

# CHHS Board Meeting Minutes

*October 1st, 2025*

Roll Call: (4:01 PM)

**City of Spokane Staff:** Arielle Anderson, Paradis Pourzanjani, Aziz Rahmaty, Heather Page, Nicolette Ocheltree, Jon Klapp, Andres Grageda, Keri Cederquist, Lucas Masjoan

**Community Members:** Hallie Burchinal, Elaine Mansoor,

## 1. October 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda reviewed and adopted:

- No changes recommended. Maintained as drafted.

## 2. September 3rd minutes reviewed and passed:

- Karen Ssebanakitta motion to approve minutes, Leslie Hope moved; Hollis Staal seconded - passed unanimously.

## 3. Board Member Introductions

- Board Members all provided brief introductions and overviews of their backgrounds for the sake of familiarizing new members with those present.

## 4. Board Education – Coordinated Entry

- Arielle Anderson presented on coordinated entry and its usage within Spokane. A PowerPoint presentation was provided and the opportunity for questions was provided.
- Questions were asked and answered relating to the process for Permanent Supportive Housing entry through Coordinated Entry, specialized access paths for refugee populations, and the process for Diversion funding relating to Coordinate Entry.

## 5. Action Items

- HSC Recommendation: New Roots Village Tiny House Operator
- Chair Ssebanakitta presented on the process and decision relating to the selection of Compassionate Addiction Treatment (CAT) as the operator for the Tiny House project.
- CAT scored excellently during the scoring review performed by the Human Services Committee while also being the sole applicant to pass threshold review.
- There was a dissenting vote from the recommending committee made by Wes Anderson due to the absence of a carve out for Veterans within this project
- Vice Chair Hope asked whether there was a sobriety requirement for residency in this project
  - Chair Ssebanakitta answered, advising that there was not however there are rules banning substance usage on property as well as rules that prohibit litter and other nuisance activities within the project space
- Hollis moved and Vice Chair Hope seconded approval for the funding. Approved with Yea votes by all except for Wes Anderson who was a Nay vote.

## 6. Discussion Items

- Chair Ssebanakitta provided an update from the Bylaws Committee.
  - The committee has held its first meeting.
  - There are some significant changes anticipated relating to permissibility of candidates with conflicts of interest. Individuals will be able to abstain where appropriate while still being able to serve as board members.
  - Encouragement was provided to board members to review the by-laws and submit change recommendations by October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Chair Ssebanakitta advised that an ad-hoc nominating committee is needed and will be chaired by Vice Chair Hope. Other committee members will be: Flor Castaneda, Barb Lee, Wes Anderson
  - Context to the needed roles (Chair and Chair-Elect).
  - Brief overview of these positions was provided, including time commitment and eligibility of board members. Nominated/selected individuals must be current board members.
  - Recommended candidates will be presented in November and voted on in December.

## 7. CHHS Director's Report

- Arielle provided several updates
  - RFPs relating to Behavioral Health and Homeless Prevention have closed and have begun staff review.
  - Cannon Street daytime navigation center will have a soft-open on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Winter approaching and there is positivity that inclement weather beds are securely contracted ahead of time

## 8. Committee & Partner Update

- Affordable Housing Committee – Co-Vice-Chair Edwards advised that the Committee will be meeting next Tuesday.
- Human Services Committee – Chair Ssebanakitta advised that they would be conducting scoring review on the RFPs mentioned earlier by Arielle Anderson. Additional committee members are being sought.
- City Council – Councilperson Lambdin provided updates about Town Hall style City Council meeting and upcoming vote on Heart fund ordinance. Meeting dates for Council are potentially going to be changed to different days of the week. Feedback desired from the CHHS board. Traffic calming projects are being reviewed. Childcare ordinance was passed allowing for the zoning of childcare facilities in areas they were formerly restricted from.
- Spokane County – George Dahl advised that the County is addressing challenges with Federal disaster recovery funds relating to the Federal shutdown.
- Continuum of Care –Eric Robison – RFP Committee is meeting and is reviewing program performance to build an understanding of projects for when another RFP process occurs. Point in Time Count work has begun and is upcoming in January, coinciding with the homeless connect event. Federal funding for homeless services has begun to carry

additional requirements that have potential misalignment with our current standards. These are being reviewed for our region's current and future conformity. Some PSH funding changes (reductions) being forecasted in an anticipated, though currently unannounced RFP cycle for Continuums of Care.

- Regional Homeless Collaborative – Vice Chair Hope is uncertain whether this group will be meeting again as the jurisdictions involved are pursuing other partnership options.
- Veterans – Wes Anderson provided an update relating to outreach being performed by the VA to individuals on 2<sup>nd</sup> St, concerns from veterans relating to Federal shutdown, and the renaming of the Veterans Memorial Arena.
- Heather Page provided an update relating to CDBG Community outreach.

## 9. Closing Announcements

- Eric Robison provided a web link to some CoC updates relating to the items he had previously discussed
- Motion to Adjourn by Wes Anderson, Seconded by Vice Chair Hope.
- Next meeting: **November 5th, 2025.**

**Adjourn 5:13 PM**