Continuum of Care Board Minutes

9/19/2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members; Jessica Harper, Laura Golino de Lavato, Mark Morford, Brandi Tuck, Hannah Studer, Helmi Hisserich, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Casady Monroe, JJ, Steven Gilbert, Trevor Nissen, Ian Slingerland, Xenia Gonzalez, Christina McGovney, Lizzie Cisneros, Patrick Reynolds
 [Absent – Jamar Summerfield, Kat Salas, Tonya Jones, Stuart Zeltzer]

JOHS & County Staff: Alyssa Plesser, Malka Geffen, Erin Pidot, Lori Kelley, Bill Boyd, Lindsay Brown (PHB), Abby Ahern (Metro), Maddie Nation (Home Base)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	- Land & Labor Acknowledgment - Review Community Agreements - Review Racial Equity Lens Tool - Review Agenda	Will review community agreements at October meeting
FHO Community of Practice Recruitment	This opportunity is funded by Funders for Housing Opportunity (FHO). The CoC Board voted at 8/1 meeting to allow NWPP to be the fiscal sponsor for the CoP and to officially participate in the CoP. - Recruiting 6-8 members, outreach contained within JOHS boards and advisory committees, specifically folks with recent, personal lived exp of homelessness - Will co-create a project and look at how LE shows up in the system and how voices are heard - Will receive separate stipend Also recruiting for the JOHS CBAC, which would benefit from CoC Board membership	Recruitment links will be sent soon.
Regular CoC NOFO Update	See slides in 9.19.24 Board Meeting Presentation Q&A: - Can the board have a conversation about how we can get more applications for the DV bonus? - Will share reasons why we aren't getting more applications at the October board mtg & can have larger conversations about strategies for soliciting quality applications - HUD expectations for CoC funding was recently brought up at a meeting of the County Board of Comms. re: time,	Watch County Board meeting [here](#) Will send out presentation from that meeting

	place, manner restrictions	

CoC Builds NOFO	See slides in 9.19.24 Board Meeting Presentation
	● JOHS & PHB have a close partnership developing capital funding for building affordable housing and operational finding for services
	● This is the first time HUD has released housing supply NOFO
	Q&A:
	● Can you say more about project timelines?
	  ○ Projects cannot be current, but must be able to lease up within 36 months of the award; demonstrate site control and execute a grant agreement with HUD by Sept. 1, 2025; complete HUD environmental review prior to drawing down funds
	● How is PHB and JOHS supporting a non-profit applicant in figuring this application out?
	  ○ PHB has open competitive NOFOs, and proposals go through a thorough vetting process with threshold review; technical review; use a red, yellow, green system for strength of proposals, and community member panel review to make a formal recommendation.This fits the need to identify a competitive project with high readiness for HUD.
		Board members to consider whether they want to be on project review panel

Tri-County Planning Body Coordinated Entry Implementation Plan	See slides in 9.19.24 Board Meeting Presentation
	Q&A:
	● CoC Board members can watch the Tri-County Planning Body Meeting on Tuesday October 9 from 4-6PM where the full implementation plan will be reviewed, discussed and voted on. Meeting details can be found here: https://www.oregonmetro.gov/events/supportive-housing-services-tri-county-planning-body-meeting/2024-10-09
	● How do you see differences between VISPDAT and MSST?
	  ○ Communities are rightfully moving away from VISPDAT; we will no longer have VISPDAT in the region; the alignment of assessment questions will be made easier
	● How can we see a copy of the MSST questions? Who is doing the work of engaging folks? Can folks volunteer to do outreach?
	  ○ Will follow up with Katie D from JOHS to get a copy of the tool's questions
	  ○ Oversight committee and Lived Experience committee involved in coordinated entry tool redesign; Focus Strategies and C4 provided technical assistance in redesign; training for providers in the new tool has begun
		Will send full implementation plan once approved

HMIS Vendor Request for Proposals	See slides in 9.19.24 Board Meeting Presentation Q&A: - Will the new software be able to integrate geographical data and mobile use? - Yes, we'd like it to have a GPS component - Would a provider's IT and data analyst staff be able to serve on an advisory panel? - Yes, on the provider panel, but we'll have county IT and data staff already; it would be better to have the program data entry staff on the panel - Re: data security: what will the data sharing process be, considering HIPAA compliance? - Looking for flexible capabilities in a product that can support the work (ex: someone being discharged from medical facility can engage with the system to find a place for them to go); review of HIPAA compliance also depends on which way the data is flowing - Sharing of HIPAA data also requires additional data sharing agreements - Is there a way to assess what data is actually needed? - There are HUD Universal Data elements that we are required to collect; FY27 universal data elements community engagement will be happening soon - Providers don't get a lot of value from HMIS, so we want to build processes that provide value for data entry, so people want to use the system - Is the intention to have the HMIS system align throughout all three counties? If so, how do you anticipate that implementation to align since all three counties have different program systems/structures in place? - Goal is to support alignment where needed and independence where it isn't; looking for flexible product - Make sure a cyber security evaluation process exists, as well as data portability. - We have a design cyber security process review structure. - What are we trying to solve with this change, big picture? - We are constantly coming up against software limitations - Need tech that supports strategy/vision, like integrating systems of care - Change management and provider support for implementation - Will present at Provider Conference this fall - We have moved quickly from data just for reporting to data for real-time support for provider work	CoC Board representation will be requested on community review panel at a later date

Next Steps	• Next meeting is October 17, 2024 • Two more weeks to get final edits and comments into [Strategy 1.2 document](#)	Summary document about what was shared today will be sent out