**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Thursday, Nov 16th, 2023, 1-3pm**

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

* 1. Members Present: Kimberly Scanlon, Kelly Looby, Val Joeckel, Deb Holleman, Lexy Redenbaugh, Seth Borovsky, Suzanne Kelly, Shelley Holmes, Angie Neal, Theresa Drift
  2. Members absent:
  3. Staff – Courtney Cochran, Tawney Carlson, Aiden Dalzel, Lindsey Jenc, Kevin Radzak, Christen Donley, Kate Bradley, Mike Manhard, Danielle Lindner, Stacy Radosevich

1. Review and Approval of Agenda & Meeting Summary (5 minutes)

Motion to approve agenda: Seth; Seconds: Val. All approve. None opposed. Approved with the correction that FHPAP has 3 new agencies, not 2 on October notes.

1. Land Acknowledgment (5 min)- All

Thank you, readers!

1. Board Business (5 min)
   1. Review open board seats

Deb and Shelley will be stepping down from the board after the December meeting due to retirement and meeting board term limit. There will be 2 board seat openings as a result. There is an additional seat currently open. It is an at large seat.

* 1. Planning for speakers:

We are still planning out speakers. Pat and Steve oversee organizing this piece and are currently out, so this is paused until they return.

1. Statewide Training Collaborative Update (Mike/MESH) (30 min)

MESH is looking to spread awareness on this effort and to get CoC’s blessing to proceed. Background: They are looking to offer state-wide trainings to help meet some gaps. In 2018, CoC’s noted that relevance of trainings, timeliness and accessibility, affordability and consistency of topics were noted by CoCs across the state as common gaps. There needs to be a lead organization driving this initiative and work forward, secure funding etc. The group did an LOI earlier this year. MESH has been selected by the workgroup to lead on this. It is a statewide effort and MESH is filling the role the workgroup needs, but it is currently unfunded. MESH is not comfortable moving forward without letting CoCs know the intent moving forward, so that is why they are presenting today. They are looking for informal support.

Scope of work: They will not take away any resources or community resources. MESH’s role is going to be more pooling resources. MESH is also not requesting funds. They are looking to improve access to quality trainings across the state. They will be working with current trainers to make sure trainings are consistent and want to put together an advisory board to ensure rural communities, tribal communities, and people with lived experience help shape content.

Conclusion: MESH is looking to spread awareness for input, get informal support for this plan, looking for others to join the open workgroup who is pushing this forward.

Q&A: Would board members be paid? There is a budget for 9-10 people to be able to meet regularly. The overall budget is $25,000. If anyone is interested in this process, reach out to Mike Manhard. [mike@mesh-mn.org](mailto:mike@mesh-mn.org). This piece has not launched yet because MESH is still gauging interest in moving this forward.

Is there an ETA for when the board will begin? The beginning of January is when this should start.

How will what trainings are already offered and what additional trainings will be offered be tracked? Everything is still in the works. Since the last survey was in 2018, it is likely that the first step will be a new survey to see what training topics are the most needed. They will collect feedback to build effective systems and containers.

1. Housing Supports 101 Overview (15 min)

Thank you for sharing Kevin and Lindsey! Slides will be sent out.

1. Coordinated Entry Assessment Tool Update (Kate) (10 min)

A team of people are currently building a tool and figuring out how it will fit into our system. We don’t want people to just sit on the list long term and a new tool and path will help us do that. Right now, they are getting feedback from providers, REAP and are currently getting feedback from youth to help reduce trauma and humanize the experience. More assessors are needed. If board members want to give more feedback, Kate is happy to host the conversation and help guide people through the tool. Some board members have expressed interest in a more in-depth look at the tool. A doodle poll will be sent out to set a meeting time to go over the tool.

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

HUD made some policy changes. Changes got delayed. The changes are now going to be rolled out now. The documents reviewed were emailed out to the group. This discussion is about how to be in compliance with the changes. Currently this information is being shared with the board, will eventually seek board approval and then will be dispersed to the community. Board members all agreed they could vote today. The board decided to do a contingent vote while allowing absent members to review.

Motion to approve: Val. Second: Theresa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

1. HUD NOFO on Youth Homelessness Systems (Counrtney) (5 min)

HUD published another NOFO last week. It is not specific to CoCs. It applies to any government entity. It would not take the traditional course of our CoC process. This NOFO looks to fund systems that end youth homelessness. This published last week and is open until mid-February. We are sharing about it. If interested in applying, please reach out to Courtney. The board will be informed if we move forward with an application.

1. City of Duluth 2024 HUD recommendations (Suzanne) (10 min)

Recommendations were presented. Homeless programming will be supported. The need is increasing. All this information will be emailed out next week. The public notice will also be shared out.

10. Committees Updates (10 min).

* + Housing Response Committee (Coordinated Entry Advisory) – Updates were already given
  + Planning & Evaluation: Recruiting new members! This is going to be an open house that outlines what committee reviews
  + REAP: REAP reviewed CE assessment tool and are building out future NOFO process.
  + Rural Housing Coalition: CBDG applications are due soon.
  + Affordable Housing Coalition: They will be meeting soon. No updates at this time.

Updates (10 minutes)

* 1. State Updates (Pat Leary) – No updates
  2. City of Duluth Updates (Suzanne Kelley) – Updates already shared
  3. HMIS Updates (Thom) – No updates
  4. St. Louis County Updates – 2023 FHPAP grant cycle is wrapping up! Fast track money received $500,000. Money will be returned on this, but it is not punitive. Spending these funds was limited within our capacity to distribute.

Legal Aid is now Justice North.

* 1. Other updates: Arc Northland is having an open house tonight! 4-5:30 tonight! A short film will be shown.

Thank you all for sticking out this content-heavy meeting! Please reach out if you are interested in any opportunities!

Motion to adjourn: Seth. Second: Lexy. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned.

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