

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

November 5, 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 October 1, 2024 and October 24, 2024 minutes
 - c. Additions to the Agenda
- Randi W. made a motion; LeVonda seconded, Approved

Action Items

Information & Discussion

1. MDVA Stable Housing Initiatives Ali Kier
 - Homeless Veterans Registry (HVR) does not have an income maximum.
 - Minnesota Department of Veteran's Affairs
 - i. Resources available for support for veterans and former service members (regardless of discharge or length of time served; ex.: Youth who didn't make it through basic training)
 - ii. Works within the CoCs with partners to assist in advocating and seeking services for veterans and former service members who are experiencing homelessness
 - Veteran Temporary Emergency Housing Program
 - i. Working with any veteran and their family experiencing homelessness when there's lack of access to shelter. Reimbursement to community service providers to place them in the hotel for 14 days (if chose not to engage in case management) can request 30-day extension with max of 3 extensions (90 days). A request variance can happen if the move-in date is verified after the 90 days.
 - ii. Meant to be ease of access to be able to shelter people
 - iii. Agree that they will be on the Veteran registry
 - iv. *If not registered as provider- you will be requested to complete a W-9 before reimbursement*
 - Various incentive programs and funds available to assist with overcoming barriers with landlords (only a one-page application for landlords and property managers)
 - Short-term subsidies available
 - Be sure to ask, as providers, if someone has a history of service.

Learn more about programs, fillable forms, and how to participate: [Homelessness and Prevention / Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs - State of Minnesota](#)

For Veterans Temporary Emergency Housing Program:

Question: Is this for service providers only focusing on serving the veteran population, or is it any housing program?

If anyone reports any form of service, make sure they fill out the HVR application referral (if they are willing) to get on the list and receive extra support specific to them. Any service provider can utilize these programs, not just those only serving veterans and former service members.

Question: How does this work for individuals fleeing interpersonal violence?

For individuals experiencing/fleeing interpersonal violence (ex. Domestic violence, sex trafficking, human trafficking): Non-public facing HVR application for those facing interpersonal violence of any kind, so that their privacy and safety is protected and mindful of how we ask questions- will have a direct call with a coordinator.

Question: Do we need to get verification of their service history/status?

Only need to submit the application, and then they check for verification on their end with that ROI that is included.

Question: How do you verify that shelter access is unavailable?

You are trusted as a community service provider that you have done your due diligence and confirmed this.

Question: Does this cover damage costs that may occur?

Allows up to \$2000 reimbursement for damages that may occur.

For other questions email Allison at allison.kier@state.mn.us or you can email the general email on the website.

Link Vet Home: <https://www.linkvet.org/s/>

2. ICA Updates

TJ Yocum

- Working on added knowledge-based articles and videos: <https://hmismn.helpscoutdocs.com/>
 - There is a training site for Client Track; you can create a fake account to test things out
 - If you want access to the live training site, contact helpdesk and request
- Next month, Dec. 9th 9 am to 11:30 am: the annual meeting of the governing board. You just need to register to access that meeting
 - Registration link: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3f6c8870-e4bb-4371-bd4a-45e50c4e2c15@3b15e087-efda-4a6f-8dbc-a52a12ee1ab5>
 - Invitation link: <https://www.hmismn.org/annual-meetings>
- Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA): Federal reporting season starting; 10-week process for data clean up; includes Point in Time Count (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
 - Will be reaching out for help with issues that can't be quickly fixed
 - Reports that are given to Congress in order to give them a picture of the state of homelessness response (how does agency and CoC do); how things are going
- Reach out to Helpdesk for support on utilizing HMIS (MNHMIS@icalliances.org); please utilize them!
 - Good way to get ideas and suggestions as well

Helpful links:

New projects: <https://airtable.com/appcDUbJwJdWjIEC/shrJEEdpBekYa1jCU>

New Agency Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_Gy66hno480LHs63i6jXf6Nrvy7ZUF3RdnSuXN5V4ceu6RA/viewform

