

# McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness

## Steering Council Agenda – June 8, 2022



**Meeting location:** McHenry County Administration Building – Conference Room (Second Floor)

**To attend virtually:** <https://www.gotomeet.me/CDDivision/coc-steering-council-meeting-2022>

**To attend by phone:** 1-872-240-3212      **Access code:** 663-185-997

- 1.0 Welcome and Intros
- 2.0 Review and Approval of May 5, 2022, CoC Steering Council meeting minutes
- 3.0 Public Comment
- 4.0 Old Business
  - 4.1 HMIS / Coordinated Entry / Built-for-Zero
  - 4.2 Shelter Inventory Status
  - 4.3 CoC – Steering Council & Board Meetings
- 5.0 New Business
  - 5.1 Neighbors in Need – Client Stories
  - 5.2 Upcoming CoC Competition and Review
  - 5.3 Homeless Equity Data
- 6.0 Review and Approval of June 22, 2022, CoC Full Board meeting agenda
- 7.0 Member Announcements / Success Stories
- 8.0 Adjournment

# Steering Council – May 5, 2022

## 1. Welcome and Intros (attendance sheet is attached)

Kathrine Violetta called meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

## 2. Review and Approval of April Steering Council minutes

Kathrine Violetta noted her name was spelled wrong throughout the document. Laura Franz motioned with the requested change. Brandon Kyker seconded. The motion carried.

## 3. Public comments

None

## 4. Old business

### 4.1 HMIS/Coordinated Entry/BFZ update

Joe Davis spoke about HMIS and that he is now the admin of the system. He's continuing to learn about the system. Gina Zinck said she is attending the BFZ conference next week. She hopes to bring back new ideas and hoping to get to the functional zero goal. Discussion centered around capacity within our housing programs, and some of the requirements for each.

### 4.2 CoC Competition results

Brandon Kyker our score was 126.5. He said he will be meeting with other CoCs to compare to see if we can determine reasons we lost points. We scored well on Covid procedures, ranking and funding. The CoC coordination and engagement processes lost some points. He also said certain data report might need to be looked at to help with this. Overall we did better than in the past.

### 4.3 Final PIT count results reports

There were 11 unsheltered homeless counted this year due to the PIT count coordinating with the Empower Shower. Kathrine Violetta thanked the county for the work on this report.

### 4.4 Rental and Mortgage Assistant Update

Brandon Kyker said Housing and Services Committee is running and they are looking whether hotels or a shelter space is needed for very poor weather during the winter. Gina Zinck said the numbers show a full shelter doesn't seem like the right plan, however, they would continue monitoring in this moving forward.

Sue Rose spoke to some of the programs available at MCHA for residents in need of rental or mortgage assistance.

Gina Zinck spoke to emergency hotel funding available from a variety of sources. There was discussion that some of the funding is earmarked for cold weather funding, however, some funding is available in case of issues with the hot weather.

## 5.0 New Business

### **5.1 ESG Funding Packet**

Brandon Kyker said he will need to complete the CoC application before the agencies will receive their full application packets.

### **5.2 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFO**

Brandon Kyker said there's \$72 million available from HUD for 25 communities. The deadline to apply for communities is June 28, which likely can't be completed by the CoC this year. Brandon said it's unlikely the county could complete that this year, but with proper preparation, we may be able to do so next year.

### **5.3 HOME-ARP meetings**

Brandon Kyker said he's met with many agencies to capture feedback and learn more about what's needed in the community. He will be talking about the survey and feedback at these upcoming meetings. Kathrine Violet wants this document to be a tool to use for strategic planning.

## **6 Review and approval of CoC full board agenda May 19, 2022**

Kathrine Violet wanted Gina Zinck's snapshot housing report added, as well as some of the meeting minutes not listed in the current draft. Brandon Kyker motioned. Sue Rose seconded. The motion carried.

