

Jan. 13, 2022 - CoC Steering Council minutes

Attendees: See attached roll call sheet.

1.0 Welcome and Intros

Kathrine Violetta called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval 12-2-21 steering council minutes

Laura Franz motioned, Brandon Kyker seconded. The minutes are approved. Bill Meath was the only abstention.

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Naming members to the Governors Hometown Council

Brandon Kyker said the county is still fielding interest. Laura Franz said Sam Tenuto had expressed interest. Brandon said he would follow up with Sam on that.

4.2 HMIS/Coordinated Entry/BFZ Updates

Bianca Gonzalez said a report has been submitted. There's been six new entries, all of which are homeless veterans. Gina Zinck said coordinated entry is going smoothly, and has started the cold weather program with Hope Takes Action.

4.3 People in Need Forum Representation and Update

Brandon Kyker said he ordered some CoC swag, however, the forum is now virtual. Kathrine Violetta asked if there was an opportunity to give items to different agencies to give away to people. Brandon said he will be overseeing the CoC portion of the event, but would like another person to help. Kathrine agreed to help.

4.4 PIT Count

Laura Franz said there was a PIT committee meeting yesterday and the plan is to move it to Feb. 18. HUD gave ability to move it due to COVID concerns. Gina Zinck read the report from Sam Tenuto confirming all this. If HUD does not allow it, the count would be Jan. 21.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Letters of Support Request from Veterans Path to Hope

Laura Franz asked for support letters and they were written in advance. They will be brought forward

to the full meeting later this month.

5.2 Membership Committee

Brandon Kyker said he and Kathrine Violett suggested maybe offering a brief overview of committees in case others want to become involved.

5.3 CoC Bylaws – Open Meetings Act/New CoC Website

Brandon Kyker said the new website is fully up and running. He said agendas, minutes and recordings would go through the new website in the future, which would remove some of the county's concerns about Open Meetings Act requirements. Sue Rose said anything we can do to make meetings accessible is a good thing, and that moving away from Open Meetings Act requirements would be good.

5.4 2022 Meetings – How to meet

Kathrine Violett questioned whether we should be remote or hybrid. Sue Rose said she believes we should wait to even try to schedule any in-person meetings. There was consensus among the group to continue remotely.

5.5 Coordinated Entry Case Consultation/HMIS and Coordinated Entry Operational Meetings

Kathrine Violett said training is something she is hopeful to complete. Hans Mach said that training would likely happen in March. Gina Zinck said coordinated entry case conferencing is taking place in a group setting.

5.6 Finding Presenters for full board meetings

Kathrine Violett said in the past the presentations have been mostly from current members. Sue Rose said it may be helpful to have presenters from places such as DHS about food stamps or other programs many of our clients use. Hans Mach said info from the specialty courts might be beneficial.

6.0 Review and Approval of 1-22-21 full CoC board meeting agenda

Laura Franz motioned with discussed changes. Jane Dorfner seconded. The motion carried.

7.0 Member Announcements

Hans Mach said Brandon Kyker is now a permanent development specialist at the county. On Wednesday the CDHG committee met and made recommendations for HOME funding. He spoke about funding given to a 53-unit affordable housing project in McHenry.

8.0 Adjourn

Bill Meath motioned to adjourn. Hans Mach seconded. The meeting adjourned 3:10 p.m.