

# Continuum of Care Board

June 23, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:32 PM.

## Attendance

- Board Members Present: Ben Stuckart, Jennifer Haynes, Jan Simpson, Angela Chapman, Andrey Muzychenko Lynsey Romero, Mark Mattke, Pam Parr, Tim Crowley, Dale Brieese, Erik Larson, Bob Lutz, Brian Davenport, Robert Lippman, Pam Haley, Mike Dunn, Jason Campbell
- Staff Present: Kelly Burnett, Debbie Cato, Brenda Schreiber, David Lewis, Matt Davis, Melissa Morrison, Teague Griffith
- Guests Present: Braden Fish, David Sackmann, Julius Henrichsen, Shannon Boniface, Barry Barfield, Arielle Anderson, Jasmin Bower, Cecily Ferguson, Bridget Cannon, Kim McCollim, Sharon Stadelman, Eric Robison

\*\*The Attendance roster listed above may not capture all the individuals that attended virtually if they joined the meeting after it had started due to the limitations of the virtually meeting platform\*\*

## Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the June Minutes made by Board Member Erik Larson and seconded by Angela Chapman.

➤ BOARD MINUTES APPROVED

## Additional Vouchers MOU:

The Spokane Housing Authority was awarded with 224 EHV housing vouchers and is being required to enter into an MOU with the Continuum of Care. The vouchers need to be used for those who go through coordinated entry. These vouchers should be able start being used next week and will start with taking referrals from coordinated entry. The vouchers will work like a regular voucher and will have service monies with them. These can help pay for application fees, utilities, and landlord fees. Voucher recipients will be tracked through CMIS.

Motion to approve the MOU as written and to have Ben sign made by Board Member Dale Brieese and seconded by Pam Haley.

➤ MOTION APPROVED

## Metro Pool Low Income Housing Tax Credits:

9% Low Income Tax Credit - Metro pool that includes five counties. Spokane County to come up with a process on how to elevate these projects; letter was attached to board agenda packet for reference. Some guidelines that must be followed are:

- Must be consistent with the 5-year plan.
- If the 9% is used to build a project, then it must be part of coordinated assessment.

Motion to approve the letter as written made by Board Member Pam Parr and Seconded Pam Haley

➤ MOTION APPROVED

### **FY20 UFA Grant:**

City Staff member Debbie Cato presented the following information to the board and shared her screen with the board via the WebEx format.

- The City of Spokane received the FY20 award with HUD as the collaborative applicant.
- There was no competition for FY20, new awards will start August 1, 2021 and run through 7/31/2022. It looks like there may have been a discrepancy in the number that we got from HUD, but Debbie is working with them on fixing it.

Need to get the grant approved by the CoC board, signed and then get this sent back to HUD.

Motion to have the City of Spokane to accept the funds as the collaborative applicant made by Board Member Parr and Seconded by Board Member Haley.

➤ MOTION APPROVED

### **City Report Out:**

City Staff member David Lewis provided the CoC board with the following information.

- CHHS Department Staffing - Everything is in a flux. Chris Patterson coming in as a special Advisor for the Mayor. There are six vacancies in the department and the timeline to be able to fill these are up in the air as some still need to go through the Civil Service process and tests may still need to be created or held.
- Sheltering Plan - Sent to admin but not sure what is happening with it.
- Way Out Shelter - Closing for renovations and then going to become a bridge housing program.
- Any talks about the cooling center -Looking to open up parks, Ice Ribbon and libraries for people to cool off.
- PIT Count - did not do an unsheltered count - Only did sheltered numbers and shared the results of the count with the board via the WebEx format.
- Intern Update - City Staff Member Brenda informed the board that at this time we were unable to get an intern and will hit up the search again in the fall.
- YHDP Update - City Staff Member Matt Davis provided the group with the following information. YHDP funds can only be awarded to CoC's, new application for the funds needs to be submitted after it has been approved by the board. To get board approval we will need to do an e-vote on the application, if the City of Spokane is selected to receive these funds it is a 2-year commitment and it will get rolled into the CoC.
- CoC funds - There will be a competition for FY2021, at the moment we are not sure when it will be dropped; City Staff Member Becky Tuno will be the project manager for the NOFA.

### **Subcommittee Report - Diversion**

Julius Henrichson the chair of the Diversion Sub Committee provided the board with the following information and shared his screen via the WebEx format.

- What is Diversion - Designed to work with coordinated entry and it is First, Person Centered and creative.
- It is designed to be super-fast - support should lead to a stabilized housing situation within 30 days.
- Person Centered - Use conversation to hear what their goals are and work on a plan to get there instead of making a plan that aligns with the resources available.
- Creative - allow for a creative solution to help with the housing crisis.
- Strength based - all members have their own strengths and resources that they can bring to the table.

- Drafted a proposal to Avista to get help with their CDF program. Was able to get \$50K for a 2 year timeframe but have asked for an additional \$19K to help with training and other aspects of the program.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:56 PM.**

The next COC Board Meeting is scheduled for **July 28, 2021 from 3:30-5 pm.**