

Continuum of Care Board

March 9, 2020

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM

Attendance

- **Board Members Present:** Bridget Cannon, Pam Tietz, Braden Fish, Arielle Anderson, Dale Briese, Michele Harris
- **Staff Present:** Becky Tuno, Niki Madunich

CoC March Agenda Discussion

CoC Board Chair Pam Tietz facilitated discussion of the upcoming March CoC meeting agenda including the following items:

- The scheduled training for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity has been cancelled and will be rescheduled due to COVID19 concerns, voting on items discussed at the February meeting should be postponed until trainings can take place.
- The Coordinated Entry and Moving On Strategy Committees are still working on projects around policies and procedures which must be completed prior to CoC application submission, nothing currently to bring to the board at large.
- The Executive Committee is planning an extended session to discuss recommendations from CoC Effectiveness, Composition and Recruitment workgroup. The extended session should solidify ideas to bring before the entirety of the board.
- Will invite Bob Lutz from SRHD or Mark Springer (an epidemiologist) to speak on COVID19 and help form a unified response. Ongoing weekly meetings are being facilitated by the city. A brainstorming session was held last week at the SRHD but no action plan was finalized. The city may be modelling an action plan for service providers, potentially utilizing House of Charity's model.
- The current standard response seems to be isolating exposed populations but that approach seems unworkable for homeless services providers.
- The board will work toward a backup plan for virtual/teleconference meetings should that become necessary as part of a COVID19 response.
- Built for Zero (BFZ) initiative has a finalized contract and next steps are being identified and are expected to revolve data quality and creation of a functioning real-time by-name list of both the chronic singles and veteran homeless. An April introductory meeting had been planned to identify key players but was cancelled due to COVID19 concerns.
- The March board meeting will be facilitated by Fawn Schott in Pam's absence.
- State senate recently passed a bill regarding modernizing the control of certain communicable diseases, specifically HIV, which will now be included in all blood born pathogen training rather than trained individually. Prevention medications will also be available to anyone 14+ without parental notification and transmission without notification offenses will no longer be prosecuted as felonies.

Homeless Coalition Q&A and Relationship: Board members recently participated in a Q&A panel at a meeting of the Homeless Coalition. As a result, many Coalition attendees expressed an interest in participating in CoC subcommittees, specifically Singles, Veterans and Families. It would be nice to think of ways to better connect with community stakeholders not currently participating or engaging with the CoC. Might it be possible to occasionally hold subcommittee meetings following the Coalition's meeting at the Gathering House? April's stakeholder meeting should also be inclusive of coalition members. Fostering relationships between the Board and the Coalition could help with the development of a more cohesive community plan and align Coalition goals with CoC strategies.

Youth Subcommittee Reengagement Project

The Youth Subcommittee has seen its membership decline since the Anchor Community Initiative (ACI) inception. ACI involvement has taken subcommittee discussion deep into coordinated entry and SPDAT score territory, which has driven away some non-HMIS participating agencies such as Cup of Cool Water and Odyssey. It's important to reengage with this part of the youth service provider community and a 'relaunch' effort is underway toward that end.

Executive Committee Extended Discussion on Governance, Structure and Engagement

Subcommittee representatives present were asked if there were any specific concerns they'd like discussed during the extended executive committee meeting next week including the following:

- Subcommittees should be more formalized and more in line with the larger board including attendance expectations. There was some concern expressed that by putting barriers up for subcommittee participation, it might discourage interest in participation, but it was countered that legitimizing the process and having clear expectations could have the opposite effect and energize the system providers.
- Should subcommittee members have to submit an application and is there any way that subcommittee participation could be incentivized? Would agendas being disseminated prior to meetings encourage participation?
- It might be helpful to distribute a survey to subcommittee members for feedback, especially those whose participation is minimal or absent.
- Committees should have a formalized process through which they could ask for assistance from the larger board and vice versa.
- Board members should be required to participate at the subcommittee level, would it be helpful to have assigned roles or responsibilities for communication back to the board?

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.