

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

September 5, 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

2. Inspiration Volunteer
Good nature is more agreeable in conversation than wit.

3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
Add Rapid Rehousing process for discussion – Jessica U.

4. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Carter
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of August 1, 2023 minutes
 - c. Additions to the AgendaMotion to approve agenda with addition and minutes from August meeting by Marlena J,
Seconded by Stephanie A., Approved

Action Items

1. No items

Information & Discussion

1. Menti Poll Tim Poland
Tim has a quick easy poll for who is attending our full member meetings. Self-identify your race and ethnicity. Also, any lived experience in the last 7 years.

2. Rapid Rehousing Discussion Jessica U.
Discussion on how this has been working. Discussion in another group on how it is working for CE people on those lists. Recording data isn't always correct and so with glitches, it is becoming cumbersome and taking up time for people to be housed. Is there a way for us to check with other CoC's as to if this is working for them. Difficult to use emergency funds if they are doubled up. We are working against RRH and it is taking longer to house people. If literally homeless, not eligible for prevention funds. If doubled up, HUD doesn't recognize them as homeless from HUD's perspective. They do look at how families are prioritized, just trying to figure out how to do this, creating a process or creating barriers? Others are running into this issue too. One of the problems is running into HUD prioritizing the hardest to house, theoretically with the most barriers at the top. Other CoC models are also struggling with this. The scoring that has replaced VI-SPDAT, the way we are prioritizing looking at barriers, PSH may not be appropriate for RRH, this is short term solution. Do we have to do that referral process? Long term programming may not be appropriate for a family in RRH. FHPAP has one time assistance for funds. Nancy Urbanski

with Fast Track Funds? Conversation with another group to see what can be done. Ji – works with MN Housing with Diane/Nancy. What is the best option for referrals/families, not sure what is more flexible than this. Process/procedure has to be with local community. Working with FHPAP to get funds to work. Involving Diane and Nancy for their feedback on process with decision making. Looking through the various options for people to get housed quickly. Ji is available to help with this discussion. So, found out 90% is on the PL. Are we working on what can be done currently for housing families quickly and not getting bogged down. Talking with the right people and phrasing the questions correctly to get answers. Please voice ideas. Amy Carter mentioned that Central's FHPAP wrote into their grant to use emergency services money for deposits and first month's rent. Been doing this successfully for 3 grant cycles now. This information was provided to the Eastern FHPAP but was not added into their newest grant application.

3. NOFO Questions

Tim Poland

As part of the NOFO process, there are questions on community collaboration. Who is the SOAR coordinator that is on? Joan K is a SOAR Navigator from L&P. This is assistance for people suffering from CD/MH that may be homeless. The difference is medical summary report. Please give feedback on the various things we do, street outreach, go out to community centers to see who is sleeping outside/tents, try to catch them through outreach. PIT count, looking for feedback from DNR officers who see people tenting. Thrive workers do outreach, going out and looking in communities for homelessness. Victim service providers, DV, stalking, to find homeless. Looking and finding trafficking victims, sexually exploited youth, transitioning into leaving that life behind. Trauma informed care, working with sensitivity of what individuals have been through. Strategies to access increase income: Jobs & Training work towards assisting development of skills, through training, school to assist in job placement. Work incentives connection helps figure out barriers to maintaining jobs, development of those skills to keep income earning. We do CQI's Continuous Quality Improvement surveys for people with lived experience. The Membership Committee is working on the Spotlight Sharing of what all our members do for us! (Sorry, I lost internet for several minutes during this conversation)

4. Additional Meeting

Tim Poland

Short meeting on September 26th at 1pm to review ranking to submit the NOFO Grant. Invite will be sent soon.

5. Committee Updates

A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures

Brenda Engelking

B. CoC Policies & Procedures

Tim Poland

Looking for more members. Jessica U.

C. HMIS/Data

Rachel Zetah

D. Membership

Amy Carter

Working on Orientation packet for new members, did draft last meeting. Hoping to present in November.

E. Performance & Ranking

Tim Poland

This is in high gear, meeting next week. Will be meeting for full day scoring/ranking.

F. Point in Time

Lori Irwin

Met in July, took August off. Will be meeting this month. Wilder – Rebecca S from Wilder Meg feedback from her. Oct. 24th meeting.

G. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Looking for more members. Theresa F interested.

JonPaul Dufour

H. Youth Initiative
Working with some people from WI on development of youth advisory board, etc. learn from them.

Kathy Sauve

Agency Presentation and Updates

1. St. Cloud HRA
www.stcloudhra.com See PP shared with everyone at the meeting! The website has a great deal of information for anyone interested. Covering CoC covered Grants. They applied for the DV funding and got some new grant money.
Louise Reis
2. Agency Updates
St. Cloud Pride event September 16th.
MCH in Duluth Sept. 18th & 19th at the DECC.
Catholic Charities Transitional Housing Manager hiring, many positions open. Go check it out.
All

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Amy C, Seconded by Marlena J., Approved
Meeting notes by Lori Gudim
Next meeting October 3rd