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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Friday, March 18, 2016 • 9:00A.M.  
2801 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Britton Banowsky, John Castaneda, Jennifer Dominguez, Jay Dunn, Edd Eason, Paige Flink, Larry James, Traswell Livingston Charletra Sharp for Bernadette Mitchell, Dustin Perkins, Mike Peterson, Ricky Redd, Susan Spalding, Molly Van Ort, Connie Wilson, Stacy Brown, Theresa Daniel, Lt. John Lawton

**Staff & Guests in Attendance:**

Cindy Crain, Shavon Moore, Eryca Peters, David Gruber, Wayne Waslien

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Britton Banowsky called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with a welcome and an introduction of all attending.

A motion to approve the minutes from the MDHA Board of Directors meeting Friday, January 29, 2016 was made by Mike Peterson and second by Edd Eason. Motion passed.

**Amendments to the MDHA/Continuum of Care Bylaws**

The Bylaws have been reviewed and updated.

Board member terms will be set at three years, instead of two.

A motion was made by Connie Wilson to accept the revised Bylaws and second by Stacy Brown. Motion passed.

**Nominating and Governance Committee**

Molly Can Ort is currently serving as the Nominating Committee. Other Nominating Committee Members include Edd Eason, Connie Wilson, Paige Flink, and John Castaneda. Board terms are from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

A motion to reappoint the 2015 Board Members for the 2016 year was made by Britton Banowsky with the addition of George Ellis who will serve one year. His term will expire at the end of 2016. A second was not needed since this was a nomination from Committee. Motion passed.

Other motions from the Committee consisted of:

- Motion to accept the Class of 2016 which consists of **Paige Flink, Larry James, Mike Peterson, Mary Ann Russ, Susan Spalding, Connie Wilson**. Motion passed.
- Motion to accept the Class of 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> term) which consists of **Britton Banowsky, John Castenada, Traswell Livingston, Molly Van Ort**. Motion passed
- Motion to accept the Class of 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> term) which consists of **Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Jay Dunn, Dr. Richard Hofer, Lt. John Lawton, and Ricky Redd**. Motion passed
- Motion to accept the Class of 2018 **Stacy Brown, Jennifer Dominguez, Michael Green, and Bernadette Mitchell**. Motion passed.
- Motion to accept the 2016 Officers of the Board which are: **Britton Banowsky, Chair, Edd Eason, Vice Chair, Michael Peterson, Secretary, Michael Green, Treasurer**. Motion passed.
- Motion to accept the Performance Review and Allocation Committee which consists of **Chairman John Castenada** (MDHA Board), **Ashley Brundage** (United Way), **Edd Eason** (MDHA Board, CoC, CitySquare), **Bernadette Mitchell** (MDHA Board, City of Dallas), **Dustin Perkins** (MDHA Board, CoC, Metrocare), **Michael Peterson** (MDHA Board), **Ricky Redd** (MDHA Board), **Susan Spalding** (MDHA Board, Parkland Hospital), **Connie Wilson** (MDHA Board), **Shirletta Best** (City of McKinney), **Erica Hightower** (Legal Aid of Northwest Texas), **Candace Thompson** (Jubilee Park), **Terry Hockenrrough** (Collin College), **Daniel Roby** (Austin Street Shelter), **Evy Kay Washburne** (Consumer Advocate), and **Karen Hughes** (Vogel Alcove).

Edd Eason and Dustin Perkins serve on the Board as elected officers of the Continuum of Care General Assembly per bylaws and will roll off at the end of 2016, but will be replaced by new CoC elected chairs.

The Nominating Committee is accepting potential board members. Contact Molly Van Ort for more information.

### **I45 Tent Encampment**

MDHA is working directly with clients under I45 while the City is working to create a plan.

Currently, there is list of 167 people living in the tent city encampment located under I45. 60 of the clients are receiving direct case manager by 4.5 full time staff from partnering agencies.

There is a team of volunteers and staff assisting with the purchase of critical documents on Thursdays through the end of the process.

Monday at 1:00, there will be a town-hall meeting to discuss services, shelters, other camps, and the concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods. During the town-hall, a count will be to see if the number has changed.

A partnership has also been formed between domestic violence and trafficking agencies to assist with the removal of abused women. So far, three women have been removed and taken to safety.

There will be a sweep to empty the encampment. Eviction Notices will be distributed next week by Crisis Intervention and the I45 case managers and will be issued every two weeks until May 4<sup>th</sup>. The notices will include the case managers' contact information.

The City of Dallas assisted with identifying additional space at the Bridge which will accommodate fifty beds. The Bridge is working with Dallas Life to develop a plan which will allow for an increase in beds at Dallas Life. The clients will receive case management from the Bridge. to house at night and allow them to come to the Bridge for day resources

Banowsky discussed the Mayor's meeting with Board Chairs to assist with the removal of tent city residents.

The group is focusing on three key points:

1. **Crisis Response System Alignment**-Commit to alignment of emergency shelter, street outreach, and day shelter services so that they serve as the process by which people get housed again, quickly, measuring success by reducing the length of stay in homelessness and the return to homelessness.
2. **One Data System-Commit** to a single Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to record and store client-level information on the characteristics and service needs of homeless persons served by all homeless service providers in order to coordinate care, manage operation, provide accountable performance and significantly improve client access to housing.
3. **Create Opportunities for Housing**-Commit to a homeless response system that is built on a philosophy of rapidly returning persons into housing and supported by housing inventories, resources, placement specialists, navigators, coordinated assessment and a community dedicated to increase the supply of second chance and affordable housing for extremely low income households.

The next meeting will be held Friday, April 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

### **MDHA President's Report**

The State of the Homeless Address will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Goodwill Industries located at 3020 N. Westmoreland, Dallas, TX 75212.

MDHA is currently receiving comments for the 2016-2017 planning year which will be July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

TIER 1 of the 2015 NOFA funding has been released but the operational guidelines have not been issued, therefore no one can go into contract signing. New grants are not allowed to draw down on HMIS dollars until contracts have been signed. Therefore, we are making payment arrangements with Caseworthy to pay for their services.

The CoC is requesting a plan for the upcoming NOFA process. Each agency would like a debriefing on how they were scored.

All other agenda items were postponed until next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.