



Delaware Continuum of Care Board

May 5, 2021

Agenda

Attendance: C. Casey, J. Bates, P. Witcher, J.A. Smith, S. Metraux, K. Brokenbrough, B. Nauman, D. McKenna, T. Shade, R. Beaman, M. Gibson, R. Messick, D.G. White, M. Rezac, K. Eppiheimer, O. Poindexter, K. Ellis, J. Whitelaw, S. Kent,

Had Staff: R. Stucker, E. Gallaher, F. Lawrence

Meeting Start: 2:06 J. Bates

1. Welcome
2. Approval of March 3, 2021 Minutes
 - Motion: S. Metraux
 - Second Motion: J.A. Smith
3. Governance Update
 - a. Governance
 - i. Meeting tomorrow with sub-committee and DMA 5/6
 - ii. Charter and MOUs are under review
 - iii. Will be brought to the next board meeting for approval
 - b. Racial Justice and Equity
 - i. Talked about COVID19 vaccination hesitancy in the black and brown community
 - ii. Proposed putting together a public forum that will happen in each county to speak about getting the vaccination, provide education, and talk about pros and cons
 - iii. Potentially adding a vaccination partner/station at the event for people to get vaccinated
 - iv. Subcommittee would be formed to make the event happen
 1. R. Beaman to provide contacts of people who has already started a similar initiative
 - a. Anyone interested in being on the sub-committee should contact K. Ellis or P. Witcher



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4. Centralized Intake Committee Update
 - a. Membership Approval Vote
 - i. An eVote will take place once a Sussex rep is identified and someone with lived experience
 - b. New Standardized Assessment Tool
 - c. Standards

5. Connections
 - Filed for Bankruptcy
 - On-going federal lawsuit related to fraud
 - o Currently house 700 units of PSH
 - o About 5 million dollars of CoC funds is allocated to the program
 - Partnership with new entity ([Inperium](#)) to purchase and restructure the program by June
 - Meeting with non-conflicted board members and program admin on 5/18 to discuss funding and technical processes; anyone interested in participating should reach out to HAD staff.

6. COVID Safety Discussion – Shelter Access
 - CoC Board to approve statewide shelter access recommendations
 - CDC does not recommend requiring a negative covid-19 viral test for entry to a homeless services site
 - Discussion:
 - o MOC- Clients are showing up but are not wanting to stay in congregate shelters
 - o Code purple – No COVID outbreaks (173 clients served) at all and only took temperatures, maintained 6 feet distance, and masks
 - o Taking temperature and identifying symptoms is found to be more effective than requiring a test because the virus can remain in the body up to 90 days
 - o Vaccination education should be a priority to get more folks vaccinated
 - o Vaccination should not be a requirement to access shelter
 - o Children and adolescents should be an area of focus for vaccination
 - Next steps:
 - o Outreach to shelters with the new guidance to encourage removing or relaxing restrictions on entering shelter



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- HAD and CoC to host event for congregate shelter staff – Potentially invite DPH to speak
- 7. Executive Session: Scoring Committee Approval
 - Motion: S.Kent
 - Second Motion: M.Rezac
 - Approved with majority vote

Meeting adjourned: 3:42 C.Casey

Motion: P.Witcher Second Motion: B.Nauman