

Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

October 19, 2023

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Mission Statement

Central MN CoC is committed to building strong partnerships and being collaborative in our strategic planning efforts to improve our homeless response system. We strive to maximize access to funding and resources to assist in finding homes for all individuals and families who are at the greatest risk of being excluded from necessary services.

Vision Statement

Central MN CoC envisions a community committed to racial equity in which everyone has a stable permanent home and the support and resources needed to maintain it.

In Attendance

- Amy Carter (attended)
- Jennifer Walker (attended)
- Jenny Erdmann (attended)
- Lori Gudim (absent)
- Maria Essman (absent)
- Marlana Jasch (attended)
- Matt Viney (attended)
- Michele Fournier (attended)
- Rachel Zetah (attended)
- Shirwa Adan (resigned)
- Tammy Moreland (absent)
- Tim Poland (attended)

Call to Order

1. Welcome & Call to Order All
8 Board Members attended the meeting. Quorum reached at 9:05am

Inspiration

- Volunteer All
"The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply." ~Stephen R. Covey

Business

1. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion? *No additions to the agenda.*
2. Approve Consent Agenda (9:10 AM) Amy Carter
 - a. October 19, 2023 Agenda
 - b. September 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
 - c. September 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes*Motion to approve Oct 19th agenda, Sept 21st & 26th minutes: approved by Jennifer Walker, seconded by Marlana Jasch. No opposition.*
3. Accept Shirwa Adan's Resignation (9:12 AM) Amy Carter
Board received a resignation letter from Shirwa Adan. Board approved Shirwa's resignation. Approved by Marlana Jasch, seconded by Jennifer Walker. No Opposition. "Jiminy Crickets"
4. Approve Revised CoC Charter & Bylaws (9:15 AM) Amy Carter/Tim Poland
Motion to approve the Central MN Continuum of Care Charter & Bylaws by Jennifer Erdmann, seconded by Matt Viney. Approved

Discussion and Information

1. Discuss how to fill open Board positions (9:30 AM) Tim Poland

- **Resignation:** Board will need to fill Shirwa's resignation. Tim nominated Mohamed Goni, Central MN Community Empowerment Organization to replace Shirwa's slot. Tim had a conversation with Mohamed Goni and he was interested in being part of the CoC Governing Board. The board discussed other potential members. Tim will send nomination questions to Mohamed and the board will vote via email due to no meeting in December.
 - **Board Terms Ending:** Current board members leaving CoC Governing Board Feb 2024; Amy Carter, Jennifer Walker, Tammy Moreland. Tim will make announcement to the Full CoC in November to accept nominations.
 - **Open Meetings:** Question asked if the CoC Governing Board meetings are open. The agendas, minutes are listed on the CMHP website for public viewing. Interested parties can contact Tim if they want to join the meeting. Unclear if CoC Governing Board need to follow open meeting requirements. Tim will research and report back to the Governing Board.
 - **Board Member Attendance:** Board members are obligated to attend 80% of board meetings. Board members are asked to look at their calendars to ensure they can meet the meeting obligations. Board member are asked to communicate with Tim if they are not able attend a scheduled board meeting. Board needs to have a quorum to make decisions and meet deadlines. Email Tim by end of next week if you are able/unable to meet the obligations.
2. Strategic Planning (10:00 AM) Amy Carter/Tim Poland
- A. HUD Priorities
- (1) Ending homeless for all person, (2) Use a housing first approach, (3) Reducing unsheltered homelessness, (4) Improving system performance, (5) Partnering with housing, health and service agencies, (6) Racial equity, (7) Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals, (8) Persons with lived experience, (9) Increasing affordable housing supply.*
- Question: How do we know if anyone is working on these priorities? Tim will send the HUD Priority list to the CoC to identify who is currently working on the HUD priorities. Idea proposed to create a spreadsheet for all agencies to identify what HUD priorities they are working on instead of asked HUD funded agencies. Mandatory for HUD funded agencies, optional for non-HUD funded agencies.*
- B. Prioritize Planning Areas
- No discussion.*

Adjourn: Motion by Matt Viney, seconded by Jennifer Walker, Approved
Meeting notes by Rachel Zetah
Next Board Meeting: November 16, 2023 at 9:00am
Meeting Adjourned at: 10:32am