

Continuum of Care Board

September 20, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at **3:00 PM**.

Attendance/Introductions

- **Board Members Present:** Robert Lippman, Arielle Anderson, Shannon Boniface, Matt Anderson, George Dahl, Jenn Cerecedes, Jen Morris, Pink, Samantha Hennessy, Aaron Riley, Audrie Meraki, Jennifer Wilcox, Marilee Roloff, Reese McMullin, Jen Morris
- **Staff Present:** Kim McCollim, Adam Schooley, Chris McKinney, Zoe Hjelm, Ted Colley
Guests: Nicolette Ocheltree, Jasmine Bower, Rose Stark, Fawn Schott, Dale Briese, Alex Jordan, Heather Wallace, Jen Haynes, Heather Eddy, Suzanne Phillips, LaKedia Davis, Flor Castaneda

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 Agenda:

MOTION by Marilee Roloff, seconded by Jenn Cerecedes, **to approve the September Agenda; unanimously approved.**

Approval of the July Board Minutes:

Approved.

Public Comment:

None.

Collaborative Applicant and Sub/Committee Updates:

Singles - Arielle Anderson: Arielle gave an update on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) vouchers and Coordinated Entry policies and procedures. The Committee is reconnecting with United Way staff to re-visit implementing the Built for Zero (BFZ) program.

Diversion – Jasmine Bower: The Centralized Diversion Fund (CDF) training will be held November 13-14 at Spokane County Resource Center. She will send invitations to agencies. Also please let her know of anyone in other networks who may like to attend.

Veterans - Jennifer Wilcox: Updates were given for the Contract Emergency-Residential Services (CERS) transitional housing program and Goodwill Supportive Service to Veterans and Families (SSVF). Ten more beds will be added to the CERS program which will increase the capability to serve women Veterans. Through SSVF, a new Healthcare Navigator (HCN) position has been added. HCN will assist Veterans, including those experiencing homelessness, access healthcare at the VA medical center and also through community partners. The HCN is newly embedded in the outreach teams.

Families - Amber gave an update Spokane Public Schools (SPS) Homeless Education and Resource Team (HEART) program. The program enables students to sign up for bus passes. There are currently problems with accessing the passes since the students are required to call customer service first before registering online.

Youth - Alex Jordan: Alex discussed; Youth and Young Adult (YYA) CE system coordination. He noted it is a necessity to develop a separate system to directly serve the demographic since there is not equitable representation in the singles system (where they are currently located). He discussed three assessment tools. He noted a plan is being developed for presentation at the October CoC Board and a vote to accept it.

CA update – Kimberly Babb was not in attendance and Adam Schooley presented in her place regarding the update and vote on the 2024 PIT Count Methodology. Adam spoke about the draft 2024 PIT Count Methodology and gave a presentation. He requested a vote from the Board. Marilee motioned for a vote, Arielle seconded, and the Board unanimously approved it.

Spokane Regional Authority - Robert: Robert updated the Board on the most recent meeting which covered jurisdictional representation and Spokane Unite's resolution document presented at the July 18th public meeting and is contained in their proposal package. He noted the meeting will be held on Thursdays, bi-monthly, 3:30pm - 5:30pm at location announced by Spokane Unite on their website or via Spokane Homeless Coalition emails. The meetings are open to the public. He noted the CoC will send two representatives. He and Shannon were selected by the Board to attend.

CMIS Update - Adam Schooley and Matt Anderson: A new data standard for race and ethnicity is being added. Data sharing is merged with Notre Dame project (previously addressed at past meetings). Training support for service provider who don't have service knowledge of the CMIS system is being developed. The City of Spokane Valley is going to be set to correlate to separate housing system.

New Business:

Racial Equity Workgroup – Reese: It's currently listed as "Racial Equity Workgroup" in the CoC Governance Charter. A request for a name change to "Equity Workgroup" is being submitted to Kimberly Babb. The change will be voted on in November. Reese has two asks: 1. Who wants to be in the workgroup? 2. Who is volunteering for outreach? She will send an email to the Board with her asks.

New Board Applicant – Scott Ferguson from Innovia was submitted as a Philanthropy candidate.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 PM.

The next COC Board Meeting is scheduled for **October 25, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 pm.**