



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

11/21/2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

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

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 	
CoC NOFO Next Steps	<p>See slides 7 & 8 for regular NOFO and CoCBUILDS NOFO updates.</p> <p>Britni Eseller will be new CoC Program Specialist, supporting CoC Lead and providers.</p> <p>With the NOFO switching to a two-year cycle, the CoC Board & CAC will strategize in the new year about what the off years priorities and work.</p>	
Community Agreements Review	<p>See slides 9-13 for background information about community agreements and previously suggested edits.</p> <p>Board Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC Lead said speaking our truths doesn't mean we can disparage other groups; other CoC groups' agreements say to offer trigger warnings when sharing something potentially traumatizing and "listen to learn & hear; don't listen to respond." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-Chairs in favor of adding this to #5, which can follow #7 ○ Listen to understand not to rebut • #1 doesn't provide direction of what to do with the accounting; add flatten or minimize power differentials • Add to #8 that if you're a member of a dominant group be intentional about moving forward and back, and if you're a 	<p>Board members will edit/add to/comment on a shared Google doc and finalize the community agreements with a vote at the January meeting.</p>

	<p>member of a non-dominant group you are invited to move up more</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed edit of speaking a cumulative truth in #6 misses the mark; be open to alternative approaches and be willing to vet approaches against each other ● Re: intentionality around anti-blackness might fit into #4, but how? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also mention indigenous erasure ○ Suggested edit: Be mindful of privilege and historical structures of oppression, anti-blackness, and indigenous erasure. Approach the shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism. ● Asked the Board how co-chairs can facilitate meetings from these agreements, especially in online format. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep agreements open on second monitor; can't do if joining by phone ○ Co-chairs to discuss further how to bring them up ○ Board members can develop a comfort with the agreements being referred to in a meeting 	
<p>Strategy 1.2 - Discussion & Next Step Decision</p>	<p>Board members reviewed the Strategy 1.2 recommendations and discussed & decided next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It feels like this strategy has gone way off the rails, and I'm not sure that the recommendations make sense or align with what this board should be doing. What are we hoping to do by sharing these recommendations? This hasn't been clear to me since we started this conversation months ago. ● The original Strategy 1.2 goal: Understand factors contributing to homelessness in the community and impediments to achieving solutions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategy 1.2 was meant to educate this Board on drivers of homelessness, and these recommendations went beyond that. They're very well intentioned, but not sure how to discuss it without knowing what we intend to do with them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The original intent was to send the recommendations to the Homelessness Response System (HRS) team. ○ How can this influence what we do next as a Board? How will we use this to center our own focus/efforts? ○ Uncertain the recommendations are within CoC Board scope. ○ The strategy group saw an opportunity to share their thinking beyond the Board's education. ○ Uncertain about capacity of JOHS staff to take on 	

	<p>coordinating with HRS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If the Board decides to send to HRS, JOHS staff can commit to finding out what HRS did/didn't do with the recommendations and come back with that information. ● CoC Lead presented a few options for moving forward: talk about coordination with HRS, OR look with co-chairs at how the recommendations relate to our workplan for next year, OR send to HRS as shared knowledge ● Fist-to-five: The CoC Board will use the Strategy 1.2 recommendations to inform internal work before externally communicating them - six 5s, four 4s 	
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December meeting is canceled ● All-JOHS Advisory Committee/Board Gathering on Dec. 19th ● January Board meeting is for reauthorization, revision and approval, 2025 work plan, community building ● Poll: 4-hour in-person January mtg? 8 vs 2 ● Poll: time, 9am-1pm ● Poll: location, Multnomah bldg 11 yes 	Co-Chairs will decide next steps based on polls results