## **7 Member announcements**

Brandon Kyker said a National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference takes place in July. Registration and airfare reimbursement to attend those meetings will be randomly chosen for two people to attend this conference. He will send out that information via email after today.

## **8 Adjournment**

Sue Rose made a motion to adjourn. Jane Dorfner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

## 5.1 - Client Stories

### Story #1

Former client arrived at PADS in December of 2019, after being kicked out of their home with nowhere to turn. Client was 19 years old and had no idea what they were doing. Client had been diagnosed with depression, anxiety, and struggled with alcohol and substance abuse. Client was at PADS for almost ten months due to COVID shutting everything down, and during their time at PADS they accomplished so much! They grew as a person, were able to work on and maintain sobriety, rebuilt relationships with family members while creating new relationships with peers, transitioned into an independent living facility, and agreed to begin therapeutic services. Client opened up to staff about themselves, their past, and their relationships and became comfortable around PADS, so much as to even show new clients the ways of the shelter. Client and I worked together on setting realistic goals and figuring out the steps needed to achieve them. Client struggled here and there but was able to work hard and achieve each of their goals by the time they left PADS.

Personally, I cannot imagine where this client would be without PADS or without having someone taking the time to listen to this client. This client was a bright, thoughtful, creative, and nice individual, who would go out of their way to help others before worrying about themselves.

About seven months after them leaving PADS, I was shopping at Walmart and ran into this former client and they were excited to tell me that they were still working on certain goals and was doing well! I was overjoyed to hear this and wished them the best!

### Story #2

Tari called of the 1st of December, living in her car for a year and afraid it was going to be repossessed. Three appointments for intake later, she finally arrived on December 9th. Tari's face was chapped from the cold and her car piled high past the windows with her life for the last year. Anxious and apprehensive, she came in and made her bed. It took a few days of sitting and watching before she was ready to shower. A few more days and Tari's routine took shape; where she sat for breakfast, selfcare and sleep.

After two weeks of meeting with her case manager, Tari was able to confess the depression that weighed on her and eventually was the cause of her homelessness. She continued forward with the help of case management, surprised at the resources available to her, and revisited previous medications. Tari was as gentle and sweet as she was quiet. The children at the shelter quickly took to Tari and her to them. She continued developing relationships at the shelter. By Christmas, we would see Tari assisting other clients in decorating the Day Room and smiling.

Tari continued moving forward in the new year, obtaining an ID and applying for medical assistance/insurance. In early February, Tari developed a plan for continuing her medications and beginning therapy.

Early March, Tari was given an opportunity to move into an independent group home in Pioneer Center's Behavioral Health Residential program. As she was taking this next step forward, Tari expressed she was nervous, but grateful. As she was leaving on the next step in her journey, Tari hugged each of us, smiling and said, "I'm so happy I came to PADS." Tari is still thriving, independently.

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## Full Board Agenda – June 22, 2022



Meeting location: McHenry County Administration Building – Conference Room (Second Floor)

To attend virtually: <https://meet.goto.com/CDDivision/coc-full-board-meeting>

To attend by phone: **1-669-224-3412**      Access code: **116-042-629**

1.0 Call to order

2.0 Roll Call and Guest Introductions

3.0 Public Comment Period

4.0 Presentation

4.1 Association for Individual Development – Alejandra Gutierrez

5.0 Consent Agenda Items

5.1 Approval of the 4/21/22 Full Board meeting minutes

5.2 Approval of the 5/19/22 Full Board meeting minutes

6.0 Consent Agenda – For Discussion Items

7.0 Old Business

7.1 HMIS / Coordinated Entry / Built-for-Zero

7.2 Shelter Inventory Status

7.3 Community Awareness Committee

7.4 CoC – Steering Council & Board Meetings

8.0 New Business

8.1 Upcoming CoC Competition and Review

8.2 Homeless Equity Data

9.0 Open Forum

10.0 Member Announcements

11.0 Motion to Adjourn