

Housing and Services Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14th, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Housing and Services Committee was called to order by Lindsay Kellner on January 14th 2024 at 11:02am via GoToMeeting.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Present: Brandon Kyker, Gina Zinck, Jayona Sayachack, Lindsay Kellner, Nada Lunsford, Julie Davis, Nancy Lawin, Carly Wagner, Bill Meath

Bill from Society of St. Vincent de Paul introduced himself to the group. He is the former treasurer for the CoC and has a few rental properties himself.

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. December meeting did not record, so no meeting minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment

- a. None.

4. Old Business

- a. **PADs Shelter Update:** Gina updated the group to let them know that currently there are 55 people total in the shelter, and that is comprised of Men, Women and Children.
- b. **Home of the Sparrow Shelter Update:** Lindsay updated the group letting them know that currently in the Home of the Sparrow Shelter there is a total of 27 people, 12 adults and 15 children.
- c. **Cold Weather Program:** Gina Updated the group that as of the meeting date, the cold weather program had helped 45 unduplicated individuals and counting. Gina mentioned that she started the program November 29th as the first cold day and that it was a cold December so they are going through funds quickly. Currently all clients in that program are doubled up to try and save as much money as possible. It was mentioned that some people are not appropriate for the hotel for a variety of reasons, and how do we handle those clients? Gina mentioned that in Chicago they are using Backpack Tents, that are light weight and portable for those who are not in hotels in the cold. Gina mentioned that these Backpack Tents cost about \$150 each and if the CoC could come up with funding to have those on hand to hand out to those who are not appropriate for the hotels. There were some concerns regarding how cold those tents could handle, but it was brought up that they are used in Chicago and can handle our winters.

5. New Business

a. Landlord Engagement Program

i. Landlord MOU

1. It was mentioned that the landlord MOU was sent out to partners for feedback, at the time of this meeting no feedback was given. Gina reported that she will look at it further, and Bill asked for an MOU to review since he is new to the committee. Brandon mentioned he looked at the MOU and had no concerns and thought it was good.

ii. Policies and Procedures

1. Policies and procedures were tabled during this meeting due to needing more work done and to ensure meeting time did not go over allotted time frame.

iii. Feedback from Landlords

1. Bill had mentioned there were landlord's he knew that he would talk to after getting some clarity regarding the program. Nancy had mentioned that her feedback she received from landlords was questions regarding if an agency can cosign a lease, or how a tax write off would work for "donating" missed rent from clients. Lindsay had asked everyone to continue to talk to landlords if they hadn't to get more feedback.

6. Member Announcements

- a. None.

7. Adjournment

- a. Brandon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Gina seconded the motion.

Next Scheduled Meeting: 2/11/2025 from 11:00am-12:00pm