



SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting

Via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, August 24th, 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)

Board roster: Theresa Drift, Shelly Lynn Holmes, Salaam Witherspoon. Pat Leary, Seth Borovsky, Lexy Redenbaugh, Stephen Taylor, Deb Holleman, Val Joeckel, Kelly Looby, Angie Neal, Melisa Gomez-Romo, John Williams, Kimberly Scanlon, Paul Pederson, and Victoria Nugent

Members Present: Stephen Taylor, Val Joeckel, Seth Borovsky, Kelly Looby, Lexy Redenbaugh, Angie Neal, Paul Pedersen, Theresa Drift, Melisa Gomez-Romo, Paul Leary

Members absent: Shelly Lynn Holmes, Salaam Witherspoon, Deb Holleman, John Williams, Kimberly Scanlon, Victoria Nugent

Staff – Stacy Radosevich, Jeff Phillipich, Tawney Carlson, Suzanne Kelly, Hannah Figgins, Kate Bradley, Courtney Cochran

2. Review and Approval of Agenda & Meeting Summary (2 minutes)

3. Land Acknowledgment (5 min)- All – Thank you for reading, Val!

4. Approval of meeting minutes – Seth motions to approve, Lexy seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Seth motions to approve the agenda. Paul seconds approving the agenda. All in favor, none opposed. Motions pass.

5. Board Business (10 min) – Melisa Romo-Gomez is stepping down from the board due to scheduling conflicts, effective after the first September meeting. This seat will be open after Melisa's last meeting. In the fall, we will review our members for disengaged members and we will see which seats can be filled.

6. FY23 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (45 min) (Courtney)

1. Reallocation Overview – Planning and Eval and Ranking & Review looked at reallocation needs and made suggestions. Suggestions were presented. Refer to FY2023 CoC NOFO reallocation report for details. HHAC moves to accept and approve reallocation plan on the report. Melisa Romo-Gomez motions to approve, Theresa seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

2. Tier 1 & Tier 2 Ranking Overview - Ranking & Review team assessed project applications, awarded scores and approved of ranking order. Results were presented. Refer to Final Ranking Tier 1-2 for details. HHAC moves to accept



and approve reallocation plan on the report. Seth motions to approve. Paul seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

3. Discussion/Amendments/Approval – Committee discussed. All agreed. Motions passed.

7. FHPAP Updates & fast Track (15 min) (Stacy) – Seth motions and Steve seconds budget reallocation proposal for FHPAP. All approve, none opposed. Val motions to approve FHPAP 2023-2025 budget and Seth seconds. All approve. None opposed. Motions pass.
 - Coordinated Entry PSH Scoring change proposal for Memorial park (Kate) (10 min) - Memorial Park in Spirit Valley neighborhood in Duluth met the needs decades ago but no longer meets current need. Eventually the building will be replaced. Coordinated entry policies say everyone on the priority list is ordered by highest scores get served first. At Memorial Park, there is congregate living space, shared bathrooms and kitchen space with individual rooms. 31 single occupants. 31 units share 2 showers. 26 rooms share 2 bathrooms on 1 floor. The occupants are high barrier and these spaces create challenges for so many people sharing limited space. The ask is asking for scores to mirror LTH system. This space does not have staff 24/7. The goal is to make the space a bit safer to pull folks with lower scores. This section of the priority list does not get touched ever because folks with high scores get served first. The hope is pulling clients in this way will offer housing to people with lower scores and getting them housed before life circumstances eventually put them in the higher scoring category and ultimately make the building a bit safer. Current clients will be given first choice in Wadena West when that opens. Work is being done to renovate current Memorial Park building. Val motions to approve. Seth seconds motion to approve. All in favor. None opposed.

8. Committees Updates (15 min)
 - Housing Response Committee (Coordinated Entry Advisory) – Coordinated entry system update work is going to be expanded upon once Teo joins the team.
 - Ranking & Review:
 - Planning & Evaluation: Work has been done on the NOFO and reallocation recommendation. This committee does need a board member. If anyone loves data, please consider joining!
 - REAP: REAP participated in the 2023 NOFO ranking and review. Next steps include building a racial equity tool, and continuing these discussions with agencies throughout the year as opposed to 1 time around the NOFO renewal.
 - Rural Housing Coalition: No updates. Housing symposium was attended by members instead of meeting.
 - Affordable Housing Coalition: They voted to allocate community funds to Community Connect in Duluth at the Damiano.



Updates (15 minutes)

1. State Updates (Pat Leary) – Long Term Homeless funds will be extended for 2 more years with the same amount of funding per grantee. There was no change in funding from the legislator.
2. City of Duluth Updates (Suzanne Kelley) – The applications for 2024 funding is on website. Application date is September 5th followed by review. Then HHAC will be asked to review decisions. Hannah Figgins is new with the city in the grants department and introduced herself. The city also has a new director who will join to introduce themselves September 5th.
3. HMIS Updates (Thom) – There is an RFP for new HMIS vendor sources, software behind HMIS, where the NOFO funding approval is going. There will be committee input loops to make sure there is community buy in to the decision for the vendor source. By December, we hope to have the contract selected and then form a transition plan. There is potential we will end with the same vendor but improve current software.
4. St. Louis County Updates— There is a group who has met once and plans to meet again soon who is working to end youth homelessness, house youth within 90 days. If you are interested in this work, reach out to Courtney or Laura for more information.
5. Veterans Resource Fair is being hosted tomorrow 8/25 at Bayfront Festival. There will be service agencies there offering services and information and will be in conjunction with a musical festival that will benefit veterans. Free to veterans and families. Meals are free for military, food by Stokkes. There will be tribute bands performing.
6. Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless is coming up in Duluth soon!
9. Motion to end meeting: Val. Steve seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting ended.

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