by Jessica R, Seconded by Lisa L. Call-out vote: Approved to governing board.

Information & Discussion

1. Coordinated Entry Common Assessment Tool Brenda Engelking

Brenda has been doing training with this common assessment tool, she can provide the tool, along with the process so everyone is doing it similarly. This is aimed at everyone using this tool consistently so data is collected and completed the same way. Training Wednesday at 1p to 4p. Thursday training is at 10a to 1p. These are "In person" at this time for questions/answers.

2. PIT Data Presentation Rachel Zetah/Ana Begej

They are now summarizing PIT/HIC data from Jan. 25th 2023. See the PP presentation. This PP will be shared with everyone. This is on a statewide level with CoC's split to see numbers. Central CoC number were discussed in depth from 2009 to 2023, minus 2021 numbers, unsheltered was not collected that year. Trends in Housing Types, ES, TH & Unsheltered 2018 to 2023. Numbers appear to have gone down significantly from 22-23 due to some groups not reporting their numbers. See breakdown for listing of counties. Hotel vouchers are hard to include in the data to make sense. Why do we have many so many shelter beds not being utilized? Can shelter beds and hotel vouchers be separated to know the specifics? Some Emergency shelter beds may not identify as full or as DV. Some don't want to be separated from their partner, child or pet depending on if it's a men's/women's or family shelter. And, doubled up numbers are not reported. Increase in CH. Ana will send out the PP she just presented.

3. Governing Board Strategic Planning

Amy Carter/Tim Poland

Got together to work on SP July 20th, see action plans sent out to review. Would appreciate feedback on these topics. 4 Action Plans: Generate Interest/CoC Purpose/Networking, Who we are serving/Community, CoC Structure, and Systemic Issues. TH is short term housing 90d to 2yrs from stepping out of jail, treatment, etc. then moving onto independent living. Allowing flexibility to be more inclusive in giving people a chance, limiting criminal to go back 2-3yrs instead of 10. Stearns Co. set aside \$30,000 to cover the fee for Beyond Backgrounds of \$300. Send questions and/or thought to Ji to further this discussion. All good!

4. HUD NOFO FY2023 Update

Tim Poland

HUD NOFO now in full swing to get all the hard work and scoring done. New projects, renewals, we are here to help with new applicants especially. There are enough new projects that will enable us to spend the \$ that we have from some programs leaving. Due date is September 28th. Meeting on Sept. 26th to vote on this, probably 1pm meeting. Please look at the options for grants, ask Tim if you have any questions.

5. Committee Updates

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| A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures | Brenda Engelking |
| B. CoC Policies & Procedures | Tim Poland |
| C. HMIS/Data | Rachel Zetah |
| D. Membership | Amy Carter |
| E. Performance & Ranking | Tim Poland |
| F. Point in Time | Lori Irwin |
| G. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion | JonPaul Dufour |
| H. Youth Initiative | Kathy Sauve |

New Funding Throughout the CoC

1. Agency Updates

All

Brandon – We Care Services in new office. Have Jennifer Pine, Chisago, Isanti & Kanabec. Partnered with Home Line for Landlord Tenant Law. Oct. 17th virtual.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/landlord-tenant-law-for-service-providers-presented-by-homeline-tickets-657993033877?aff=oddtcreator>

Ana – ICA, general announcement opening up HMIS Software proposals for a possible change in software provider. Vendors are encouraged to offer proposals in the hopes of bettering all entities in representation of people over the state.

<https://www.hmismn.org/software-rfp>

Tammy M – Homelessness in MN. Aug. 29th via zoom in creating Homeless Response System. There is a new approach, RSVP will come from Tim.

Theresa – TriCap, second position opening. Also, auto repair for things like new tires, auto repairs, affordable connectivity to reduce Internet costs. 320-251-1612 Option 5.

Renovations at Lincoln Center – Mary - HVAC starting next week, food service will be opening in a couple weeks. Lake George bringing food, cold water to individuals who need it.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Karla R, Seconded by Hyacinth S.

Notes by Lori Gudim

Next meeting is September 5th, 1p to 3p.

Thanks everyone!