

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

February 6, 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 All
71 attending!

2. Inspiration All
Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense. Ralph Waldo Emerson

3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion? None.
4. Approve Consent Agenda Tim Poland
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of January 2, 2024 minutes
 - c. Additions to the AgendaMotion to approve consent agenda/Jan. minutes by Steph O., Seconded by Cindy L. No opposition.

Action Items

1. Appoint New Governing Board Members Tim Poland
Three cycling off the CoC Board, Amy C, Tammy M, Jen W and Lori G retiring. Jessica Rose is withdrawing her bid, backing Tyler S. See bids from Jessica U, Mohamed G, Michele N, Summer K, Tyler S are the 5 nominations. Tim using Menti Pole. Vote for 4! Tim will hold results until the end of the meeting. Total of 7 existing board members. New board members are Jessica U, Michele N, Mohamed G and Tyler S.
Motion to appoint New Governing Board Members by Amy C, Seconded by Jessica Rose. Passed.

2. Approve Revisions to the CoC Policies & Procedures Tim Poland
PLE Policy, adding in a paragraph regarding for becoming a paid consultant they must reside inside the CoC geographic area at the time they apply. See total additions. Discussions.
Motion by Diane E, Seconded by Meg S. Approved
Tweaking the current Policy so that the Governing Board will set their meeting schedule for the Board in February once all new Board members are in place, not in December/January.
Motion to approve revisions to CoC P&P by Louise R, seconded by Michele N. Discussion. Passed. Will be forwarded to the Board for final approval.

3. Approve Change of CoC Full Membership Committee Meeting Schedule Tim Poland
Motion to approve meeting schedule change for the CoC Full Membership Committee to meet in December and not in January, approved for Governing Board to approve. With no meeting in January, the PIT/HIC would still meet in January.
Motion by Cindy L, Seconded by Brandon H . No one opposed. Approved.

Information & Discussion

1. CoC Outcomes Presentation Jordan Smith
 Outcomes PP presentation of our full CoC review. Slides will be sent to all members.
 Can acronyms be listed out for this PP when it is sent? Our CoC official count was ES - 816,
 DU -1010, for 2023. Total 1826. Total beds will be sent. Last couple of years, a lot of ES beds empty, which
 correlated with unsheltered people. Those numbers flipped year to year.

2. HUD FY2023 Funding Announcement Tim Poland
 Each year annually our CoC applies for funding, NOFO Grant Contest. 16-17 various projects funded by our CoC.
 HUD announced our awards, see list. They actually gave us more than we asked for, 9-10% above the ask. We
 are pleasantly surprised and appreciate this. Everyone got funded. Welcoming RISE to benefit with RRH in 9
 counties and Wright County Community Action with RRH in Wright County. Congratulations! Additional funding
 due to FMR related to rental assistance possibly. Programs receiving funding will be contacted by HUD rep to
 sign docs for grant funding.

3. PIT Count Reminders/Updates Tim Poland
 Any numbers need to be put into the count or send these to Tim asap to get them added into the full figures.
 Collections have been going well, many schools are participating more than previous years, this is wonderful.

4. Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Information Tim Poland
 If you are a housing service provider and have beds, these need to be counted. Form was emailed to fill out to
 verify your number of beds. This also needs to be completed asap. HIC entry date is 2-16-24. Tim will assist if
 anyone has concerns and needs help. Maria E. would like questions answered if people have them, our numbers
 need to be accurate. Questions asked need answers especially for the NOFO Grant process to maintain the
 credibility of our CoC through HUD eyes and bases various needs in different counties on those numbers. Tim
 will send this HIC again.

5. Committees Interest Survey Tim Poland
 At this time there are only 7-8 who have sent feedback to Tim on interests in various committees. Since we have
 several committees with 7 members on each, we need to generate more members wanting to assist with these
 committees.

6. CoC Orientation Scheduled Amy Carter
 Orientation has been scheduled for April 2nd, to be held at noon before that Full Membership meeting starts for
 any/all new members. Very informative orientation for newer members. Please be a part of that, let Tim know.

7. Committee Updates (as needed)
 All committees have Mission/Vision that can be distributed to who wants/needs it.
 - A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures Brenda Engelking
 No update, need members.
 - B. CoC Policies & Procedures Tim Poland
 No update.
 - C. HMIS/Data Rachel Zetah
 Has not met.
 - D. Membership Amy Carter
 Met on Jan. 25th, need a couple members. Looking for various agency involvement. Will highlight various
 agencies for our Full Membership meeting.
 - E. Performance & Ranking Tim Poland
 Nothing at this time.
 - F. Point in Time Lori Irwin
 Currently in progress. Working diligently in getting everything in and counted. Meeting next on Feb 16th at
 11am.

G. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

JonPaul Dufour

This needs a jumpstart, has somewhat dissolved, need members.

H. Youth Initiative

Cindy Ley

Just met yesterday, developed mission statement, etc. Looking at developing more soon.

Agency Presentation and Updates

1. Hands of Hope

Stephenie Och

Victim service advocate, serve victims of DV, sexual assault, as well as support for victims of crime, harassment, and obtaining restraining orders. Mission: Also do systems change to validate fair respectful treatment of anyone needing assistance. Work with Oasis, down the hall from them. Also provide services in Todd Co. Safe at Home Program – Referrals to assist with housing, maybe 6 over the year. Hard to breakdown numbers due to it being involved.



2. Agency Updates

All

Brenda – Comparable Database for victims of DV, instead of HMIS. Up and running, assessment training has added this new database.

Anna – ICA/HMIS news. PIT/HIC counts, please add numbers/data. Reporting into HMIS, please update your entered data to make sure everything is reported. Need total HIC numbers also. Please complete in the next two weeks.

Megan M – She does not have to fill out HUD Priorities form from Tim. But, ALL HUD funded programs DO need to fill out this form for services provided. This is mandatory, ask Tim, he will send it.

Brandon H - FHPAP on the vote to accept new subgrantees tomorrow at 2pm meeting.

Maria E – We have Crisis Shelter up to age 24 in Crow Wing, Morrison and Todd, and age 21 in Aitkin, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. We have a street outreach worker at the Brainerd Library on Tuesdays from 3-5. We have our Youth Leadership Councils in both Brainerd and St. Cloud, and they are for current and former foster youth working on legislative change, leadership development and advocacy. Our 24-hour hotline is 888-828-4383.

Amy C – Mental Health Day on the Hill (NAMI) is March 7th, sign up for a coach bus ride to the Capitol. Homeless Day on the Hill March 20th. Amy put links for these functions in the chat. Applications for Clear Sky in Elk River Units being filled.

Tammy M – The Minnesota Tribal Collaborative to Prevent and End Homelessness has three new tribes joining the collaborative. We now represent 9 of the 11 tribes in Minnesota. The Tribal Collaborative is also partnering with NW Minnesota Foundation and NW Continuum of Care to jointly apply for the Youth Homeless System Improvement (YHSI) HUD grant that is due towards the end of this month. Fingers crossed that we will be awarded. We hope to change the youth homeless system in Minnesota for Native Youth.

Melanie L – Youth house is full. SHY has a couple openings. Hiring for housing mgr.

Lori Irwin – see links to stops for days for the Wellness Bus listed in Chat!

Taylor T – Her position includes helping people to get ID/birth certificates, funding for this service. Jessica U added they are also assisting with funding for this service.

Adjourn- Motion by Brenda E, Seconded by Amy C.

Notes taken by Lori Gudim

Next meeting March 5th, 2024 1p to 3p.

Take care everyone!