

Continuum of Care Board

June 26, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:36 PM.

Attendance

- **Board Members Present:**, Arielle Anderson, Dale Briesse, Tim Crowley, Angela Champman Sam Dompier, Braden Fish Jen Haynes, Bob Lutz, Mark Mattke, Edie Rice-Sauer, Jan Simpson, Sharon Stadelman, Pam Tietz, Arne Woodard,
- **Staff Present:** Kelly Burnett
- **Guests Present:** Chrystal Alderman, Jess Ausborn, Arielle Dreher, Theresa Michielli, Kay Murano, Heather Thomas-Taylor, Ryan Tobiassan

When the meeting was called to order there was not enough board members to make a quorum.

Introductions

Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves.

City of Spokane Report: City staff Member Kelly Keenan was unable to attend this meeting, and had deferred his update on the EnVision/Spokane Resource center to Mark Mattke. The SRC was awarded with 1.7 million to help keep this program going. These funds should help make a substantial impact on the resources that can be provided to those who are seeking them. Will need to start talking to people around board table to see if we can get more providers there to help with keeping staff there during open hours as well as offering other services.

Invest Healthy Update: Julie and Pam went to Philadelphia and meet with the other agencies to talk about their plan and some of the projects that they are working on, and the ones that they would like to get started on.

Spokane County Report: The Spokane County report was presented by Tim Crowley. Mr. Crowley mentioned that the presentation that was given by City Staff Member Tija Danzig was excellent. It gave a great new perspective on the subject and it also allowed for the County Commissioners to a chance to answer questions.

The County Commissioners were also presented with the work that the CoC has been doing on the 5 year plan. After getting more information on this they now have a better understanding of the plan and felt more comfortable with being part of the plan.

County CHG- Demonstrations grants were signed on Monday - and they are very close to having an agreement with the City and having them administer the grants.

The County is looking to add some new housing options, they are looking at adding 419 new units this will cost just under 75 million.

During the Spokane County report a few more members came in giving the board a quorum. With the board now having enough members to approve any action items.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Before Approval of the CoC Executive could be made Board Member Edie Rice-Sauer had asked if we could change the wording in the CoC Executive Minutes that the CoC had a request from Cendy Wendell who is running for City Council President. She had also asked that the last names be added to Andy Rathbun, and Liz Fleming.

- Motion to approve the CoC Executive Meeting minutes with the above referenced changes, along with the April and May CoC Board minutes Board Member Mark Mattke and Seconded by Arne Woodard.

Coordinated Entry Review:

A discussion about housing inventory, the referral process will be going back out to the subcommittee chairs for further review. How do we prioritize by population? Better and faster is our goal. - How is Diversion going to be integrated into this, diversion will happen first and then we will move on to prioritization?

The Envision Center would be a great place for people to check out and see if they can get services before they become homeless. It would be great if wen people are doing Diversion and asking questions if they can keep in mind what it is that might be being missed at the Envision Center.

Coordinated Entry cannot get everyone housed, but what else can we do to get them help. If a person cannot get on with empowered solutions, how is this being tracked? This is being done through HMIS.

We will be using the data so that we can track and see if this is going to help and what kind of outcomes are coming from this.

Along with doing the coordinated entry piece we need to have a cultural shift. We need to embrace the moment, have a talk with those who are seeking resources and see if all options have been exhausted. How can we have a different way of thinking and how can we help them now, in the moment.

5 Year Plan Review:

Feel like everything is moving forward. - Jan is getting the minute meetings that are around coordinated entry, Diversion as well as referral. Everything is starting to come together. Objective number 5 is more of a data piece and a moment we will be putting this on the back burner. Getting the inventory piece built and then being able to assess the projects that are coming down the pipe line is going to help with putting this together what does this all mean, and what kind of decisions will we see. Hoping to have a draft by the beginning of August.

Action Items:

Review and approve the new applicants to the CoC open board spots.

The first applicant is Chrystal Alderman who has been with Frontier Behavioral Health for 18 years as a member of the Homeless Outreach team and as the Clinical Supervisor. She is interested in being part of the board because she is invested in supporting the homeless population as many ways as she can.

The second applicant is Teresa Michielli who is currently part of the Advocacy team at ALTCEW and has been part of the Lead Staff team for 5 plus years. She would like to be part of the team since helping prevent and end homelessness has been a passion of hers since youth.

- Motion to approve the recommended new board members by CoC Board Member Woodard and Seconded by Mattke.

Announcements:

Refresher on the CoC - We will roll out to everyone since we do have some newer members.

Doctor Bob Lutz - informed the board that there have been 6 confirmed cases of Hepatitis A, the only common denominator is that of being homeless. 800 doses of Twinrix have been given.

With July and August approaching, the smoky season is upon us. Has there been anything done to set up clean air centers for when it gets bad. There has been talks with the City regarding Clean Air Centers. The question was asked on how organizations are providing resources for this.

The talks regarding after Hour Childcare are still happening, should have a plan done by September and then we can run this through the Homeless Family Team first.

New Shelter - We will need to have a conversation about what are the other things that we are doing and how are we going to make this work. Will also need to discuss what Shelter Programs were funded during the 5 year RFP.

Board Member Rice-Sauer would like to reach out to all of the shelter providers and have a conversation with them about the funding that they received vs what they had requested. Would like to add this to the next board meeting Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

The next CoC Board Meeting is scheduled for July 24th at 3:30PM.