

NWCOC Board / General Membership Meeting

6/18/2020 Meeting via Zoom 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Introductions

Nikki Miller-
Joe Robillard
Lori Anderson-Tri-Valley
Marcia Otte- MAHUBE-OTWA
Kaitlyn T-NW MN foundation
Cory Boushee-NW MN foundation
Amber N. -NW MN foundation
Hyacith Stiffler, Bi-CAP
Alison Forte
Becky Weise
Caite Lemay-SOARS
Debbie Wold, HRA of Bemdimi
Jennifer Lind-
Carmen-VIP
Stacie Reay-VIP
Mary Riegert
Jana Wolf-Evergreen Youth Family Services
Joe-Mac V
Karyn Novak
Lori Wollman-ICCC
Margie Flanagin
Melody Gorden, VA/LL HRA
Reed Olson-Nameless Coalition
Sandy Hennem-Village of Hope
Sarah Nelson- MAHUBE-OTWA
ShannonLee-MAHUBE-OTWA
Sheril Schulter-NW Mental Health
Sunny Lattergrass-NW IRCD
Tatyana Miles-Tri-Valley
Maureen Hams- Tri-Valley
Kierah Jenson-NW Community Action
Shannon Wolf- MAHUBE-OTWA
35 participants

<p>2. <u>Consent Agenda (Board Action: Approve/Deny)</u></p> <p>*All items in the consent agenda are attached to this document for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Updated 2020 Membership Document b. NWCOC MHFA COC Support Workplan and Budget c. MOU for Extension of HMIS Services from ICA for 12 Months d. 3-17-2020 CES Committee e. 4-16-2020 CES Committee f. 5-21-2020 CES Committee g. 3-17-2020 Board / Membership h. 4-16-2020 Board/Executive Committee i. 5-21-2020 Board/Executive Committee j. 5-12-2020 Youth Committee k. 6-9-2020 Performance and Evaluation Committee 	<p>Taking to vote: Motion to consent-Lori A Second Sandy H. Approved</p>
<p>3. <u>SOAR Training with Catie Lemay, DHS</u></p>	<p>Hope of SOAR is getting people approved with disability social security the 1st time. Working also with Lakes and Prarie Community Action, and other programs Counties covered for SOAR-Anyone can be referred, but stationed in Bemidji area, working with local reservations/tribes. Cory will send out contact info, asking what times the best for contacting would be.</p>

	<p>Catie Lemay, Social Security Advocacy Tribal Coordinator, DHS catie.lemay@state.mn.us 651-238-1677</p> <p>Things Catie can help with.</p> <p>Social Security Advocacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist individuals at the initial application, reconsideration, or Administrative Law Judge Hearing (ALJ) • Receiving one of the following public assistance benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversionary Work Program (DWP) • General Assistance (GA) • Housing Support formerly known as Group Residential Housing (GRH) • Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) • Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) • Title IV-E Foster Care • Children or adults up to age 65 with a disability <p>SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist individuals at the initial application or reconsideration and appeals • Eligibility Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are homeless or at risk for homelessness Children or adults up to age 65 with a disability
<p>4. <u>Housing Access / Coordinated Entry Committee Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CEPAT group still working on new tool b. NWCOC CES Subcommittee editing Policy and Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Goal to adopt in September. 	<p>A: More updates-CES is working on multitude of things. One thing that is being worked on is a firm called focus strategies and they are taking a look at the VI SPDAT to see if we should get rid of it. The recommendation is looking at revising VI-SPDAT or create a new tool, or possibly using VI-SPDAT 3.0, staff from state will be attending CES committee meeting to discuss. More to come.</p>

	<p>B:Making sure that Policy and Procedures are meeting state guidelines. Hosted 2 CES kick off sessions. Once Policy and Procedures review is completed will be holding a training Focus has been on updating new referral work flow.</p> <p>Will need to assess if we want to add policies on Violence Against Women Act.</p> <p>Lori A-Training that was had was for those that were offering housing/housing vouchers. For those that just enter if they want more info to contact her or Cory. It's a new process.</p>
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5. Youth Committee

a. YHDP

- i. Youth Housed
- ii. Case Conferencing
- iii. Beltrami County and Mahnomen County
Difficult to Find Housing
- iv. Performance and Evaluation Committee agreed with not scoring and YHDP project during this year's NOFA.

b. Building Systems for Youth Homelessness

- i. Region-wide kickoff meeting planning soon. (Late Summer)
- ii. Project Awards

<u>Project Awards</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Red Lake Homeless Shelter	Host Homes, Emergency Assistance, Emergency Shelter, 12 Month Intensive Rental Assistance	\$260,000
White Earth Homeless Program	Youth Technology Drop-In Center, Technology Classes/Training	\$200,000
ICCC	Community Champions, Emergency Assistance, Rental Assistance	\$150,000
Mahube-Otwa	Master Leasing Emergency Shelter, Youth/Family Program Development	\$100,000

A-

14 youth have been housed across region, 10 + being worked with. Still vouchers available. Hard to find housing in certain areas, Beltrami and Mahnomen. Different things we can look at that HUD would allow us to see.

Was agreed to not score the NOVA this year, after hearing from a lot of other communities that are doing round 2 of YHDP. Not holding scores accountable, with ranking. Making sure that funds support young people. Board might not have to do any voting on it at this time.

