

October 6, 2022 – CoC Steering Council Minutes

Attendees:

Sam Tenuto – Present

Liz Heneks – Present

Kathrine Violet – Present

Bill Meath – Present

Laura Franz – Absent

Aaron Neal - Present

Andrew Turner - Present

Lilli Prince - Present

Kya Hays - Absent

Brandon Kyker – Present

Hans Mach – Present

Joseph Davis – Present

Gina Zinck – Present

Sue Rose – Present

Mike Neumann – Absent

Anneliese Thurston – Absent

Hans Mach - Present

Kristin Miller – Present

Noelle Dodge - Present

Habacuc Rico - Present

1.0 Welcome and Intros

Sam T called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval 8-8-22 steering council minutes

Sue R motioned to approve minutes with changes. Liz H seconded. The motion carried.

3.0 Public Comment

None.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 HMIS/Coordinated Entry/BFZ Updates

Joe D reported on HMIS system. Not too much to report. Some training took place with Home of the Sparrow new staff. Please reach out to Joe D and Gina Z for all new staff needing training. Canned reports not pulling correctly. He is working on that issue and if anyone has run into issues with reports, please reach out to Joe D.

Gina Z said that Joe D has some great training tools that he put together a workbook that is handy for the HMIS system input. She said Joe D is working on getting the Board approved new questions to be put on the VI/SPDAT. Pioneer Center has started to take some referrals to the group homes. Two people were taken from by name list and now have housing. Thresholds had a client also placed in a scattered site as well. Veteran's Path to Hope, housed a large Veteran's family on TBRA program. Home of the Sparrow also housed another large family. People are moving from the By Name List and into housing. Around 60 people are on the full homeless client list. Not all clients qualify for the By Name List. The Veteran By Name List is at about 10.

Getting to BFZ, we are making great strides in developing the Team for reducing Veteran homelessness. Coordinated Entry works by putting people on a waiting list, not necessary does everyone qualify for the By Name List.

4.2 Gaps and System Updates

A significant amount of 5 day notices are being sent to people who are losing their housing. This may be opening a more serious situation in the county. The HUD-Vash vouchers are no longer available. Sue Rose talked about the Housing Authority also seeing more people coming to them because folks didn't plan for when the moratorium on evictions was lifted. Gina confirmed what the Housing Authority is seeing. People who had 100% of their rent paid over anywhere from 12-18 months didn't plan for when the money ran out. Case management could have worked with clients to plan Supports are critical for these programs. Elizabeth talked about how the rents have been increased by landlords on some of these properties and these are now priced out of the affordable market. Sue says she is seeing 1-bedroom apartments going for

\$1400 and doubts the landlords will be decreasing the rents. This is going to be a problem in our county.

Sam T asked if there is still a hiring issue for service providers to fill positions. Liz did talk about how the jobs to be had people need to make even more money to afford the rents. Tight market for rentals, jobs that make a livable wage much less other items like childcare, gas, groceries.

Noelle was at a meeting about wages when she isn't making much in her profession as well. Many are struggling in the community – including our social service provider staff. She wants to know if CoC can work with Workforce Development and Consumer Credit to help with the income streams and planning for those who are entering the workforce how to be “on their feet”. This discussion needs to be moved to the Housing and Services committee.

Sue R talked about the COVID money coming from the Fed fast and furiously and there wasn't time to plan and the push was to spend the money. Kathrine had asked about if Warp Corp was supposed to be doing Case Management. Brandon talked about the transition of Warp Corp and how some of these pieces got lost. We need to look at how this was put together.

Sue R talked about 2 case managers to the 1000 people it would be impossible to deliver functional case management. Sam talked about looking at our funding and how to systematically look at what providers are doing and ways we can assist and/or look for other partners to deliver if one agency is having difficulty. Sue R talked about these support systems having a change of mindset – money being spent versus case management being in place so that clients are more successful. We need to educate the funders on the importance of case management for client success. Gina talked about hiring crisis at Pioneer: pay more money to line staff, hard to attract for positions, new staff don't stay long, etc.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Strategic Plan

Kathrine V will be chairing the committee and is looking for some Board members to assist with this effort.

5.2 Point in Time Count

Sam T said this process worked well last year. The Street County was done for 2022. We may not need to do a Street Count in 2023. Sam would recommend that we do especially based on the Gaps and Service. Sam will be chairing this effort. Gina stated that she thinks even if we are NOT required to do a Street Count, but that HUD would be in favor of us doing it. Hans said that Street Counts are required in the odd numbered years, so we will need to do that again. Sam asked if there was an Empower Shower during January, we can try to combine both efforts at that event. Sam T is suggesting January 20th as the date and January 27th as the alternate date. He will make the recommendation to the full Board on this. Brandon said there is still some funding from MCC to help with this.

6.0 Review and Approval of Sept. 15, 2022 full CoC board meeting agenda

Changes discussed during the meeting were made. Bill M motioned to approve the amended agenda. Kathrine V seconded. The motion carried.

7.0 Member Announcements/Success Stories

Gina Z - PADS shelter is going for their CARF accreditation.

Brandon K - Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead applications are open now until November 1st.
Hans M - CDBG & Home funding applications rounds are open now until January 4th.
Sue R - announced that the Housing Authority is moving to Crystal Lake as of November 17th.
Noelle – The Break is having an open house. The Break provides services that bridge the gap between social services and schools.

8.0 Adjournment

Brandon motioned to adjourn at 3:03. Sue R seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathrine Violet