WHC Board Meeting Agenda

September 21, 2021

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order – 9:08
2. Roll Call
   1. In Attendance: Tracy Obert, Sabrina Lane, Casey Starr, Chandra Cody, Bobbie Nielsen-Rogers, Kimberly May, Robin Bocanegra, Chuck Fidroeff, Dawn Dillinger, Debby Rieff, Shari West,
   2. Members Absent: Karla McClaren, Corrine Livers,
3. Approval of Minutes – On a Starr/Lane motion, the August 17, 2021, board minutes were approved with the following changes:
   * 1. Racial Disparity – Conversation to be continued
     2. Fund Manager was approved.
4. Committee Reports
5. Data Committee – hasn’t met. Nothing New
6. HMIS update Federal Reports Due – working on LSA and System Performance measures. We don’t know SPMs will be opened up. LSA will open up in November and due in January.
7. Finance Committee
8. Financial Reports - $23,002.73 in the bank; $1602.23 payment to quarterly membership facility and nonprofit status. Very few membership dues paid; still very low.
9. Monitoring and Evaluation Committee
10. Monitoring Plan for the CoC and ESG – Haven’t met. No report.
11. Point in Time Committee
12. PIT/HIC – No report. Haven’t started to meet yet. Will need to recruit volunteers for the unsheltered count. Schedule meeting around the first part of October. Get names and contact info from Karla as to who she has reached out to before.
13. The Sheltered Count takes a lot more coordination. Need to get going on that sooner than later.
14. Increase coordination among youth shelters
15. Get regular meetings set up so they are on everyone’s calendar so we can get going.
16. Membership Committee – October 19 - Committee meets this afternoon to discuss next meeting. Need to identify a speaker for training and development; need to figure out how much is in the budget for speaker.
    1. Ideas:
       1. House America Initiative – Sustainability Efforts
       2. Medical provider (infectious disease) – vaccination efforts/bed utilization
17. Special Committee Reports
18. Website Update – Dawn shared screen displaying website updates. Dawn showcased the new online application. It is in development phase currently. Once developed it will be available online. When the client completes it and adds the county, the form will be sent to the agency assigned to that specific county. The client will create a user id and password to secure their information. Once submitted to agency, the agency will be responsible for contacting the client. Good job Dawn!!
19. Old Business
20. ERAP Update – Real time data can be found on the DFS website. Landlords continue to lose their patience. Utility companies are disconnecting services even if payment has been approved for clients. Sweetwater Family Resources are providing incentives to landlords to slow evictions
21. Permanent Housing Vouchers Update – We are at a total impasse. There are 57 housing vouchers. There needs to be new clients; cannot use from list. The PHA wants to have specifics in the MOU. There have been countless meetings and emails about the requirements being requested by PHA, many of which are contentious. The PHA required the agencies to be listed in the MOU and have the COC force the agencies to comply with all requirements within the MOU. PHA refuses to sign the MOUs. The HUD rep and technical assistance have been brought in for mediation with no success. All communication now goes through Regional TA who have been unsuccessful in securing a meeting. HUD rep indicated that this negotiation assistance is outside of his lane. He wants to see this work, but really shouldn’t be involved at this level. Dawn has tracked all communication to cover the COC’s backside. It is believed that PHA will try and blame the COC for the failure of this program.
22. Racial Disparity and Gap Analysis – cleaning up final draft. Goal is to have it finalized by the time the NOFA is submitted. This report is very general and not specific to Wyoming. That causes concern.
    1. Consideration needs to be given to use a different company for the analysis in the future. Need to select companies that specialize on data.
    2. Board needs more input into the selection of the company that prepares the report.
       1. Side note: Board needs to be aware of the sources of funding for HMIS. ESGCV – through 9/30/2022. Beginning October 2022, we do not have funding. We need to apply through the NOFA bonus project.
23. Rating and ranking tool – it is not comprehensive to our needs. It needs some revision. We need board approval after it is revised. The group is working on this with Thurman. Casey/Cody made a motion to allow the NOFO committee to approve the Rating and Ranking Tool once revised. Motion carried.
24. Fund Manager Update – Currently Sweetwater and Laramie County are using the Fund Manager tool. Just need MOUs to get active on the fund manager.
25. New Business – No new business
26. Adjourn – Bobbie moved to adjourn at 10:06.