Chat: not all youth are ready for independent living

We need some supportive communal living options for those who need to develop some of the basic skills to work toward independence.

RRH is somewhat geared towards housing first model. Not having that middle ground has created some barriers.

Some youth are not ready to be housed. Working on better preparing youth to be better renters.

B-

We will be working on this with grantees more. Will have a region wide kick off meeting, needing to see what agencies, people should be there for the kick off meeting.

	<p>ICCC is covering most of NW region, MAHUBE-OTWA, Hubbard and Mahnomen areas. Just under contract within the last week.</p> <p>HUD tenant protection vouchers program out of Beltrami County. Been approved for 10, can get up to 20 per year. Still getting referrals. Only one got a lease, most are still looking. Working diligently. Once we get this going we can expand out to other counties Clearwater and Mahnomen.</p> <p>Requiring theme of needing more housing stock.</p>
<p>6. <u>Performance and Evaluation Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Started meeting again</u> b. <u>Will be working on a calendar for reviewing APR's and supporting projects</u> c. <u>Will help recruit NOFA reviewers</u> 	<p>A: Thank you for serving on committee, they have started meeting again and one of the first things is going through systems performance measures and figuring out next steps.</p> <p>B: Goal is to provide support to agencies. Better understanding of points that we want to focus on.</p> <p>C: Group will recruit if needed.</p>
<p>7. <u>2020 NOFA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>No info at time of writing report.</u> 	<p>A: Planning with other COC coordinators that are similar sized, NE COC. Not behind right now. Waiting on guidance from HUD. Bigger COC's are doing more work right now on NOFA, they are possibly in a "just-in-case phase" .</p>

	<p>Potential that the NOFA won't be one and they will extend contracts or new contracts with same amounts. Or come up with ranking/scoring process.</p>
<p>8. <u>Housing Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Story from MPLS (Attached)</u> b. <u>Do we want more training on this service?</u> 	<p>A: Highlighting story on how they used covid-19 funding for hotels and then a waiver with housing support services onto the program and into housing. Maybe only Housing Matters in Bemidji, and Jordan May with Red Lake working with Housing Matters to get program going. MAHUBE-OTWA is starting in Wadena. Taking a bit more time If you need info, please reach out to Catie.</p> <p>B: Possible training in future, looking at September COC Board Meeting.</p>
<p>9. <u>Agency Updates</u></p> <p>Try and answer one of the following for your agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is something your agency is working on that you could use partners for? b. What is something new your agency is doing other should know about? 	<p>More UPDATES:</p> <p>2 rounds of ESG funding. 1st round they are looking at having RFP in July, hoping to be similar to the ESP/OEO funding. 2nd waive would be possibly in October. Looking at balancing of the State. DHS is looking at discussing this.</p> <p>DHS is adding 5 questions that would be added for assessors to answer to qualify people for Housing Stabilization Services. The new program coming out in July through DHS. A training is being put on</p> <p>Virtual Road Show training to come from DHS in a couple weeks.</p>

July 8th: Northwest MN

Providers (10:00AM-12:00PM): Click [here](#) to sign-up.

Counties and Tribes (2:00-4:00PM); Click [here](#) to sign-up.

Email

dhshousingstabilization@state.mn.us if you have questions about this message.

Looking possibly at doing large meetings via zoom into Fall due to guidelines. COC will be operating virtually for a bit.

Cory will be taking parental leave soon; end of July through middle of August. Amber N. will be assisting in those times.

Joe-MAC-V

Looking at each individual case and looking closer at vets who may have a dishonorable discharge that aren't eligible for State/Fed. Funds.

Melody Godeon-VA/Leech Lake

Tribal VASH Leech Lake still has many vouchers available to Tribally enrolled Veteran's experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in and around the Leech Lake area, which includes Bemidji. Send any referrals to me at 320 338 5861

Able to help non-native veterans as well.
oops mistyped my number 320 339 5861 On
NE COC meetings as well

Reed Olson-Nameless Coalition
Beginning stages of looking at larger space
to meet needs. Worried about 2nd phase of
Covid-19. Excited about prospect of
increasing space. And possibly looking at
efficiency units for people to get rental
history. Would still be looking at assisting
singles.

Nikki Miller- Park Place
Jay from Sanford Behavioral building on 15th
street might be useable for emergency type
shelter. Might be willing to work with
community members.

FARGO VA- Sam-

ND COC update

Moving forward on function 0 for veteran
homelessness.

Village Of Hope- Sandy

Working on educational things for
individuals. Expanding rent wise, doing a
rent wise training in Red Lake, doing a
“getting a head” program again. Increasing
social capital, circles of support-mentor and
mentee will join a circle of support (made of
2-4 people, 18-24 months) to help provide
support to on keeping their plans.

MAHUBE-OTWA- Marcia

New grant, with partner of Stelhar mental
health services and helps cut the red tape

that youth have to go through for mental health services. It is a DHS project.

NW MN Mental Health- Sheryl
Able to get funds for shelter stays through Covid-19 funds, and working on getting those into permanent supportive housing. Training coming from Heading Home Alliance. Housing Stabilization services are on board with it, but are not able to bill or travel without client in vehicle. Cover 6 counties.

For Training on new housing supports program- Kristeen Davis.

Meeting adjourn.

11:35.