**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Thursday, October 19th, 2023, 1-3pm**

**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: Deb Holleman, Kelly Looby, John Williams, Kim Scanlon, Stephen Taylor, Theresa Drift, Valerie Joeckel, Lexy Redenbaugh, Seth Borovsky, Angie Neal, Salaam Witherspoon
   2. Members absent:
   3. Staff – Tawney Carlson, Kate Bradley, Laura Birnbaum, Courtney Cochran, Heather Lindula, Stacy Radosevich, Pablo Romo, Jnana Hand, Aidan Dalzel, Suzanne Kelly
2. Review and Approval of Agenda & Meeting Summary (2 minutes)

Seth motions to approve. Kelly Looby seconds. None opposed. All approved. Motion passes.

1. Land Acknowledgment (5 min)- All
2. Board Business (10 min)
   1. Review open board seats

There are several members whose terms are ending. Angie Neal will renew. Shelly Holmes’ term is ending, The business seat will likely be open, hopefully a property manager or business owner tied to housing. The Homeless Advocate seat is also open. Tribal seat term is ending. The tribes exercise sovereignty in deciding who will represent. For now, Theresa will continue to represent for Bois Forte. Deb Holleman’s seat term is ending. Deb Holleman will be retiring and her seat will be open. Fond du Lac seat is open and has been open for a long time. Victoria Nugent’s (at large seat) term is ending. Paul Pederson is expiring, end of 1st term and can renew.

* 1. Planning for speakers: November: Housing Supports & FHPAP

Heather Lindula volunteered to do next meeting on Coordinated Entry. These will likely start November/December.

1. Update on Homeless Prevention Aid (Laura) (5 min)

Created by legislature to help local government help youth and families to help people access housing. Updates on where money is going, development, staff, helping cover deposits, community youth services.

CLI- $500,000 grant for folks with behavioral health needs, direct assistance. 82 households have been supposed since 9/20 and just over $100,000 has been spent.

1. Wilder Count Update & volunteer Ask (Courtny) (5 min) - $10 for folks taking the survey. Wilder survey is longer than the PIT. Wilder has a strong partnership with tribal nations. It’s a long, in-depth survey and can be retraumatizing. This survey happens every 3 years and the CoC is not coordinating it this year. The Wilder can use volunteers to distribute..
2. Coordinated Entry Deep Dive (Heather) (20 min)

What the system is, what is going well and what needs work. Slides and presentation will be sent out to the board.

1. Coordinated Entry Assessment Tool Update (Courtney/Laura/Kate/Heather)

A new coordinated entry assessment tool is being co created and is in drafting stages with review. The new assessment tool is being developed to remove barriers and improve equity. Piloting the new tool hopes to launch in January 2024. The board will do the final approval of the tool.

1. CoC Policies & Procedures Document review (Courtney) (10 min)

Changes based on VAWA are coming. Please review between now and next meeting. It will go before the Housing Response Committee.

10. Committees Updates (15 min).

* + Housing Response Committee (Coordinated Entry Advisory) –
  + Planning & Evaluation: Recruiting new members.
  + REAP: Will be reviewing the coordinated entry assessment, continue to work with CoC-funded providers to deepen equity practices centered around NOFO.
  + Rural Housing Coalition:
  + Affordable Housing Coalition: Community Connect at the Damiano in Duluth on 10/26, Community Connect in Northern SLC will be 11/1. There is a coalition looking at amendment to state constitution around money for housing, hoping this will be on the ballot during the next election. The affordable housing coalition looks to increase community education around this effort.

Updates (15 minutes)

* 1. State Updates (Pat Leary) –
  2. City of Duluth Updates (Suzanne Kelley) – City received over $5 million in HUD requests. They usually only receive $3 million in funding. They are working on presenting recommendations on 11/14 and at the December HHAC meeting. Final recommendations will happen in January.
  3. HMIS Updates (Thom) – They are still working on getting a new vendor. More updates to come in November.
  4. St. Louis County Updates – FHPAP contracts are out. There are 3 new subgrantees. New agencies are being onboarded to expand our ability to serve the community. Currently, prevention funding is unavailable, but they are working quickly to launch the new grant year and make those funds available.
  5. Duluth Mayoral Candidate Forum on housing: Tuesday, October 24th from 4:30 to 5:30. The forum will take place at the Central Hillside Community Center Room

1. Motion to adjourn meeting: Salaam Witherspoon. Theresa Drift seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned.

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