

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

June 4, 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
2. Any additions to the Agenda or pull anything out of the Consent Agenda for discussion?
3. Approve Consent Agenda Matt Viney
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Approval of May 7, 2024 minutes
 - c. Additions to the Agenda
 - Welcome & Introductions - No announcements
 - No additions to agenda
 - Motion to approve May 7, 2024 minute meetings - Faith Rono & Savannah

Action Items

None

Information & Discussion

1. Assessments by Agency Tim Poland
 - Tim reviewed 5/1/2023 - 4/30/2024
 - # of total assessments for this period was 824
 - This list will be emailed by Tim
2. Coordinated Entry Reports Brenda Engelking
 - Brenda reviewed stats
 - Housing Referrals - top reason for denial was "client unreachable"
 - Reviewed Call to Connect stats
 - Reviewed PLN stats
 - Reviewed Assessor Trainings (# done)
 - Brenda explained that the general point is to prioritize those people with highest barriers in an attempt to find them housing
3. Final PIT Count Numbers Tim Poland
 - Tim reviewed the report, this will be posted on their website
4. Changing the Narrative Tim Poland/Brenda Engelking
 - Tim & Brenda presented powerpoint - A bit of a before & after
 - Changing the narrative-governing board
 - CoC Attendance organization numbers - 33 to 63+
 - Point In Time Count - Much more information, data, etc.
 - Five years of data is now available as compared to one year of data in 2021

- Notice of Funding Opportunity - more involved/different matrix & there is a six-page application and scoring worksheet
- Priority List #'s - average stay is noticeably shorter, households are getting referred for housing
- Number of households has decreased and length of time on the PL has shortened from 9 months to 3 months
- Youth is now #1 priority, easy to understand
- Housing Crisis Screening Tool - no repeat questions, clear & concise, determines the type of services
- Assessment tool - half the time of the VI-SPDAT, trauma informed, no repeating questions
- Forms are clearly labeled, P&P's refer to the tools by one name
- Scoring is simplified
- Policies - no changes to any policies in the past year
- Version 4.0 - Approved 8/17/2023 - concise & updated
- Average time to complete & send referral 2 days
- Average wait time after housing provider is notified is 31, 29 & 25 days
- Every removal is now emailed to assessor – Priority List Notices are sent out

5. ICA Updates

TJ Yocum

- TJ Yocum update
- Timeline to start the new database is end of July 2024

6. Committee Updates (As Needed)

A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures

Brenda Engelking

- email will be sent to new members to schedule their first meeting

B. CoC Policies & Procedures

Tim Poland

- no recent meetings

C. HMIS/Data

- suspended that committee for now, can be revived if necessary/warranted

D. Membership

Amy Carter

- last met in April, will now meet every other month. Trying to increase membership in the CoC overall - there are also 3 new members. Goal is to highlight an agency to present at each meeting. Look for the questionnaire that will be emailed to housing provider agencies.

E. Performance & Ranking

Tim Poland

- no recent meeting but this will start to ramp up with annual funding from HUD

F. Point in Time

Lori Irwin

- met in May & next meeting is Jun 21, 2024. Looking for volunteers & knows that January will be here before we know it.

G. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- no recent meeting.

H. Youth Initiative

Cindy Ley

- had an in person meeting to identify gaps in services and to learn what each participating agency does with youth programming.

Agency Presentation and Updates

1. Agency Updates

All

- No full CoC meeting in July
- Rise filled Clear Sky, housing support specialist position is still open, also hiring a housing services position for RRH to start Jul 1, 2024. Successfully helped with 3 appeals for households.
- Brandon Higgins - has open positions at Unified Social Services (direct support)
- CMHP still looking for a housing navigator/assessor position, listed on Indeed & CMHP.net

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Brenda E., 2nd by Brandon H., Approved.