

March 2, 2023 - CoC Steering Council minutes

Attendees:

Sam Tenuto – Present
Elizabeth Heneks – Present
Bill Meath – Present
Kathrine Violet – Absent
Brandon Kyker – Absent
Aaron Neal – Present

Andrew Turner – Absent
Lillie Prince – Absent
Kya Hays – Present
Gina Zinck – Present
Laura Franz – Present
Joseph Davis – Present

Sue Rose – Present
Mike Neumann – Present
Anneliese Thurston – Present
Lou Ness – Present
Aimee Knop – Present

1.0 Welcome and Intros

Sam Tenuto called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Lou Ness introduced herself as a member of the McHenry County Board. She said there are more and more questions coming up regarding homelessness in the county and suggested she might be a good liaison to the CoC.

2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

2.1 Feb. 2, 2023 – Steering Council

Sue Rose motioned to approve minutes. Gina Zinck seconded. The motion carried.

3.0 Public Comment

Lou Ness asked if the CoC is subject to the Open Meetings Act. Sue Rose indicated we are not.

4.0 Old business

4.1 HMIS/Coordinated Entry/BFZ Updates

Joe Davis said he finally heard back regarding in person training for HMIS. The county is looking at two May dates for the trainings. He said the county is also looking to potentially create some customized reporting. He indicated PIT Count info was completed and will be distributed to agencies.

Liz Heniks said she would like to see and review data being used to score funding applications. She said often the numbers generated don't match internal data.

Gina Zinck said coordinated entry has provided housing to three new clients. She said Built for Zero data looks good. Sue Rose asked if Gina Zinck has used the resource directory on MCHA's website. Gina said they often use it.

4.2 Gaps and System Updates

Sue Rose said cost of rent is leading to past due rent funding being used up quickly. Sam Tenuto said given current state of things seems to indicate we won't get out of the high rents anytime soon. Sue also indicated utility assistance dollars also are being spent quickly.

Lou Ness said the county has agreed to create an affordable housing workgroup at the county level. She said she doesn't know if the county board members fully understand the potential fallout should some additional funding not become available. Kathrine Violetta said she would like to work on something regarding this.

4.3 Strategic Planning Committee

Kathrine Violetta said she wants as many people at the meeting as possible, rather than virtual. These will start Tuesday, March 7.

5.0 New Business

5.1 IDHS Homelessness Prevention Funding

Sam Tenuto said he will ensure members are sent emails regarding this potential funding.

6.0 Review and Approval of March 16, 2023 full CoC board meeting agenda

Kathrine Violetta motioned for approval. Bill Meath seconded. The motioned carried.

7.0 Member Announcements

Sam Tenuto said he seems to be hearing more people discuss and understand some of the resources and programs provided by the CoC.

Liz Heniks said she had some info from Brandon Kyker regarding potential funding coming to the county. She would send it to Sam Tenuto who would help to distribute it to the CoC as a whole.

8.0 Adjourn

Kathrine Violetta motioned to adjourn. Sue Rose seconded. The meeting adjourned 2:49 p.m.