

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting Grand Re-Opening!!

November 7, 2023, 1:00-3:00 PM



Today we are celebrating the “Grand Re-opening” of the Central CoC. After lots of work, we finally have revised CoC Policies & Procedures, revised Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures, a CoC Orientation, a new Prioritization Order, eliminated the VI-SPDAT, have a new Common Assessment Tool, new Assessor training, a new Comparable Database, and more. The old ways are done, and we are celebrating a fresh new way of serving those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Central CoC.

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 racial equity in which everyone has a stable permanent home and the support and resources needed to maintain it.

Business

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements - Welcome and Intro a total of 58 individuals attended the meeting.
2. Inspiration All - None
3. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?

4. Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of October 3, 2023 minutes
Whitcom – Second – Brandon Higgins
 - c. Additions to the Agenda

Amy Carter
Nothing Added -
First Motion to approve – Randi

Action Items

1. None - None

Information & Discussion

1. Continuum of Care Orientation Amy Carter, et al. –

Membership Committee went through the Orientation Manual for the Central CoC – This was sent out in advance to review –

Discussion included:

- Overview of CoC (Vision Statement, Mission Statement, CoC Description, CoC Responsibilities, Geographical Competition)
- Map of counties and what counties are included in CoC
- State of MN's Breakdown of all CoC's
- Purpose of CoC
- Membership of CoC
- Membership Committee Role
- Committee Opportunities
- Governing Board
- Point in Time Definition and Purpose
- Coordinated Entry
- Call to Connect
- Priority List
- NoFo
- Funded Agencies
- State Agencies
- Data
- Acronyms

Everyone in attendance today has completed orientation and will be checked off. Intent to do this quarterly or as needed, moving forward, and membership will be responsible to complete this.

2. Annual Conflict of Interest Form Tim Poland

To be a voting member of the CoC, you need to complete this form, attend the membership orientation – Tim dropped a link into the chat that will bring you right to this form which you can sign and submit. Tim can also email this form out to anyone that does not have the technology – Tim does need this back prior to anyone voting.

3. Comparable Database Brenda Engelking

CES Comparable database – HUD requires that we have this database that does not identify individuals – DV and trafficking victims, and youth – now a Microsoft form – not google docs – you can find the request on the Central MN Housing website -

4. CoC Governing Board Openings Amy Carter/Tim Poland

There are currently two board openings. In February 2024, there will be 3 more openings as 3 board members will be terming off at that time (those 3 board openings will have to be voted on by the full membership committee)– If you are interested right now – please contact Tim

5. People with Lived Experience Mentors

Amy Carter/Tim Poland

We have current members of the CoC that are able to assist new members and become mentors – that if they have questions, they can help. If interested or would like to nominate someone to be a mentor – positions are for 3 months – so not a long commitment – just to be there in case someone has questions - please reach out to Tim

6. HUD Priorities Survey

Tim Poland

HUD Homeless Policy and Program Priorities

- 1) Ending Homelessness in the CoC
- 2) Use 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

and a survey that needs to be completed. Tim will be sending a link to the survey and if you are in a position in your agency that you can complete this survey and answer the questions, please complete this. All HUD agencies that receive funding will need to complete this survey.

7. No December Meeting

Tim Poland

No meeting in December, we will reconvene in January 2024

8. Committee Updates (as needed)

A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures

Brenda Engelking

Met last month, continue to work on the at risk of homelessness – announcing training again as it has been going well

B. CoC Policies & Procedures

Tim Poland

No updates

C. HMIS/Data

Rachel Zetah

No updates

D. Membership

Amy Carter

Next agenda item is member highlights and member profiles – do a mental health month, domestic violence month

E. Performance & Ranking

Tim Poland

No updates

F. Point in Time

Lori Irwin

PIT count is 1/24/2024 – Committee is meeting and looking for team leads for each county and trying to get as many people involved as they can

G. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

JonPaul Dufour

No updates

H. Youth Initiative

Kathy Sauve

No updates

Agency Presentation and Updates

1. Agency Updates

All

Adjourn

Brandon motion Jen W second