

Continuum of Care Board

November 18, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:32 PM.

Attendance

- **Board Members Present:** Pam Tietz, Dale Briese, Sally Pritchard, Jennifer Haynes, Mark Mattke, Teresa Michielli, Angela Chapman, Shannon Boniface, Arielle Anderson, Braden Fish, Andrey Muzychenko, Morgan Koudelka, Mike Dunn, Bridget Cannon, Kim McCollim, Jan Simpson, Edie Rice-Sauer, Dave Singley, Erik Larson, Cat Nichols
- **Staff Present:** Tim Sigler, Kelly Burnett, David Lewis, Tija Danzig, Debra Cato, Heather Newell, Brenda Schreiber
- **Guests Present:** Barry Barfield, Ben Stuckart

Introductions:

Group went around and introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda:

CoC Chair asked if any changes needed to be made to the Consent agenda no changes were brought forward.

Update on COVID-19:

Unfortunately there were no members from the City of Spokane, Spokane County or Dr. Lutz who could provide an update on COVID-19.

City of Spokane Report

1. **Young Adult Shelter (“YAS”) - Site Search Update:** Two more properties for the YAS shelter were being looked at. It was mentioned that some of the sites that were being looked at were around the core of downtown and the City did not want this shelter within the core, and more along the outskirts. City would like to see the County and the City of Spokane Valley step up to help out with housing/locations and not be the entity funding them all.
At the moment the City of Spokane has put a hold on finding a location. We have put in the request to get an extension for these funds. The funds can be used to create new beds for young adults. City Administration and the Mayor’s office are not at the same place at the moment and were not sure if we would be able to get this open in time.
2. **Update on the Mission Shelter** - At this point in time The Salvation Army is going to buy the shelter.
3. **Spokane Regional Governance Group** - This group was brought in for the COVID-19 funds. It was asked why they are now stepping into this process of who should be getting funds. It was mentioned in a briefing that the CoC Board was the one who approved the provider for the Cannon center, when in fact it was the Spokane Regional Governance Group that was involved with this recommendation. The board feels like they need to be put back in the loop of things and that they need to make their voice be heard. Discussion about this took place amongst the board members and it was decided that they need to make their voice heard.
4. **Cannon Site:** The Cannon site is set to open tomorrow afternoon, still waiting for

bed frames and mattress. It will open up to serve 60 people to start with and once renovations have been completed it should serve 80 people. The Guardians Foundation will be operating this site.

5. **CHHS/CoC Board Crossover:** Since the CHHS board has Barry and Jason coming to the CoC board meetings it was decided that the CHHS Board members could provide any information that they would like to the CoC board and take back any information that they would like.
6. **Point-in-Time Count:** going to be changing the methodology on this. Going to ask HUD if we can submit an exception and do a sheltered only count this year. This would mean less volunteers and should be safer for everyone.

Annual 5 Year Plan Review by planning & Implementation Subcommittee:

It has been about a year since we adopted our 5 year plan, and we need to start looking at our performance standards and do a review of where we are at. Sub-Committees will conduct the first review and the committee chairs will do the secondary view. We will need to check in with our subcommittee chairs about this. A standard template has been created for this and should be used for this review.

Board Recruitment/Update:

Application was approved and all positions were looked at to see what were open. There are four (4) open positions at the moment. Information about these positions will be going out to the public and will due December 3rd, 2020.

Announcements:

- Next week the City Council is holding a Virtual Housing Forum.
- City of Spokane has a rolling RFP for warming centers out. At the moment there is no closing date on this.
- City of Spokane to be looking at holding more open RFP's to ensure that all agencies have the time to work on their applications and get them

Meeting Adjourned at 4:27 PM.

The next COC Board Meeting is scheduled for **December 16, 2020 from 3:30-5pm.**