

## Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

April 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 All

74 people attended.

2. Inspiration All

No inspiration quote. Moment of silence and reflection.

3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?

No additions to the agenda.

4. Approve Consent Agenda Matt Viney
  - a. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion: Taylor T. Seconded by Stephenie O. No opposition. Agenda approved.

- b. Approval of February 6, 2024 minutes

Motion to approved February 6 minutes by Jen W. Seconded by Karla R. No opposition. February 6 meeting minutes approved.

- c. Additions to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda.

### **Action Items**

1. Approve Coordinated Entry Policy Revisions Brenda Engelking

Changing Google Docs to Microsoft Forms in policy revisions.

Major Change in 5.11 Referral to another CoC. Proposed policy change each CoC has their own policy to transfer to new CoC. The assessor will access the link on the Housing Benefits 101 website at [https://mn.hb101.org/i/map/homeless\\_map.htm](https://mn.hb101.org/i/map/homeless_map.htm) and follow the process of the other CoC.

Motion to approve all policy revisions and send to the Governing Board: Amy C. Seconded by Megan M. No opposition. Revised policies sent to the Governing Board for final approval.

## Information & Discussion

### 1. Catholic Charities Program Updates

Stacy Pederson

Closed Homeward Program which serves women and children ages 18-25. Emily's Place single women in transition. In process of closing Youth House 18-25. Board did not approve budget and decisions were made where cuts needed to be made. Lack of funding and programs operating in a deficit for a long time. Issues with residents and being able to serve them the right way. Youth house closed due to funding and operating in a deficit. Continue to serve youth in scattered site (SHY Program). Will continue with homeless outreach. CAMHI and Bridges Voucher programs will continue. HOPE program is discontinued which is ARMHS Services. Will continue mental health clinic. Domus will continue women and children 18 and up. Affordable housing will continue. CSP is closing (Under Hope). Referring households to other community providers. Youth Housing closing April 17<sup>th</sup>. Homeward and Emily's Place already closed.

### 2. ICA Updates

TJ Yocum

Transition from HMIS Community Services to ClientTrack. Administrator will stay the same. Tentative launch date is July 1<sup>st</sup> but could be moved due to changes. QDQ is on hold right now and will come back in 2025 for users to get used to new system. New agency set-ups and new user training on hold. Help Desk hours reduced during transition period. Training date has not been set for ClientTrack.

### 3. MICH Rep Updates

Ji-Young Choi/Dani Lindner

Dani Linder is the new CoC MICH representative. Office of Justice Programs (Housing Specialist), support community and victim service providers with homeless programs. Be a liaison between MICH, CoC, and community providers.

### 4. Coordinated Entry Discussion

Brenda Engelking

Households down from 300 to 180 on Priority List. January 2024: 41 total referrals, 4 accepted, 10 client rejections, 12 provider rejections, 14 open referrals, 1 HH not visible. Referrals sent out within 3 days of receiving request. February 2024: 74 total referrals, 3 accepted, 22 client rejections, 17 provider rejections, 30 open referrals, 1 HH not visible, 1 other.

### 5. Review HUD FY 2023 NOFO Scores

Tim Poland

Length of Time Homeless and Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations and Retention of Permanent Housing CoC Strategy scored lower. Increasing Employment Cash Income 143.5 out of 200. 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest scoring CoC in MN.

### 6. NOFO Grant Writing Assistance

Tim Poland

If people want to join NOFO Grant Writing, reach out to Tim to join effort.

### 7. Committees Interest Survey

Tim Poland

Still need more interest in Policies and Procedures, HMIS Data, Membership, Racial Equity and PIT Count committees.

8. PIT Count Update

Tim Poland

Draft: 881 total people counted during PIT count. Results should be into HUD by end of April.

Agency Presentation and Updates

1. Credent Care

Shirwa Adan

Tabled until next meeting due to timing.

2. Agency Updates

All

Bryan N: Center City Housing Corporation updates- River Crest has multiple openings and River Heights current openings all need to come off the priority list for now.

Maria E: Lutheran Social Services has funds for youth who have recently exited foster care ages 18-23 after they turn 18 for direct assistance. Pathways for Youth.

Hearth Connection: Client Engagement Training free for providers on 5/22 from 10am-3pm in Mora facilitated by Hearth Connection. A few spots left.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Brenda E

Second: Michael T, Approved

Minutes taken by: Tyler S.

Next Meeting: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 1pm-3pm