

# Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

January 2, 2024, 1:00-3:00 PM

## Mission Statement

Central MN CoC is committed to building strong collaborative partnerships within 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, including those who experience the greatest barriers to permanent and affordable housing.

## Vision Statement

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

## Business

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements 67 attending All
2. Inspiration: Megan M said she was able to obtain HUD housing in spite of criminal history and without having to become homeless first. Wonderful reason to celebrate!  
  
I do the very best I know how, the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. Abraham Lincoln
3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?  
No changes.
4. Approve Consent Agenda Amy Carter
  - a. Approve Agenda
  - b. Approval of November 7, 2023 minutes Tim will put up on the screen to review.
  - c. Additions to the Agenda  
Motion to approve agenda/Nov. notes by Louise R, Seconded by Brandon H. Motion carries.

## Action Items

1. None

## Information & Discussion

1. Statewide Training Workgroup Mike Manhard  
Mike attended to give updates for workgroups. Been meeting for several months, Central CoC gets the award for Number of people attending our meetings! Yeah! Statewide Training work has been done, to train anyone/everyone, to do the work that we do so we are all on the same page. See PP, started in 2018 with a goal of improving access, affordability, consistency, and quality of trainings across the state. Tim will send the PP out to everyone. The hope is that there will be verification of trainings provided and attended at such time that everyone has ample opportunity to attend trainings on various topics. Will trainings be free or minimal charge if these topics are to be recommended by HUD for the NOFO Grant process? MESH has scholarships to offer. This is a pilot year, so pushing for statewide list of topics, not this year, maybe in 2025 sometime? Will there be clarification for types of people who are homeless, families, singles, etc. and continue to be divided into various counties? CoC's do meet but this topic has not been discussed yet. Please contact Mike if you have questions at [mike@mesh-mn.org](mailto:mike@mesh-mn.org) or Dani Lindner at [danielle.lindner@state.mn.us](mailto:danielle.lindner@state.mn.us) Please reach out to Tim, Mike, or Danielle with thoughts.  
Informal blessings given from our CoC to continue with good works.
2. Change CoC Full Membership Committee Meeting Schedule Tim Poland  
Meetings have not been scheduled for December, but many people are still off in January. Any thoughts with meeting in December instead of January. Will this be an issue with PIT Count in January? The PIT Count Committee will be meeting regardless of if the full CoC isn't meeting. It makes sense for PIT Count to be meeting

for the count happening the end of January. We also do not meet in July. Since we meet at the beginning of the month, meeting in December would not be a big deal, the January meeting is more difficult. We always do the planning for the year at hand, maybe meeting in person once would be good?

3. PIT Count Training Lori Irwin  
See slides for PIT Count Training! January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is scheduled for the official day/night. Tim will send out this short but precise review on what this is, and who should be doing it. Clarification on who is counted, doubled up up numbers, shelters, etc. and Why we do the PIT Count in the last week of January. Short/long surveys are here, but only using the SHORT Survey. There are a few changes in the survey, see the slides. Tim reviewed short form for changes/additions. Meeting scheduled for Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and it will be a virtual meeting. Short surveys can be sent to Tim! **Whoever** is interested in taking part in this committee, please let Lori Irwin or Tim know. Jess U from L&P wants to know who are already on board and from what counties? Tim wants info on Morrison, if Nathan could assist in securing a lead person for Morrison, that would be great, he'll touch base with Rose. Another question is Todd Co., if there are any leads for Todd? Rachel Z is Crow Wing Co. If L&P is willing to be a contact for some of this work, that would be great. Central CoC does not have stipends, NE does, however. Benton Co Victoria, Crow Wing Rachel, Youth, Stearns Co Jen W, Wright Co not confirmed yet, Sherburne Co Lori I and Cindy L. After the meeting on Thursday, there will be an update on representatives for all the counties and leads involved in this year's PIT Count. Tim will send out the PP training for anyone interested in this.
4. CoC Membership Resource Directory Matt Viney  
Matt sent out an email for information gathering to compile a resource directory, he got 33 responses. There are a bit more unique members for a variety of services provided than anticipated. Hoping this will help anyone access all our services we have to offer for people to get an idea of what is offered in our Central CoC. Could this be a live link to have in Orientation process, yes! Updating this list is an important part of keeping it current. See the link for County resources listed by County for services for anyone looking. This link is listed in Teams chat.
5. CoC Governing Board Nominations Amy Carter/Tim Poland  
February will be the meeting we will be looking for new board members. There is a short questionnaire, need to replace 4 members. Ask Tim or Amy for the questionnaire to be sent to you. Trying to cover all service areas as well as service providers to maintain a good mix of representing different agencies/functions to give a well-rounded representation. Would like the questionnaire returned by the Board Meeting on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>!
6. Annual Conflict of Interest Form Reminder Tim Poland  
Please fill out, send back to Tim. We need this asap! Very short and quick to do, you need this to VOTE!
7. HUD Priorities Survey Tim Poland  
Tim will be sending this survey out soon.
8. Review Committees and Survey Tim Poland  
It's time to encourage participation in our 7 various committees. Please look at these, definitely openings on some committees. Please look and choose your interests.
9. People with Lived Experience Mentors Amy Carter/Tim Poland  
Encourage mentoring, get in touch with Amy if interested.
10. Committee Updates (as needed)
  - A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures Brenda Engelking  
Did not meet but continue to field issues as ongoing.
  - B. CoC Policies & Procedures Tim Poland  
Did not meet, P&P were updated, might be meeting shortly.

C. HMIS/Data Rachel Zetah  
Not a lot of updates, will revitalize group after PIT Count. Britt – HMIS APR has bugs, do not submit in SAGE at this time. Continuing to get all this corrected. New software coming in 2024.

D. Membership Amy Carter  
Been working through the Orientation packet, doing this quarterly. Meeting this month to verify where we're going.

E. Performance & Ranking Tim Poland  
Scoring for all participants in Grant process, adding, tweaking what needs to be changed.

F. Point in Time Lori Irwin  
Meeting on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am to kick off this year's push!

G. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion JonPaul Dufour  
Nothing to update.

H. Youth Initiative Kathy Sauve/Cindy Ley  
Improving access for youth in our CoC area, working on implementing initiatives to be ready to submit proposal.

#### Agency Presentation and Updates

1. Center City Housing Jeff Phillipich/Bryan Newman  
See PP for this presentation. Tim will send out to everyone. Transportation – Van for court, apts. etc.  
Jeff P, email: [info@centercityhousing.org](mailto:info@centercityhousing.org)
2. Agency Updates All  
Cindy L.- Sending out email link for Thursday meeting for all interested.

Adjourn: Motion by Cindy L, Seconded by Jen W.

Notes by Lori Gudim

Next Full Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024