

CoC Board Meeting
Minutes
03/03/2021

Attendance: C.Casey (Chair), J.Bates (Co-Chair), S.Metraux, R.Beaman, B.Nauman, K.Ellis, S.Kent, D.G White, T. Shade, J.Whitelaw, M.Rezac, O.Poindexter, P.Witcher, M.Gibson, J.Cook, R.Messick, D. McKenna, K.Brockenbrough

Board Members Not Present: J.A.Smith

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

Call to Order: Carrie Casey 2:04

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Review and Approve Minutes: 01/06/2021
 - a. **Motion** – K. Ellis
 - b. **Second** – J. Bates
 - c. **Approval** - Unanimous
 - d. **Abstention** - Null
3. CoC Business
 - a. CoC Board Nomination
 - i. Kim Eppehimer – Friendship House
 - **Motion** – B. Nauman
 - **Second** – R. Beaman
 - **Approval** - Unanimous
 - **Abstention** - Null
 - b. CoC Funding
 - i. 2020 CoC Funding Awards
 - 2020 Awards attached to meeting invite
 - CoC Funding page will go live with resources and information soon
 - ii. 2021 Funding Competition Planning
 1. Scoring Committee Membership
 - a. We are in need of more people on this committee. Anyone willing to joining this committee should reach out to Erin ASAP
 - b. Scoring Committee Chair Approval – Devon Manning, DSHA
 - **Motion** – M. Rezac

- **Second** – P.Witcher
- **Approval** - Unanimous
- **Abstention** - Null

c. CoC Governance

i.CoC Standards COVID-19 Update approval

- **Motion** – T.Shade
- **Second** – R.Messick
- **Approval** - Unanimous
- **Abstention** – Null

ii. Governance Sub-Committee Membership

- Committee members: S.Kent, C.Casey, J.Bates, J.Whitelaw, M.Gibson
 - i. Any other interested members to Rachel ASAP
- Reviewed and approved DMA contract
- Will work directly with DMA on recommendations and then report back to the group for input
- DMA will begin reaching out to committee members to set up the meetings

d. Federal Reporting

i.System Performance Measures

- SPM is put forth by HUD to evaluate the CoC system as a whole and to encourage collaboration between funders, local and federal
- Used during the NOFA as a scoring metric for the COC as a whole
- Officially submitted on 3/1/2021, submission data distributed to Board members
 - i. Will be reviewed in greater detail at the System Performance Committee meeting on 3/17/21
 - i. Any Board members interested in attending that committee meeting should reach out to Erin ASAP

i.PIT/HIC

- PIT is completed and surveys are back, data will be shared soon
- HIC data will begin to be collected for housing inventory soon

e. Committee Updates

i.Racial Justice and Equity

- Met 4 times since last board meeting
- Concluding areas of focus will be advocacy, education and collaboration
- Fact sheet from HAD very beneficial as a resource
- February meeting with senators was successful

- Collaborate with orgs who already share the same concerns and already have initiatives out there so that they can be in support
- Thank you to Advocacy and Policy committee for their assistance
- Senator Lockman has proposed source of income legislation (Bill 75)
- Engaged in right to council movements, have drafted bill
- March 25th next meeting

ii. Advocacy and Policy

- Last meeting Feb 17th to coordinate how to work with Sarah and RJ&E committee around legislation and doing advocacy work
- Presented stories on right to council and looking at housing as a justice issue
- Members provided public comment on local and state level
 - Blight bill concerns suggested
- D.G White represented HerStory Ensemble and encourage members to provide funding for right to council as a form of homeless prevention
- National Coalition for the Homeless has 5million masks to distribute across country for those doing street outreach and homeless prevention work, could possibly get masks for Delaware
- Terri recovering from Covid-19 and GoFundMe has been created and any assistance is appreciated
- Artisan Bank does a small loan program that will provide assistance with credit repair to make it easier for

iii. Membership and Nominations

- Feb 23rd first official meeting
- Plans to meet again before next CoC meeting to update the group
- Talked about how to view the board and where the gaps are in membership
- DICH – A conversation with K.Ellis will take place about the transition and if there are any structural processes we can adopt
- Increasing marketing through Youtube, newsletter, and other social media
- Clarifying the roles of voting members vs non-voting members
- Developing a membership development plan that will be reviewed by the group on how to best target the organizations that we should collaborate with

iii. Service Solutions

- Have meeting March 8th to establish goals of this committee
- Anyone interested in this committee should let Erin or Felisha know

iii. Centralized Intake

- Rachel will reach out to M.Gibson for structural planning

4. Project Updates

a. Family Homelessness

- Data collection from CMIS and going to shelter providers to gather information on themes, gaps, and ways forward on this issue

b. Street Outreach

- Came from System Performance committee, CARES act funding to work with Brandywine Counseling on a proposal to provide funding for a statewide outreach program and provide resources for homeless individuals to receive services
- Brandywine will report services into CMIS to begin tracking data

5. COVID-19 Updates

a. Vaccination Planning

- Outreach to congregate shelters to ask if vaccination distribution plans are in place or if more information is needed
- Some shelters are well equipped with vaccination partners and a plan, however, most shelters are finding this coordination difficult
- Contacted Erin Booker from Christiana Care who coordinates their vaccination sites and is willing to contact someone to coordinate vaccination events shelters
 - MOC asked to be a vaccination site as they have multiple locations
 - Has already hosted events for 65+ vaccination
- Focusing on building vaccination confidence for congregate staff and clients
- Drafted letter to send out advocating for the J&J vaccine for homeless population

b. Rental Assistance

- Between a year ago and now we have gotten 14 million in rental assistance
- 200 million in rental assistance coming to Delaware and will re-open in March
- New application portal that tenants and landlords will be able to access
- Still taking applications to resolve eviction cases
- Max is now 15 months of arrears and forward rent
- Working on a website and logo for the program to better promote the program

c. Hotel/Motel Sheltering

- Total intake of 2,000 individuals
- Most locations are still full but some diversion has taken place
- Stabilizing in the number of referrals that are being received
- Sussex is really struggling with space, beach season is forcing hotels to remove people
- Have 850 rooms= 1200 people and 400 children
- 64 Rooms at the Hope Center
- Trying to meet mental health and other needs of clients

6. Announcements

c. Upcoming Trainings

- Updates will be sent on dates and times
 - i. Vaccine Hesitancy
 - ii. Landlord Engagement (RRH only)
 - iii. Housing First

b. Other

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00

- **Motion** – T.Shade
- **Second** – P.Witcher
- **Approval** - Unanimous
- **Abstention** – Null

Minutes submitted by F.Lawrence