

CoC General Meeting Minutes

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2017

TYPE: SCHEDULED

TIME: 10:00-11:30 AM

LOCATION: NASHVILLE

RESCUE MISSION

MINUTES

FACILITATOR	Ryan Ellis, Vice Chair
TAKER OF MINUTES	Jim Conner, MDHA Staff
MEMBER ATTENDEES	On File

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

MOTION RYAN ELLIS	The motion to approve October minutes passed.
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TOPIC: COMMITTEE REPORTS

CES	Jessica Ivey, Metro Homelessness Commission & CES Committee Chair, noted CES committee members have served for a year, and the CoC Governance Board approved a reorganization into a smaller committee including: Julian Leggs, Oasis Center, Morgan Southers, Safe Haven Family Shelter, and Chris Fisher, Operation Stand Down. The proposed members work in CES grant-funded positions in operational capacities. The Governance Board Chair will also facilitate the selection of at least two other members.
DATA	No Report (PITC Subcommittee reports below)
POINT IN TIME COUNT (DATA SUB COMMITTED)	The annual Point in Time Count (PITC) will occur in the first ten days of January. There is a meeting immediately following the General Membership Meeting, and PITC will hold weekly meetings now until the end of the year. They are working on a survey for individuals sleeping outdoors to be delivered during the PITC.
HMIS ADVISORY	No Report
MEMBERSHIP	Ashley Blum, Chair, reported that the committee is working on a membership directory. Their next meeting is December 14 th , and the committee will be reaching out soon to make sure directory information is correct.
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE	<p>Suzie Tolmie, MDHA Staff, presented for the Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC). The committee will meet quarterly to look at performance more regularly, they will review the local Collaborative Application for clarity, and utilize a HUD rating and ranking tool to provide more feedback to agencies.</p> <p>Lee Stewart, Metro Social Services, asked if agencies can use the rating/ranking tool (an Excel spreadsheet) themselves. Suzie agreed, and noted that there were still issues to work out with the spreadsheet before it could be available.</p>

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STANDARDS (AD HOC)

Suzie Tolmie, MDHA Staff, presented on the ongoing process to create CoC Written Standards. The Committee met on November 9th to complete the review of the Written Standards draft. The draft was sent to Cloudburst (HUD Technical Assistance) to ensure Written Standards align with ESG standards, and CES Policy and Procedures.

TOPIC: COC GENERAL BUSINESS: MHC/COC GOVERNANCE WORKGROUP

RACHEL HESTER,
MINA JOHNSON

DICUSSION

Rachel Hester, Room in the Inn, and Mina Johnson, Metro Councilmember, presented the joint CoC/MHC Governance Workgroup recommendation for a unified governance model on homelessness to the CoC Board. They recommend moving from a dual governance model to a single planning council model, which would be built upon the current CoC Charter, and would be solidified in City Ordinance. The recommendation consists of 25 total members: 14 elected by the CoC membership (3 of the 14 with lived experience), 8 mayoral appointees, 3 council members appointed by the Vice Mayor. 2 Metro Inter-Departmental representatives and 1 rep from THDA will serve as non-voting members.

They presented a timeline, and noted the community would need to agree to the intent of the recommendation, and that stakeholder input would be welcomed throughout the process.

A Q&A document was presented to each table; MHC staff will compile responses, and take them back to the CoC/MHC Governance Workgroup for review in early December.

Steve Reiter, CoC member, expressed worry that CoC, a community entity, is transforming into a city entity. Other members found that the recommendations are inclusive, and the rebranding is a nice touch, yet operations were a concern. Sam Forcum, The Salvation Army, asked what happen to the Collaborative Applicant discussion, and what happens to staff? The operations process (Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead) will occur in the Spring, and is an annual process; it occurs alongside the current Governance process presented. The presenters stressed that operations is not the focus right now, because a solidified governing body will allow the CoC to make strategic planning decisions, which will inform operations going forward, regardless of the lead staff.

Another table noted the time line is feasible, but what is the difference between Vice Mayor & Mayor groups? -- why not just a collective vote – existing ordinance can have mayor & Vice mayor appoints council members

How do we frame CoC messaging? How do we expand funding outreach beyond HUD grant money? Another table asked about consultant feedback: Cloudburst, HUD TA, responded favorably to the recommendation, and noted it's important to have local government at the table.

Another table summarized that diverse stakeholder group change can be good. They proposed more than three people with lived experience. Perhaps up to five votes can be from individuals with lived experience, and include less mayoral appointees. Another CoC member noted it is hard to find potential appointees with lived experience, who also have the procedural experience. Members do not need to be on the board to serve in committees as well.

Another member asked: What if Metro Council doesn't vote to approve a change

	<p>ordinance? What if they change our community decisions? Mina Johnson replied she does not anticipate the City Council overriding a community decision.</p> <p>Representing his table, Steve Reiter also asked if the community can write their own ordinance, and their own proposal. Will any ordinance come before the CoC Membership body before going to Council?</p> <p>Tim Leeth, CoC Member, asked why the CoC Membership went through the process of voting for a new board this summer just to have the whole body change with no conversation. He also questioned why there were three proposals before, but now only one is being presented.</p>
GOVERNANCE QUESTIONS ASKED IN HANDOUT	<p>Q&A Prompts for the recommendation of a CoC Planning Council model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is appealing to you about the recommendation? • What concerns do you have? • What questions do you have? • Other Comments