

Continuum of Care Board

June 26, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at **3:02 PM**.

Attendance/Introductions

- **Board Members Present:** Reese McMullin, Shannon Boniface, Arielle Anderson, George Dahl, Eric Robison, Pink Varela, Francis Adewale, Samantha Hennessy, Chris Dorcheus, Aaron Riley, Daniel Klemme, Micah Kaluzny, Jennifer Wilcox
- **Staff Present:** Amanda Martinez, Adam Schooley, Cyruz Campos, Lucas Masjoan, Kimberly Babb,
- **Guests Present:** Daniel Ramos III, Nicolette Ocheltree, Barry Barfield

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 Board Minutes:

MOTION by Shannon Boniface, seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, **to approve the May minutes; approved unanimously.**

Discussion and Action Items:

Executive Committee Update: Reese provided an overview of what was discussed including the applicant for K-12, the upcoming local competition, starting regular RFP committee meetings, Youth Shelter closing, timeline for 5-Year Plan.

2024 Point-In-Time Data: Daniel Ramos III presented on the methodology and resulting data from the 2024 PIT Count. Discussion followed.

County Update: Chris Mckinney gave a brief update on getting a monthly or quarterly outreach collaboration meeting. He and Kurt Husler are going to the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference and welcomed any questions people wanted to send with them. Chris also mentioned that United Way is no longer hosting the Anchor Community Initiative, so they have been talking with the City and Flor as well as a few others about taking that on at the County.

Spokane Valley Update: Eric Robison reported that the Valley just finalized a contract with Frontier Behavioral Health for outreach services in the Valley. Related to the 5-Year Homeless Plan, Eric also mentioned there is collaboration between the County, Spokane Valley, and Spokane to work on the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. Eric also mentioned the ACI dilemma and seeing if the Community Colleges could potentially take it on if the County isn't able to. The ACI is important to the community and so we do not want to lose it.

K-12 Board Applicant Vote:

MOTION by Shannon Boniface, seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, **to approve Donna Sharp as the K-12 Education Representative on the CoC Board; unanimously approved.**

City of Spokane/CA Update: Arielle took a moment to remind everyone that there is a monthly outreach meeting and that there is crossover between the teams that are deployed to the County. Arielle then spoke about the local competition for 2024-2025 and the Amanda Martinez spoke briefly about the data that will be used for the ranking. Kimberly Babb joined to share the timeline for the local competition. Arielle offered to send the timeline to the Board.

Arielle then spoke about not putting out a request for proposals for permanent supportive housing and instead leaning into the UFA status to shift funds around to different projects and then preparing for next year. Discussion followed. Reese wants to meet with the RFP Committee before making a final decision on it. More discussion followed and then it was determined that if the RFP Committee makes a decision on the reallocation that they could send that recommendation to the board for a virtual vote with a three-day notice, if necessary.

YHDP Updates: YHDP contract dates are being realigned to match the CoC contracts. Host Homes is being picked up by Catholic Charities, so money isn't left on the table before it closes out. CA will need guidance on if host homes should go back out to RFP in the new cycle or reallocated to a different project.

Current Enrollments Coordinated Entry: Arielle reported that it is going slowly. There is an uptick in Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing but not enough to get all of the dollars out that need to be spent. Arielle is working with providers to better support their efforts. Discussion followed.

Open Board Positions: Reese provided an overview of the positions still open on the board and indicated that there is an application from a potential Native representative. Discussion followed around recruitment.

Sub-Committee/Workgroup Updates: None.

Announcements: Reminder for subcommittee chairs to send Shannon Boniface all 5-Year Plan feedback by July 1.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Jennifer Wilcox **to adjourn; unanimously approved.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:53 PM.

The next CoC Board Meeting is scheduled for **August 28, 2024, from 3:00-5:00 pm.**