

Continuum of Care Board

May 26, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:32 PM.

Attendance

- Board Members Present: Ben Stuckart, Jennifer Haynes, Jan Simpson, Angela Chapman, Michele Harris, Andrey Muzychenko Lynsey Romero, Mark Mattke, Pam Parr, Tim Crowley, Dale Briese, Erik Larson, Bob Lutz, Brian Davenport, Robert Lippman, Bridget Cannon
- Staff Present: Kelly Burnett, Debra Cato, Brenda Schreiber, David Lewis, Cupid Alexander, Matt Davis, Melissa Morrison,
- Guests Present: Braden Fish, David Sackmann, Julius Henrichsen, Shannon Boniface, Barry Barfield, Christopher Dorcheus, Shari DeBerg, Arielle Anderson, Edie Rice-Sauer, Jasmine Bower, Halliee Burchinal

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 May Minutes made by Board Member Dale Briese and seconded by Pam Parr.

- BOARD MINUTES APPROVED

Year 3 HHOS funds:

City Staff Member Matt Davis provided the following background to the group regarding the HHOS program and two key components that affected the performance for these programs.

1. Global Pandemic - baselines that were originally set were no longer good to use during this time.
2. Some of the program specifications and reports were unable to be duplicated by a basic user.

Based on these two components it did not make sense to do a reallocation on the 3rd fund based on performance.

City Staff Member Davis, then went and shared his screen via the WebEx format and showed the dashboard of all the different projects that were in this portfolio. Within this dashboard it shows the different measures that each program type needs to meet within their program type; different program types have different measures. This dashboard was sent out via email to all members with the meeting agenda. It was also noted that some agencies did send a narrative to go along with their performance.

Motion to roll over HHOS funds for year 3 made by Brian Davenport and Seconded by Eric Larson. It was mentioned in the comments that Jennifer Haynes-Harter recused herself from this vote.

- MOTION APPROVED

New CoC Board Member:

The CoC board received an application from Mike Stimson for the veteran lived experience

position. All members had a chance to review the application before the meeting; none of the members had any questions about the application.

Motion to approve Mike Stimson as a new board member made by Pam Parr and Seconded by Jan Simpson.

➤ MOTION APPROVED

HOC Meeting Update:

Catholic Charities had requested help for the area around House of Charity. Within the area people are dropping of food and there is a new non-profit offering showers. There is a need for restrooms, water, refuse and hand washing stations. What can we do in this area; if anyone has an idea or has any questions please send these to Ben or David.

New Voucher Discussion:

New EHV Vouchers are in the system, Ben to work with City of Spokane and the Housing Authority and will write up a MOU that will be ready for the next meeting for conversation. HUD requires the CoC and the Housing Authority to work together to distribute these EHV vouchers.

COVID-19 Update:

COVID-19 update was provided via the chat feature of the WebEx format.

The following information was provided by Bob Lutz:

cases increasing locally but decreasing statewide; vaccination rates statewide 51%, county 42%, surrounding counties < statewide...the next few weeks will be closely monitored with changes in masking for vaccinated persons, confirmation, etc...to another meeting @ 1630.

Correction note was made in the comments of correction - surrounding counties >> statewide rates of dozen.

Funding Allocations - Update

Since the last meeting, the City of Spokane found out that they are not allowed to transfer money from the city grants category that had been previously approved by the CoC Board. There was a misunderstanding on the percentage amount that could be moved. It was originally thought a move of 10% of the total UFA grant award could be moved, but it was 10% of the Budget Line Item ("BLI"). If more than 10% of the BLI is to moved approval from HUD is required before that can be done.

Shelter Plan:

City Staff member David Lewis provided the group with the following information.

- The mission site will be closing the beginning of July for about six months, which means that these beds will not be available for use. Construction will be taking place at this location over the next 6 months and once that has been completed the site will reopen and will continue with the bridge model that it had originally been intended for.
- The City will be releasing an RFP for the Cannon Space; hoping to have this location as a flex space.
- Taking a hard look at hoteling - this will be on a seasonal basis.

- The higher barrier beds have had more beds available, but not a lot of capacity for low barrier beds.

Concerns were raised about the eviction moratorium ending at the end of June, the Mission site will be closing at the same time which will be making 100 less beds available to those in need. It is also concerning that the rental assistance money will not be available till the beginning of July.

CoC Board Chair Ben Stuckart would like to get the Board's approval to write the City of Spokane addressing the board concerns about the eviction moratorium, the Mission shelter closing and possibly using money to purchase a hotel and be reimbursed by FEMA.

Motion for Ben to write a letter to the City of Spokane addressing their concerns made by Dale Briese and Seconded by Erik Larson.

➤ MOTION APPROVED

Sector Report/Learning - Child Welfare:

CoC Board Member Erik Larson shared a PowerPoint presentation via the WebEx format along with the following information.

- Department of Children, youth, and Families - New Agency with the State of Washington and used to be known as DSHS.
- Perform CPS Investigations, Foster Care, Adoption Support and ECEAP.
- People will call in their concern about child mistreatment, someone will take in the information and if it meets the criteria then it will be moved on to a higher level. Intake worker has 4 hours to decide, will screen the information and then it will be determined the correct form of action for this call.
- Talked about the process, how the process works for the call, and the different services that offered through this organization.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:01 PM.

The next COC Board Meeting is scheduled for **June 23, 2021 from 3:30-5 pm.**