

Aug. 5, 2021 - CoC Steering Council minutes

Attendees: See attached roll call sheet.

1.0 Welcome and Intros

Liz Heneks called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval 6/3/21 and 7/1/21 steering council minutes

Sue Rose motioned to approve 6/3/21. Jane Dorfner seconded. The motion carried.

Bill Meath motioned to approve 7/1/21. Liz Heneks seconded. The motion carried.

3.0 Public Comment

None.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 HMIS/Coordinated Entry/Built for Zero Updates

Gina Zinck said one permanent supportive housing site became available through Thresholds and has been filled. They are working through Built for Zero data and will continue for awhile. A ranking tool is being worked on and is close to being available for review. A revised MOU has been sent to the VA and is awaiting signature.

4.2 Unified Funding Agency Update

Andrew Stuckey said Steering Council was asked to take a close look at policies to fine tune it. The UFA would be slated for 10/1 and not 9/1 as previously discussed. Andrew said funding would help back date for any gap. The county board is slated to discuss an assignment of a board member to liaison with the CoC. This would be an ex-officio member without voting rights.

Liz Heneks said this does impact the county and the CoC in a lot of ways and encouraged others to review the documents. Laura Franz said that perhaps a smaller group should get together to discuss and comb through the documents. Bill Meath said the rubric changes and shouldn't be held permanent within this document. There was a general consensus that this needs to be addressed quickly, and likely that a smaller group would be better equipped to solidify things.

4.3 Unified Funding Agency Policies and Procedures

Discussed above

4.4 CoC Full Board Presentations strategy

Andrew Stuckey said there was discussion to determine who best to provide presentations at previous meetings. Jane Dorfner said there was discussion of whether CoC members or non-CoC members

should be chosen. Sue Rose said she didn't care as long as they provided a service pertinent to McHenry County. Liz Heneks said there's value in looking at who we have had already, and who might be good within the CoC and the community at large. Bill Meath asked whose committee this comes under. Sue Rose said she's not sure we need presenters every month and instead go by need. She said it may make sense for the community awareness committee to take on this function. Liz Heneks said if a person sees a need, they could be the person to seek out and find the speaker. Bill Meath said making the remainder of the CoC aware of that approach would be necessary.

4.5 CoC In-Person meetings: Location, COVID resurgence and Open Meetings Act

At last CoC meeting we spoke about having quarterly hybrid meetings, on site at the Mental Health Board and virtually. The MHB doesn't have room for September, and noted hybrid meetings are difficult in the space. Andrew Stuckey said the county could potentially offer the space in September but wouldn't want it to be ongoing. He said Gov. Pritzker has not extended the alleviation of the Open Meetings Act, which means you can't count virtual members toward a quorum. Sue Rose said she's not comfortable going to an in-person meeting in September and said she doesn't believe we should adhere to the Open Meetings Act since we are not a formal organization. Others said their organizations may be advising them on whether they can or cannot gather. There was more discussion about whether we are obligated to abide by the Open Meetings Act. The recommendation would be to get an expert recommendation.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Community Awareness Committee Outreach and Press Release

Andrew Stuckey said there's a draft press release in the meeting packet for an annual appeal for members. Bill Meath made a motion to move this forward to the full CoC. Laura Franz seconded. The motion carried.

6.0 Review and Approval of 8-19-21 full CoC board meeting agenda

Bill Meath said we need to add people from the full board to participate in the work group to review the UGA policies and procedures. Discussion about presentations need to be included as well. Sue made a motion for approval with additions. Laura Franz seconded. The motion carried.

7.0 Member Announcements

Housing Authority still has a lot of money available for rental assistance.

8.0 Adjourn

Bill Meath motioned to adjourn. Jane Dorfner seconded. The meeting adjourned 3:23 p.m.