



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
TX-600 Dallas City & County/Irving
July 15, 2016 9:00 – 11:00
2801 Swiss Avenue, Dallas TX

Board Members in Attendees: Michael Peterson, John Castanada, Larry James, Edd Eason, Traswell Livingston, Dustin Perkins, Ricky Redd, Brooke, Tom Mills, Ken Mogbo, Britton Bonawsky, Cindy Crain, Charletra Sharp, Regina Levine, Stacey Brown, Connie Wilson, Molly Van, Karen Hughes, Jay Dunn, Theresa Daniels

Staff and Guest in Attendances: Emma Roberts, Wayne Waslien, Amber Puga, Rebecca Cox

Call to Order:

Britton Banowsky called meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Call to approve minutes motioned by Theresa Daniel and seconded by Edd Eason.

We elected 6 people last time. We should reflect who was there in the minutes from last time who was present.

Welcome to our new board members Ken and Karen and Regina and Tom and Brooke. Vicki is a new member but is not present today.

Financial Discussion and Overview of Last Meeting Minutes:

Britton Banowsky overviewed last board meeting discussion. MDHA spent 3 months with no funds due to HUD delay in grant. CAS is still pending and will not be until after August. MDHA had a clear audit report. Copies are handed out today so they have been received by board members. We are in final stages of closing out retirement account. MDHA process for CoC grants and that the PRAC decisions were confirmed. Executive session was discussed regarding annual review of Cindy Crain. Deadline was delayed to ensure that everyone has time to participate.

Appeal of the ESG grant decision was questioned by Ken. John overviewed the concern from Shared Housing and their appeal related to disagreement on process and their scoring. Michael Peterson further stated that the score would have been determined the same and was not determined based on the factors that Shared Housing had issue with.

Nominating Committee Report

Molly overviewed report on nominating committee. Austin Street CEO, Daniel Roby and Jim Aletich CEO of Hopes Cottage in Collin County are in review for nomination. Ken asked how many board members we can have. Molly responded that we have 29 or 30 at this time including two most recent nominees. Britton also mentioned that we need to be up to full board to allow for roll off of exiting board members. Molly motioned to approve and all in favor. The term for these members will be set to end December 2018. Discussion on HEARTH Act and guidelines for representative on board from business and other categories was discussed in relation to our CoC Board balance. Britton reminded that board wanted to be close to 50 / 50 split to allow for representation from providers but not majority to allow for fair funding decisions. Molly announced also that she is working on starting a fundraising committee.

City of Dallas Commission on Homelessness Report

Britton Bonawsky overviewed the current work and future plan of the commission on homelessness. Formed in middle of May. Charge is review the current environment around homelessness, study best practices, and develop strategies and recommendations to the City and County. Past Tuesday meeting was canceled due to memorial service conflict. Meeting July 26 and August 2nd with August 3rd delivering to City a report to coincide with budget decision timelines with the City. Current level of homelessness is unacceptable, coordination is important, needs to be made a civic priority. Discussed overview of our current efforts and needs such as lack of civic interest and low score for our CoC due to data gap, super utilizers of services draining resources, tight housing market, system misalignment etc.

Theresa Daniel discussed difference between city and county government. County government does not have any regulations that deal with homelessness but County does deal with housing, food, and poverty that coincide with needs of homelessness. County is not allowed to take lead in homeless solution but they are willing to partner and work together to support the plan.

Ricki Redd suggested we use the committee to take the opportunity to ask the City for a bond. We need to request better outreach and increased funding and diverse housing programs and sources to decrease occurrence of encampments and tent cities.

Karen Hughes overviewed the shelter committee and the success in increased coordination along with new recommendations. Karen mentioned also the importance of not forgetting homeless families and

youth in the homeless strategies. Connie Wilson also mentioned the importance of prevention when working with homeless families and children. Question is how to link all subcommittees' reports and who will clearly report all recommendations.

Britton reviewed information learned from CSH and Houston guest speakers that spoke to committee leads earlier this week and how they approached solving their homelessness in their city. Britton also Interagency Council is dedicating resources to youth in our region. This along with other resources were discussed by Britton. Stacey Brown suggested we have a system of accountability to ensure the plan is picked up by a City Department for follow through. This was discussed by the board as an important point to keep at the forefront. Dustin asked what the end game is and will the Commission align with CoC strategic plan. Cindy said, yes, according to Open Doors homelessness must be rare, brief and non-recurring, speaking for CoC. Britton said the goal is to get aligned but we don't currently have that alignment yet and the goal is to get leadership engaged and aligned with one plan.

FY2016 Continuum of Care NOFA

Cindy overviewed the NOFA and delay in eSNAPs portal. Timeline is not being moved back however unless HUD moves their due date, however. Self-scores and past performance report portion is being completed now by applicants and the new projects and RFP are delayed as we wait for eSNAPS to open to fully understand the questions that will be asked in the application. Resolution was made to have HMIS and CAS in tier 1 as required components and how much can be applied for by MDHA as a cap. The board will tell the PRAC what the number needed to run those programs will be as opposed to that number only being reported by MDHA staff. The resolution was discussed and John discussed where the numbers for CAS and HMIS were built and determined from. Jay Dunn motioned to approve resolution as is and John seconded. Resolution was passed with all in favor.

Coordinated Assessment System

Cindy presented on the coordinated assessment system and expansion of system to include prioritization levels for transitional, rapid re-housing and other avenues. Included in the presentation were who performs what tasks and at what point in the process. Discussion began on outreach workers and coordination focused on housing across the continuum and across agencies utilizing housing navigators. Discussion also began with prioritization process and use of the SPDAT to prioritize versus other assessment tools. Use of the list was discussed. Traswell asked if warm handoff or list pull would be more appropriate. Cindy clarified that in a perfect world everyone would be on the list and housing agencies would just pull from the list.

CoC Assembly Report

Edd Eason stated nothing to report. Edd Eason did draw attention to handout with list of acronyms.

Future Agenda Items

Britton requested that the board send desired future agenda items.

Adjournment:

11:00 Meeting adjourned.