**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Thursday, Jan. 19th, 2023**

**Members attending by Microsoft Teams and/or phone will be included in a quorum.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: (5 min)
   1. Members Present: Angie Neal, Brian Makela, Deb Holleman, Kate Bradley, Allison Kier, Kimberly Scanlon, Lexy Redenbaugh, Melisa Gomez-Romo, Paul Pedersen, Salaam Witherspoon, Seth Borovsky, Stephen Taylor, Theresa Drift, Shelley Holmes, Pat Leary, Valerie Joeckel, Rachel Downs,
   2. Missing: Victoria (Maternity leave)
   3. Staff: Jnana Hand, Tawney Carlson, Laura Birnbaum, Stacy Radosevich, Thom Romano, Courtney Cochran,
2. Review and Approval of Agenda & Meeting Summary (2 minutes)

Motion to approve: Seth Borovsky; Second: Lexy Redenbaugh. All in favor. None opposed.

1. Board Business (15 minutes) (Courtney)
   1. Land Acknowledgement (Volunteers to Read)

Val Joeckel read for the group. Thank you, Val!

* 1. Current open seats: Youth seat & at-large seat & Lived Experience seat

All agree that applicants can come to the HHAC retreat even if they aren’t official members.

* 1. Special board meeting in October (needed with NOFO deadlines)
     1. HHAC Board retreat; Noon to 3pm on Feb. 16th, Location Cotton Town Hall, in person
     2. Review agenda outline: What is missing?

We will be reviewing what the board oversees to make sure the work is understood. We will also be reviewing committees, REAP and a couple of other things. All agree, none opposed. Val will be doing the ice breaker. Requested that background history of what the board has accomplished in the past.

1. Point in time Count 2023- Tawney/Courtney

Training is happening on 1/20 from 12-2 and information from the PIT will be presented to the board once we have all the data organized and compiled.

1. FHPAP Update & overview-Stacy (45 min)

We will keep the FHPAP Advisory at 15 members and not change the size of the Committee. The FHPAP Advisory will continue to be separate from the Heading Home Advisory Council but will meet Quarterly at the same time so all can share information. See full further information in FHPAP Advisory meeting minutes.

1. Updates (30 minutes)
   1. Committee Updates (ALL)
      1. REAP – Working on starting a community connect up north, going to a national conference to end unsheltered homelessness in Oakland California.
      2. Rural Housing coalition – They are going to send out ESG applications in February as opposed to March.
      3. Housing Response Committee – HUD technical assistance is helping us with our Coordinated Entry system. We are looking at ways to improve CES. They are considering recommending leaving a score-based system through the SPDAT.
      4. Affordable Housing Coalition – Due fees have been raised to $200. Additional funds will be used for the Summit and Community Connect. The Summit is happening on March 30th in Duluth MN. The Summit is focused on where we have been and where we want to go. It is a local training conference put on by the community. Past Summits have speared housing change in our community.
      5. Planning & Eval. – They met and did year-long planning. They looked at how they are collecting data and relating it to the community to spear action and systems improvement. It is stronger and more formalized than ever before. Currently, they are looking at year-end data.
   2. State Updates (Pat Leary) – State partners will be monitoring the LTH program for SLC in April.
   3. City of Duluth Updates (Suzanne Kelley) –
   4. HMIS Updates (Thom) – They just wrapped up the LSA. Now they are gearing up for the PIT. They are pulling their CE dashboard off of their website as of 2/1. They are currently going through a strategic planning process for HMIS. Surveys will be coming out soon.
   5. St. Louis County Updates—

1. The RFP has been released for funds geared towards prevention and youth. These funds will be flexible to be able to meet the needs of youth in our community. These funds will be direct assistance. SLC will be allocated about 650k. Each year, this will hopefully be re-allocated for 6 years depending on utilization.

2. House file 444 is a bill that is coming out that includes a lot of impactful elements for housing. Please get to know this bill!

3. A direct cash transfer bill for youth is also coming soon. We hope to gain information on how youth get housed.

4. It is HUD monitoring season. CHUM, TSA and LSS will be monitored. We will be able to respond to HUD on items that have been historically unclear.   
5. We should get information any day now on the Special NOFO. We will hear on the traditional NOFO in May, hopefully.

6. TSA is noticing increased rent prices. How will this effect rapid rehousing programming? How will we prevent these folks from being rent-burdened and returning to homelessness after the RRH 2-year funding ends for them? Folks will be getting together to look at solutions and innovations for these clients. Melisa and Theresa are interested. Courtney is going to schedule this meeting.

7. Talk to Courtney Cochran if you want to apply for a seat.

8. Homeless Day on the Hill - MN is on March 8th in St. Paul - register at MN Coalition for the Homeless

Seth motions to adjourn and Melisa seconds. All in favor.

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