

Continuum of Care Board Meeting

June 28, 2023

Meeting start: 3:10pm

Attendance: Robert Lippman, Shannon Boniface, Gage Spicer, Jenn Cerecedes, Daniel Klemme, George Dahl, Samantha Hennessy, Marilee Roloff, Audrie Meraki, Pink, Jenn Morris, Aaron Riley, Judge Logan, Arne Woodard, Eric Larson, Chris Dorcheus, Jennifer Wilcox

Staff: Kimberly Babb, Kimi Clifton, Ted Colley, Zoe Hjelm, Amanda Martinez, Daniel Ramos, Dan Parker

Guests: Dale Briese, Barry Barfield, Nicolette Ocheltree, Chris Harbert, Anthony Renkin, AJ Sanchez, Alex Watson, Suzanne Phillips, Jasmine Bower, Jordan Sheets, Eric Robison

Approval of the May Minutes: MOTION by Gage Spicer, seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, **to approve the May meeting minutes; approved unanimously.**

Approval of the Agenda: MOTION by Gage Spicer, seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, **to approve the Agenda approved unanimously.**

Public Comment: No public comment.

Recruitment: Gabriel Minchow will be interviewed during the July 19th Executive Committee meeting for the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder position. There are still other positions that need to be filled. The positions are listed on the website and will be included in other communications. Providers current members can also recommend people and send Kimberly Babb their info for follow-up.

RFP Committee: Kimberly Babb provided a recruitment update – HUD released the great inventory worksheets for the FY2023 project renewal. HUD also included the YHDP grant that will expire in 2024. We will need to get more youth representation for the RFP committee.

Everyone with lived experience on the RFP committee can receive money for participating which may help recruit people although some do not want the stipend, so it is not required someone takes it.

Currently there are 9 members on the RFP Committee with representation from Spokane Valley, Spokane County, two people with lived experience, one from higher education, one who is a former subject matter expert in our system, and one from the Public Defenders' Office. Ideally, we would have a committee of 12 or 13 people.

PSH Update: Jenny Cerecedes provided an update – the City has been reading through the new guidance but is waiting on some clarification from HUD to see how that might impact the situation with Permanent Supportive Housing Projects. The COC projects are actually only providing the supportive services component of that project and essentially the rent part is being provided by the Housing Authority through Project Based Vouchers. Those Project Based vouchers have HOME funding and HOME has separate requirements for how you can get those vouchers. Currently they have to run a waiting list which it was in direct conflict with our process with Coordinated Entry. So at this point Housing Authority has pulled those projects out of CE into a waitlist process. HUD's guidance communicates that those projects should still be included in CE but there is no guidance on HOME funds so we are still waiting on that clarification so we can make decisions. There are a few options we are

thinking through while we wait but we cannot and will not make a decision about which way to go until we have guidance from HUD that tells us either it's fine to continue as is or that we need to stay in CE.

The initial guidance was just released so we are still waiting for information on the clarification on if this current guidance supersedes the HOME guidance.

Shannon suggested that since the CE guidelines have just been changed to include this, that we should **send out the new guidelines for review and vote via email**, so it is in the minutes and on the books as the CoC having approved this and the Housing Authority already starting to do it.

Some discussion followed.

CMIS Update: Daniel Ramos provided an update. Data transfer to the Anchor Community Initiative was completed but there are some additional pieces coming through in the next week. CMIS is fully staffed and so helpdesk tickets are being completed in real time. The CMIS team is also going to go on a "summer tour" to engage with providers and get a better understanding of the environment data is being collected. **CMIS will send out tour dates to the Board.** Some discussion followed.

CA Staffing: Actively working to fill CHHS Housing Intervention Team program manager position. We are looking to add more positions that aren't necessarily CoC/CA related. **A CHHS Organizational Chart will be sent out later to the Board.**

Veteran's Update: No update.

Families: Building a direct referral network has been built which is smoothing case conferencing. CE is not aligned to include YHDP families who could fall into either system. Daniel Ramos encouraged them to ask him for information regarding the HUD changes dropping in September that will help with that.

Discussion followed.

Singles: Eric Robison said they are still trying to move forward with case conferencing. The first meeting is on 7/10 from 3-4pm. Open question about when to provide input for the 5-year plan? Answer: whenever you have any thought or opinion on how the projects are measured.

Discussion followed.

Youth and Young Adults: Since the data piece was already talked about during CMIS Gage mentioned it might be easier to have the projects report to YYA subcommittee for the chairs to report to the CoC.

Diversion: Doing our training on July 11th and 12th for the community. Sent out the sign-up sheet to various agencies to try to get them to sign up by Friday and then we'll be sending it out to outside agencies and that aren't connected to the COC. SNAP has paid out all CDF funding.

PDA: Nicolette provided an update on the recommendations and will send out the info to the board. A lot of discussion followed.

MOTION by Marilee, seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, **to submit the letter with the additional bullet point that the CoC participate in selecting the CEO for the PDA; approved unanimously.**

MOTION by Marilee, seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, **to submit the letter to the jurisdictions; approved unanimously.**

Motion by Robert, seconded by Gage **to adjourn; approved unanimously.**

Adjourned: 4:59pm

The next meeting of the CoC Board will be held on July 26, 2023, from 3pm – 5pm. (Meeting format and location TBD.)