

Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

November 16, 2023

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Mission Statement

Central MN CoC is committed to building strong collaborative partnerships within 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, including those who experience the greatest barriers to permanent and affordable housing.

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 Matt Viney
X Jennifer Walker	X Michele Fournier
o Jenny Erdmann	X Rachel Zetah
X Lori Gudim	X Tammy Moreland
X Maria Essman	X Tim Poland
X Marlena Jasch	

Call to Order

1. Welcome & Call to Order All

Inspiration

- Volunteer All
I always deserve the best treatment because I never put up with any other. Jane Austen

Business

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
Additions/Cancellations?
2. Approve Consent Agenda (9:10 AM) Amy Carter
 - a. November 16, 2023 Agenda
 - b. October 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Approve Consent Agenda – Motion by Jen W, Seconded by Matt V. Motion carried.

3. Accept Jenny Erdmann's Resignation (9:12 AM) Amy Carter

Accept Jen E Resignation – She has nominated Jess U. Board member discussions will happen below.
Motion by Marlena J, Seconded by Maria E. Motion carried.

Discussion and Information

1. Discuss how to fill open Board positions (9:20 AM) Tim Poland
With Jen E resignation, she has nominated Jessica U. Discussion? How do we generate the filling of 6 positions? Questionnaires were sent out, asking for them to be back in by Nov. 22nd. Gotten 1 back. Looking at 2 or 3yr terms. 1 year does not need Full CoC approval. Jen W – when she rotates off, her organization, CC will look for someone interested. Nothing back from Shirwa's replacement. Tim will send the questionnaire to Jess U. Reviewed response from Randi Wickham, PLE. We could nominate her to the board at this time and make a motion to accept the nomination and becoming board

member as of now. Motion by Rachel Z, Seconded by Marlana J to accept nomination of Randi Wickham (She agreed to the 2yr term). No opposition, no reservations on this. As far as Jess U, accepting her nomination, will wait until she returns her form. Tim sent out several questionnaires. Do we put out info on needing 4 new Board members soon to prepare and generate interest? Amy has saved invitations to other members who've been asked in the past, she will look back to find names of interested people, pull that list and re-ask if they are interested. What date do we use for final nominations to vote on? Before our January full meeting? Looking at Dec. 15th? Those going off, Amy C, Tammy M & Jen W, and Lori G (retiring mid-March). Need to focus on the specific counties/areas served in Central CoC as well as populations represented in all areas. Let Tim know if any of us have ideas. Great discussions everyone!

2. Program Policies, Procedures, and Performance Standards (9:40 AM) Amy Carter/Tim Poland
This is a horrendous document! Do we start reviewing from the beginning? Performance standards are important to focus on with the NOFO Grant Contest. What is the purpose of having standards when no one is being held to it? There is so much in there. Perspectives of performance is hard to work through. Taking out the specific names of organizations? Or, leaving them in? This list was sent out with the agenda. Percentages are not based in reality, but still looking for providing information for people to find housing options as soon as possible. How do we measure outreach efforts? Contacts, locations, food distribution reported for both adults as well as youth. Encampments – entering to hand out food, personal hygiene products, etc. regardless of age. Street outreach appears to not be as effective as someone coming into an agency to request services. Do we measure effort instead of outcome? Coming into contact with someone has to be recorded in HMIS for Fed Program, not for State Program. Provider hesitancy in screening people due to inaccurate information is a hinderance to getting people on CE and our PL. How do we create standards that promote assessments for everyone interested to be added to CE and/or PL? Do we strive to develop standards for street outreach when HUD or NOFO does not fund these efforts? Asking funders what they are looking for to clarify efforts? Maybe asking OEO for standards, efforts? Minimal interest with DV Shelters. What other times do we ask for data from organizations, really are not any other times. RRH – 6mo. to 2yrs. Expectations are unrealistic in this area as far as getting someone housed. We will take off the agencies not funded, and performance standards will be measured by CoC funded programs. Tim will provide 50/50 splits data. Matt will ask his contact at OEO about any outcome measures in place currently with agencies as will Tim. This discussion is “To be continued!” as it is 10:35am! Great discussions everyone!

Take care all!

Adjourn: Motion by Marlana J., Seconded by Michele F.

Meeting notes by Lori Gudim

Next meeting January 18th at 9am