

Notes from CoC Board 3/26/25, start time 3:02 PM

- Matt opens up for discussion on the 5 year plan
  - Eric Robison advises re-visiting the plan in an intentional way sooner rather than later, making sure it is a working document.
  - Blake asks if a particular group is tasked with this review
    - Arielle- sub committees is where these conversations should be taking place.
    - Reese suggests this might be a quarterly Executive Committee Topic
  - Aerius had been missing the 5 year plan, but found it
  - Blake moves and Reese seconds adoption of the 5 year plan
    - Passes unanimously
- Matt opens up for discussion relating to the Spokane Business Alliance's surveying of sheltered population
  - This survey was advertised as being supplemental to the PIT count that the CoC oversees
  - A response has been drafted making it clear that this SBA survey is unaffiliated with the PIT
  - In the coming week the SBA will likely publicize their findings and its anticipated that the survey will be released with an indication that people who are homeless are coming from elsewhere and should be returned from where they came from
    - Matt – how do we respond when that comes out?
      - Blake – be familiar with the fact that this survey is not associated with the CoC. Should use this opportunity to educate individuals on what HUD requires. Blake would like to see more long term communication between them and the CoC board group. If the SBA doesn't back off the language with implications of partnership with the PIT then having attorneys draft a cease and desist would be appropriate
      - Ami Manning – publishing something relating to the PIT and the some success stories from our programs to combat the narrative. Feels control of the narrative on this issue has gotten away from us
        - Matt-reporting will be coming out in the next couple of months that might help in this regard. Many people in our community are not familiar with what the CoC is and what we do.

- Blake – Person that gets messaging out sooner helps to control the narrative. Can we put something out proactively
  - Matt - Studies of homelessness have historically shown that people experiencing homelessness are not mobilized in the way that is likely to be portrayed.
  - Alice Aliere – agrees with collaboration and that it could serve a benefit, but curious about the parameters around this in case the partners are not acting in good faith
  - Eric Robison – The SBA represents some important stakeholders in our community and as such we all lose if we have an adversarial relationship. We could put out an olive branch to engage. It's not inappropriate or strange for people to want to know the answer to the question. It would be useful for us to know where people are from.
  - Reese- the letter invites people to engage
  - Arielle – has softened the language in the letter, including a more specific invitation to bring the SBA into the executive committee.
    - Reese moves, Blake seconds to sign and send the revised letter this week
- Kelly Keenan mentions we should put out some information about who we are, what we do, what our priorities and goals/accomplishments are
  - Add this into the retreat agenda.
- Dave and Kelly Presented
  - To be voted on next month
- Reese Moves, Aerius seconds re: Reallocation Policy
  - Blake asked how this would work, Arielle advised that this gives some concrete and objective foundations for decisions and recommendations regarding funding allocation and reallocation
  - Passes unanimously
- Amanda updates
  - PIT repository is not opened up yet
- Arielle updates
  - Working through QPRs
  - Outside of CoC some standards are being established for support for struggling programs, and how much happens before reallocation is pushed to RFP & Evaluation committee
  - QPRs will be explored next month

- LSA is being presented on again by Amanda next month
  - HMIS Committee should be exploring this topic
  - Project Monitoring is beginning, on site monitoring for all programs.
  - This will be the first year that Coordinated Entry will be monitored
    - Looking to do some level setting in our community and establish some best practices
- CoC Retreat
  - Executive Committee met and discussed that a May retreat would work well on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the preference
  - Topics – PR for the CoC, HUD Priorities
- Meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM