

COC Meeting

Minutes

7/11/2022

3:00PM

Present: Julianna Simms, Ajeenah Sharif, Erica Johns, Brandi Scott, Danielle Otte, Ashley Tabor, Carey Addison, Erin Wallace Wimsatt, Michael Crenshaw, Shane Schattler, Vanessa Williams, Mary Frances Schafer, Lisa Sutton, Samantha Dearing, Miranda Kallage, Andy Patterson, Randall Webber, Julia Drake, Joe Hamilton, Greer Hannan, Gail Nall, Michael Ross, Evelyn Woock, Susan Buchino, Nora Inman, Tony Cecil, Tamara Reif, Amy Meredith, Rae Martin, Andrea Miller, Nina Mosely, Cindy Read, Laura Winfrey, David Calzi, Mary Luke Noonan, Samuel Carroll, Kim Letevac, Andrea Mayberry, Mark Stanton, Will King, Teshana Brown, Alan Watts, Cindy Brown Kinloch, JaDora Parks, Nolan Nelson, Natalie Harris, Mindy Burden, Monica Wright.

Anthem Training Series: Danielle discussed the Community Table training series taking place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month for the next 12 months from 12pm to 1pm. Registration is required. The series will cover topics such as advocacy, self-care, serving special populations, etc. For more information visit www.louhomeless.org/community-table

Monitoring Update: Ashley updated the COC by noting the that monitoring notices have been sent for the fiscal year with changes. Among the changes, Ashley will be running the HMIS APR and will also be reviewing racial equity data. She made a note that this information will not be scored but will be used for gathering baseline info to consider future trainings on how to improve racial equity outcomes.

Exodus Family Ministries: Shane Schlatter of Exodus Family Ministries Drop-in Center provided an introduction. He discussed the work being done on the drop-in center including outreach work, renovations and facilities offered - including a clothes closet, laundry area, and restrooms to those in need.

Wayside Transportation Program: Nina Mosley discussed the Wayside Transportation Program and provided info. She noted this service is available for individuals experiencing mental difficulty or parents with small children that may not be able to use other transportation services. She outlined various procedures for enlisting this service including scheduling requirements and masking. Brandi will provide handouts on various transportation programs offered by Wayside.

CES Survey: Carey Addison presented the Common Assessment survey results and plan for VI-SPDAT replacement. Carey noted there are plans to use the results to help transform the common assessment and to develop ways to improve coordinated entry. Pros from the survey results included:

- Common Assessment is a very open system that can be accessed easily by anyone in need.

- Good communication and collaboration.

Common Assessment challenges included:

- Timing and availability of housing.
- Representation of young adults.

Carey is hopeful to be moving forward with various changes including a new assessment to work with and moving away from VI-Spidat. He noted that he will continue to look at existing questions and other priorities with a goal to be simpler and more streamlined.

COC Membership Renewal- Brandi discussed the COC membership renewal and noted to expect documents within the coming weeks. The renewal will be a two-part process. She also noted that as part of the Coalition's equity plan we will be asking for basic demographic information on staff and board members with the purpose to improve our outreach to black led organizations.

Further actions will include CoC policies that must be signed.

HUD Special NOFO- Brandi provided updates on the Special NOFO. Her notes included:

- COC supplements to address unsheltered and rural homelessness.
- This is a one-time opportunity from HUD.
- Funding will be renewable in future competitions for various project types. (PSH, RRH, Coordinated Entry, COC Planning and HMIS.)
- Points will be awarded based on 2019 PIT counts.
- Funding awarded by COC. Must have PSH or RRH where more than half are funded through other sources than COC or ESG programs and also utilize health care resources.
- Next steps- inquiry into projects for application.

Upcoming Regular NOFO: Brandi's updates on the regular NOFO included:

- Date is unknown, but anticipate it being soon.
- It is unknown if the Special NOFO will impact the amount to funding available for both regular and DV bonus projects.

Next Meeting:

Next standing meeting is October 3, 2022.

Brandi adjourned the COC meeting noting that there will be special meetings called once the NOFO is released to discuss those requirements.

**Respectfully Submitted,
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