**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Thursday, January 18th, 2024 1-3pm**

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

* 1. Members Present: Stephen Taylor, Kim Scanlon, Angie Neal, Lexy Redenbaugh, Seth Borovsky, Paul Pederson, Theresa Drift, Val Joeckel
  2. Members absent: John, Pablo, Kelly
  3. Staff – Stacy Radosevich, Courtney Cochran, Tawney Carlson, Kate Bradley, Laura Birnbaum, Heather Lindula, Carah Alexander, Lakeisha Lee

1. Review and Approval of Agenda & Meeting Summary (5 minutes)- Val motions, Angie seconds, all in favor, none opposed or abstained, motion passes.
2. Land Acknowledgment (5 min)- All – Thank you for reading!
3. Board Business (5 min)
   1. Review open board seats.
      1. Vote to Renew expiring board terms:
      2. Angie – Still interested
      3. Theresa – Still interested
      4. Paul – Still interested

Motion to renew board terms for Angie, Theresa and Paul – Stephen motions, Val seconds, all in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion passes.

1. Review open Applicants.
   * 1. Carah Alexander - introduced self and applied for an open seat position.
     2. Pablo Romo has also applied and is not able to be at the meeting.

Stephen motions to vote Carah and Pablo to be a part of the board. Seth seconds. All in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion passes.

1. LHPA RFP Releasee (Laura) (10 min) – This was created to prevent child homelessness. The demographics being served were families with children and also young people ages. We had 4 applicants. All were partially funded. HDC, Life House, Divine Konnections and LSS were the applicants. They have been on track with their reporting. The RFP for the new cycle was published on 1/8. More information can be found here: <http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/HHP>
2. HUD Youth Homeless System Improvement Grant (Courtney) (10 Min) – Hennepin and St. Louis County have been asked to apply to design youth systems for housing decision making and a youth leadership structure. Conversations have been taking place for years and we now have capacity to move forward and partner. This is projected to help fill some gaps for systems for young people. If this rolls out, staff would be hired in St. Louis County. More information on budget and proposal will be shared once they are ironed out and available. Youth would be supported, likely stipends would be available for youth. The funding package is designed to create the whole system. Motion to vote to support this effort so that the CoC can provide a letter of support was put forward by Stephen, seconded by Val, none opposed or abstained. Motion passes. Updates will be shared
3. PIT Count (Tawney) (10 min) – The Point in Time Count is happening on 1/25-1/26 asking folks where they slept on 1/24. Folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness will be surveyed.
4. Coordinated Entry Assessment Tool Update & Next Steps (Heather) (20 min) – Stages of development were discussed with proposed timeline. The Coordinated Entry Assessment team that has helped designed this will be receiving feedback and doing monitoring from providers and clients. A vote was requested to move forward with this tool to be piloted. Seth motions to move forward with new assessment plan. Theres seconds. All in favor, None opposed or abstained. Motion passes.
5. REAP Equity Tool Introduction (Courtney/Tawney) (20 min) – Background on REAP’s work and experience as well as the development of this tool were covered. Presentation is available for viewing. Requested motion to approve the piloting of this tool meaning distributing the tool to CoC-funded providers, asking them to fill it out and giving feedback to REAP. Seth motions to approve. Stephen seconds. All in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion passes.
6. FHPAP Update (Stacy) (10 min) – Updates were reported out. New agencies are being onboarded. A full report is available. SLC is not opening local RFPS county-wide. It will be limited to current sub-grantees due to capacity. The board can approve for independent applications if any entities are interested in doing so. Looking for a motion to approve application of new FHPAP funds to fill gaps with current sub-grantees and request increased funding for CES through United Way 2-1-1. Seth motions, Val seconds, all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passes.
7. Proposed update to Ranking & Review Policy (Courtney)- (10 min)

10. Committees Updates (10 min)

* + Housing Response Committee (Coordinated Entry Advisory) – Not discussed.
  + Planning & Evaluation: Not discussed.
  + REAP: See notes
  + Rural Housing Coalition: No updates
  + Affordable Housing Coalition: They met this week and discussed goals for the upcoming week. Goals will be solidified at their next meeting.

Updates (10 minutes)

* 1. State Updates (Pat Leary) – Not discussed.
  2. City of Duluth Updates (Suzanne Kelley) – Not discussed.
  3. HMIS Updates (Thom) – HMIS will be leaving the current vendor for a new vendor so HMIS will look different in the next couple of years with the goal of having a better software platform.
  4. St. Louis County Updates – See notes.
  5. Other updates: Stephen Taylor: In Northern SLC, Virginia specifically, the new family homeless shelter and the progress being made looks incredible. RTH is building it, AEOA will be doing services. No opening date yet but will update when that is identified.

Motion to adjourn: Stephen motions to adjourn. Paul seconds. All in favor. None opposed or abstained. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

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