

Continuum of Care Board

April 24, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:34 PM.

Attendance

- **Board Members Present:** Joe Ader, Dale Brieze, Bridget Cannon, Sam Dompier, Jen Haynes, Michele Harris, Kelly Keenan, Erik Larson, Bob Lutz, Mark Mattke, Sally Pritchard, Jan Simpson, Dave Singley, Fawn Schott, Sharon Stadelman, Pam Tietz, Kathleen Torella, Arne Woodard, Dean Salvio,
- **Staff Present:** Kelly Burnett, Tija Danzig, Matt Davis, Tim Sigler, Becky Tuno, David Lewis.
- **Guests Present:** Kim McCullough, Shawna Sampson, Michael Dunn, Heather Thomas-Taylor

Introductions

Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves.

5-Year RFP Update:

City Staff Member Kelly Keenan started off with providing the timeline for the 5 year RFP. On 4/25/2019 from 3:30pm - 5pm all of the recommendations will be with City Council for a Study Session. This will be the seconded topic at this study session. This is to help council understand the process on how we got to the recommendations that we are sharing with you today. The recommendation will be up for final Agenda on May 6th. City Staff Member Keenan then provided information to the group about the recommendations and the process that went on regarding the RFP. The RFP committee for CoC funding received their applications for review on February 28th. There were 5 different meetings that this group did to help them reach the recommendations that are being presented now. It had been decided that the award amounts be static over the next 5 years and to make sure that we do a performance review each year to ensure that the grantees are doing the work that they had stated they would like to accomplish.

There was discussion amongst the board members wondering - how do we need to shift these resources to get the best outcomes. Did the City of Spokane receive any applications that listed out new programs? New programs that are listed in the recommendation to be funded were Pioneer Human Services and Home Yard Cottages. There were some other new programs that were not recommended for funding.

Board Member Arne Woodard asked the board and City - are there any of these projects or programs that may fail because they were not able to get the amount of funds that had originally requested?

Action Items:

Review and Approve RFP subcommittee funding recommendations for the City of Spokane 5-Year RFP.

- Motion to approve and move forward with the recommendations as listed by CoC Board Member Arne Woodard and Seconded by Jan Simpson.

After the motion was approved there was questions as to, had thought been put into how these projects will align with the different funding sources that are providing money to the projects? Will this require grantees to shift their funds?

Will there be a process for feedback regarding this process? There is hope that this will happen after the contracting process has been completed. This should allow for everyone to weigh in regarding the entire process of the 5-year RFP.

How do we make the switch from Emergency Shelter and More to permanent housing solutions? How can we do this without destabilizing the system?

Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Application Update:

City of Spokane Staff are in the middle of revising and modifying this application. We would like to feedback and use the board's expertise on this application. The due date for this application is May 15th, 2019 which is before the next board meeting. We would like to have the board review and approve this application. The only way that this would be possible would to have the board be able to approve and vote electronically (through email). It had been suggested that the CoC board could grant the CoC Executive Committee the designation to approve and vote on this application. We would still like to get feedback from all of the board members. City staff hope to have the draft application out to the board by next week, and would like everyone's feedback on this back to staff within a week. We are applying as a community, there is about \$75 million for about 25 applications. All applicants will get \$1 million and the rest will be allocated based on their FMR. Need to have Youth Collaboration as part of our application.

- Motion to allow the Executive Committee to vote on the YHDP application by CoC Board Member Joe Ader and Seconded by Woodard.

Spokane County Report

Kathleen Torella filled in for Tim Crowley and provided the board with the following information.

5 Year Homeless plan - per the RCW's the county needs to work on a 5 year homeless plan and found that they could possible do a joint plan with the City. Some work needs to be done to help make sure that the county officials understand what it is that CoC is working on. Kathleen mentioned that she and Tim could help with presenting this idea to the County. Kathleen would like some clarification on when this 5 year plan needs to be approved, the timeline that has been provided does not list this

out. Could the CoC leadership provide debriefings and updates? Kathleen suggests that we give the county commissions at least 4 weeks to review and approve this document.

Invest Health

CoC Chair Pam Tietz gave the board the following update. The City of Spokane has been selected as 1 of 50 cities. Invest health has been working to create Affordable health for youth. We are 1 of 10 cities that have been awarded to receive help. With this help comes 75K. Julie and Pam will be traveling to Philadelphia to learn more about this and to meet with the other cities. This is great thing for the community. Board members asked if Pam could share the proposal that Julie wrote with the all of the members of the CoC board.

City of Spokane Update

City Staff Member Kelly Keenan provided the following report:

- Envision center opened up last Tuesday with walk in hours, and clients have been coming. We are tracking the reasons that people are there and seeing where we might need to increase our service needs. Is there a way to see if people are moving through the systems faster by going to the Envision Center? Another question that was brought up was will HMIS be at the Envision Center?
- UFA Application. - We are hoping to have an answer by the end of the week on this status.

Coordinated Entry Review Update and Meeting Schedule:

The work group got back together - and each committee chair is working on prioritization. This work is continuing and is on track, we should see the results of all of their work come this summer.

Report on the CoC Stakeholder - Joint Meeting with Homeless Coalition:

CoC member Joe Ader provided the board with the following information. On April 4th, there was joint meeting with the CoC stakeholders the homeless coalition. The meeting started off with some announcements and then they broke into sub groups. Some of the take a ways from these sub groups were, more affordable housing, peer support (is there a way to tap into Medicare funding for peer support?), transportation, tiny homes outside of city limits, affordable after hours childcare (evening and overnight), and a focus on creating more student housing with the universities, this could help free up units that are currently being used by students.

Next stakeholder meeting will be in October.

5 Year Plan Review:

CoC Board Member Jan Simpson provided the board with the following update. After hearing the information that Kathleen Torella provided it sounds like there is some work that needs to be done with county.

The local plan guidelines have been updated and now require that we have the following listed out in our plan.

Objective to address racial disparities

Data and tool and survey - need to find out when this survey is due and will this meet the requirements for the City and County. - This is regarding the Department of Commerce Survey. City Staff mentioned that they could help out with this survey.

Follow up for the Future: In regards to the PIT count can we get a comparison of the data that is in HMIS and what was received during the PIT.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

The next CoC Board Meeting is scheduled for May 22nd at 3:30PM.