

Central CoC Governing Board Meeting

July 18, 2024

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

In person at the CMHP offices

24707 County Road 75, St. Augusta, MN 56301

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.

In Attendance

X	Jessica Unkelhaeuser	○	Michele Nelson
X	Maria Essman	X	Mohamed Goni
○	Marlena Jasch	X	Rachel Zetah
X	Matt Viney	X	Randi Wickham
X	Melanie Legatt	X	Tyler Schroeder
X	Michele Fournier	X	Tim Poland

Call to Order

1. Welcome & Call to Order Matt Viney

Meeting called to order at 10:13am

-How are you feeling today?

-What do you hope to get out of this meeting?

Matt- Executive Director Place for You, excited and getting to know everyone and see what everyone's goals/priorities are.

Jessic- Emergency Services Manager Lakes and Pines, excited and excited to meet everyone in person.

Maria-Youth Service Manager LSS, stressed about HMIS, and get good information.

Tyler-Self-Sufficiency Counselor Tri-Cap, excited and excited to meet everyone in person

Tim-CoC Coordinator, curious and apprehensive and hope we come out on the other side with a clear vision for the board.

Melanie-Youth Manager CC stressed but excited to work with everyone in person and learn more about the board.

Rachel-Adult Services Supervisor Crow Wing County, excited and excited to reconnect and meet new board members and finding the boards purpose.

Mohamed-CEO CMCEO stressed and needing to be in two places as once, excited to learn more about the board does and how he can support the board's work.

Michele F-Family Pathways Director, stressed because of traffic.

Business

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

No additions to Consent Agenda.

2. Approve Consent Agenda Matt Viney
 - a. July 18, 2024 Agenda
 - b. May 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve July 18th agenda and May 16th Board Meeting minutes, Motioned by: Jessica U, 2nd by: Melanie L. No opposition. Approved.

Discussion and Information

1. Finding Our Why (1/2 hour) Rachel Zetah

What made you want to join the CoC Board?

Advocacy, reduce trauma, formalizing policies and procedures with the voice of the agency and participants, make sure the voice of the agency and participants are being represented in policy formation, and updates, help create positive change in the CoC, to learn how/why the systems work from the point of a person with lived experience, get the other voices at the table to shape board focus, awareness of what is happening in the CoC, thinking of new innovative ways to serve the participants, engaged in community, networking.

The Board's why: To create positive change in our CoC with policies and procedures that reduce trauma and promote learning for everyone to serve our individuals within our CoC.

What aspects of the board are fulfilling?

Collaboration, networking /strong community, being around like-minded people, idea sharing, learning and advocacy, reducing barriers for the households we serve, renewed passion/hope and respect for the agencies that do this work, working hard together to find a solution, access to resources, awareness, seasoned/skilled/knowledgeable people at the table.

What aspects of the board are not fulfilling?

Lack of positive change, lack of participation or input from others, going in circles, lack of understanding programs, being too busy, new to board, seeing the limits of the programs.

2. What Are You an Expert At? (1/2 hour) Matt

Maria-Services for Youth FYSB Federal Youth Services Bureau, Housing First

Tyler-Connecting with households/families

Randi- Lived Experience, passionate

Tim- Fundamentals of CoC, connecting agencies

Michele- Resources, Domestic Violence

Melanie- Coaching and mentoring staff, Youth Services

Mohamed- Have staff and himself that speak 6 different languages.

Matt- Housing Supports and adaptable

Jessica- FHPAP, OEO, Street Outreach, Housing Supports, reading policies and procedures and interpreting, debater

Rachel- Pushing boundaries, individuals with multiple complex issues and aging population

3. What Do You Wish You Knew More About? (1/2 hour) Matt

Matt- Process and CES

Jessica- Program eligibility (agency criteria)

Maria- Funding changes-new, housing supports

Tyler- CES and knowing what programs in service area

Randi- Housing supports eligibility, knowing what programs and what they offer

Tim- What is life really like at an agency

Michele- Things changes and you don't know or who offers what services or programs

Melanie- CES and CoC, Housing Vouchers, County Waivers

Mohamed- CoC, program eligibility, funding changes, housing programs, and see what life is really like at an agency

Rachel-why agencies did not buy into CES

4. Strategic Planning - Systemic Issues (1 hour) All

Problem: CES process lacks consistency

Goal: Getting into housing fair and equal access

5. Other

Adjourn