HMIS participation: <https://www.hmismn.org/participate-in-hmis>

3. Program Policies, Procedures and Performance Standards Paris Peoples
- If you are at the CoC meeting, you should respond to Paris's email; has to do with the programs our organizations have
 - Trying to update the services that we all provide
 - Interested in how we are prioritizing the populations we are serving.
 - Can be brief and simple
 - Trying to schedule a meeting for mid-November; send category and description. If there is no category that they fall under, still respond and let her know what it entails
 - Email Paris back by Wednesday next week Ppeoples@cmhp.net
 - Include if you are HUD-funded or not

4. State Partners Update Dani Lindner
- Open RFPs for housing programs:
 - [Grants and RFPs / Minnesota Department of Human Services](#)
 - Bridges program, due 12/4: <https://www.mnhousing.gov/rental-housing/grant-programs/active-funding/bridges.html>
 - Opportunities to engage: [Opportunities to Engage](#)
 - Public Comment open for Minnesota Housing report: draft of report and link on the website to share comments until November 15th
 - Expected to be submitted to Legislature by January 14th
 - Way to stay ahead of what's needed
 - Annual Housing Memorial on December 12th
 - Day to remember those who haven't made it or who are still experiencing homelessness
 - Link: - [Simpson Housing Services](#)
 - PIT Count:
 - Update: Supplemental PIT count to capture data relating to folks attempting to flee DV is NOT happening this year
 - A Fellow with MCH developed a google doc with a summary of state agency grant programs that are available
 - Find the google doc here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yD-7dBk3ThBMunwaPdUI9wUFd-fthopcDBJ_SulYEIU/edit?usp=sharing

Any questions, reach out to Danielle Lindner at danielle.lindner@state.mn.us

5. Committee Updates (As Needed)

A. Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures Brenda Engelking

Did not meet this past month; nothing to report except there's a new assessor training tomorrow (11-06-24 from 1:30 to 4:30 in St Augusta office); if you're interested, email Brenda

B. CoC Policies & Procedures Tim Poland

The work Paris is doing now will be coming to this committee

C. Membership Amy Carter

Met on September 26th; meet every other month. At the last meeting, orientation for new members scheduled for December 3rd; looking at improving orientation; looking at inviting and editing agency list; will be meeting this month.

D. Performance & Ranking Tim Poland

Completed the scoring of applications; completed the rankings and prioritization for NOFO; Tim appreciates everyone for their help. Sometime at the beginning of the year, will review scoring and update those sheets

E. Point in Time

Lori Irwin

Met recently and starting to ramp up; working on finding leads for each of the counties to locate places to complete the count, put up surveys and fliers.

If interested, reach out to Tim or Lori. Always looking for more agencies to get involved, particularly in the more rural agencies. It is important to have case managers to count to be able to more accurately reflect numbers. If you want to be the point of contact for your county (getting info out there, people know where to go to get that done) email Lori, Paris, or Tim.

F. Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Paris Peoples

The committee has been meeting. Last CoC, a survey was conducted, and a lot of people responded they would like to see more training within their organizations. The REDI committee is working on getting that information for everyone. Homeless and Homeless Culture: what does that look like, what does it feel like; what does it look like in your area

Looking for more members (one or two people), email Paris if you are interested

G. Youth Initiative

Cindy Ley

Met in October. Still working on getting out a needs assessment to the youth across our CoC, which will be going out later this month. Consensus is that there is limited time and lack of staffing to support monthly meetings. Switch to meeting quarterly rather than monthly. Next meeting is February 2025

Agency Presentation and Updates

1. Family Pathways

Michele Fournier

Tabled

2. Agency Updates

All

Amy Carter- Provider numbers are officially set up for Rapid Rehousing. Looking to ramp up Assessor site; looking at training staff to get those numbers of referrals up.

Carolyn- Tri-CAP is hiring for a FT Housing staff to work with Goldenrod Glen and Sherburne County

Remember to Vote!!



Adjourn

Motion by Amy C., 2nd by Cindy L. Approved