



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

3/21/2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Patrick Reynolds, Drew Grabham, Cammisha Manley, Christina McGovney, Brandi Tuck, Jessica Harper, Laura Golino de Lavato, Ian Slingerland, Katie Cox, Lizzie Cisneros, Stuart Zeltzer, Skyler Brocker-Knapp, Hannah Studer, Sherelle Jackson, Mark Morford, Xenia Gonzalez

[Absent – Elise Cordle Kennedy, Jamar Summerfield]

JOHS & County Staff: Alyssa Plessner, Malka Geffen, Lori Kelley, Chris Fick

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land & Labor Acknowledgment ● Review Community Agreements ● Review Racial Equity Lens Tool ● Review Agenda ● Co-Chair Announcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patrick Reynolds recognized the end of the co-chair term and announced he would not be renewing for another. ○ Many words of appreciation for Patrick's service were shared. 	
Provider Presentation: Transition Projects	<p>-TPI staff shared information about their six CoC HUD-funded projects and two subcontracted projects: Collaboration (PSH), Horizons (RRH), OTIS (PSH), Women's Housing (RRH), Winter Housing (PSH), Spectrum (PSH); HOPE (PSH) & Safehome (PSH)</p> <p>-TPI staff also shared successes and challenges, including inflexibility of the funding, funding associated with services not covering costs of providing them, especially as acuity rises, and staffing and turnover related challenges. Opportunities include going through CSH re-accreditation, more community/group events, and looking at other funding sources for wellness staff to help take the burden off of case managers post placement.</p> <p>Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Are you looking at SHS funds as a potential source for more FTE and wrap-around services? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, we're looking at any funding sources. ● You are including supportive services as a line item in grants, so why are you not receiving the money? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TPI has held some grants for over a decade, and HUD has never given increases in the supportive services line; the competition doesn't allow for 	

	<p>change in that request, but there's increased funding for rent. We rely on more private dollars to fill gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Are there trans and gender expansive people working on the Spectrum team? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, both the case manager and wellness staff are. ● Have there been barriers faced in prioritizing PSH services for gender expansive and trans folks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spectrum is one of our more successful programs, with a good referral process and kept full. ○ Re: PSH and the Regional Long Term Rent Assistance program, we are expanding by 68 PSH units, and 30 of those are reserved for trans and gender expansive folks. ● What are your connections to LGBTQ organizations and their referrals? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We struggle in general with connections to other organizations; we were originally going to reach out but covid hit. CSH will help reset connections. ● How are you addressing workforce challenges? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We addressed wages and have seen less turnover in the PSH team. We're focusing on training via skills assessment and retraining in targeted areas and onboarding, and shifting more team-related onboarding to managers. There's been an increase in case managers going on leave recently, and shifting caseloads is an area for improvement. ● We don't talk enough about supervisor to staff ratios in our system, especially for staff facing trauma, and I appreciate your raising that issue. Before 2011 and the CoC HUD interim rule, all of our PSH services required funding being matched, and I appreciate you looking across the community for consistent funding of PSH. ● Building internal capacity and partnerships with other organizations sounds like a really helpful strategy to build more collaboration, coordination, and support for the workforce, and in turn, folks receiving services. ● Any priority for drug users in PSH? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No grant specific for that, but sometimes folks active in addiction will score higher in VISPIDAT and get referrals through that. ○ Conversations are happening re: acuity in general, which covers addiction indirectly. 	
<p>HUD Updates from National Alliance to End</p>	<p>CoC Lead presented updates from HUD and JOHS (see 3.21.24 CoC Board Meeting Presentation Slides)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The CoC Board needs to think through what HUD's new 2-year cycling means for our CAC once we get more 	

Homelessness Conference	<p>information. We don't know yet if the 2024 grants will include 2 years of funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HUD's living adjustment increase does not come with an increase in housing placements. 	
Homelessness Response Action Plan	<p>Chris Fick, Director of the Homelessness Response System, gave an overview of the draft Homelessness Response Action Plan (HRAP) and how the CoC Board will be involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not interested at this point in integrating the CoC Board into the HRAP governance. ● What is the plan for how to implement the HRAP? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partnering with the governor's staff, Metro, and CCOs about each action item to discuss timeline and implementation; Healthshare and Trilium will take lead on their action items. We will scope each action item of the draft, which is open for public comment, including providers. ● Will the 14-member body reach out to the CoC Board? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We should talk about what this committee would like; some members could be on the HRAP community advisory committee ● Who represents Work Systems? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Job training program that we hope to scale up. ● Feedback: this effort should be broader; Groundscore has been a really important source of community and work opportunities. ● Plan does not have anything in it for DV or families. ● Wondered How might CoC adjust our work to support this plan, given constraints on our grants? It would be good for some of us to be on the implementation committee, even if not voting. ● The CoC City representative said the City has been working with the County on the IGA renewal and will coordinate with HRAP, looking forward to the work of the implementation committee; efficient use of medicaid funding is a huge part. ● CoC Lead will support CoC Board feedback to the plan and can submit it by the 29th. 	
Co-Chair Recruitment & Selection	<p>Community Advisory Admin Analyst shared information about the open co-chair position, as well as the steps and timeline for nominations and selection process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CoC Board members will submit nominations to johscommunityadvisory@mutlco.us by April 4th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include why you are nominating the person in your email ● Members will receive an anonymous survey on April 11th ● Members will vote for the co-chair by April 18th 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair will begin their role in the May 16th meeting 	
<p>Action Plan Breakout Discussions and Report Back</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 2.1 scheduled a meeting for the group. • Strategy 3.1 put together a wish list of things it wants to know about CoC-funded programs. 	<p>CoC Lead's overview document of current CoC-funded housing programs; this will be sent out to the CoC Board.</p>