



Chicago Continuum of Care Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual Meeting
June 17, 2020
9:30am – 11:30am
DRAFT Minutes
(submitted by C. Brown, All Chicago)

In attendance: Carmelo Barbaro, Stephen Brown, Ken Burnett, Megan Cunningham, Allison Arwady, Regina Freeman-Hodges, Fred Friedman, Todd Fuller, Christine Haley, Mary Howard, Jeri Linas, Sybil Madison, Commissioner Lisa Morrison-Butler, Christy Prah, Debbie Reznick, Rev. Saeed Richardson, Richard Rowe, Dr. Sanja Rickette Stinson, Peter Toepfer, Amber Westbrooks, Ben Applegate, Larry Smith, Dorothy Yancy.

Alternates/Proxies: Otha Gaston, Michael Banghart, Colleen Mahoney

Guests: Carolyn Ross, Steve Gaydos, Keri Lowder, Beth Horwitz, Cindy Brown, Karen Kowal, Nicole Bahena, Maura McCauley, Joan Bundley, Twanda Acosta, Chris O'Hara, Tim Herring, Sherri Allen Reeves, Laura Bass, Arturo Bendixen, Mary Elsner, Emma Nordmeyer, Karisma Wilson, Chris O'Hara, Emily Krisciunas

MINUTES

I. **Webinar Housekeeping Items**

Nicole Bahena gave a brief description of how the functions work for the virtual meeting.

II. **Welcome/Roll Call**

Ben Applegate welcomed everyone. It was agreed there was enough people in attendance for a quorum.

Ken Burnett reflected on the injustice and death that has impacted the African American communities. He discussed racism and the murder of George Floyd. There was an eight second moment of silence.

III. **Consent Agenda**

Ben motioned to approve the consent agenda, passed unanimously.

IV. **Expedited Housing Initiative (EHI)**

Nicole Bahena reported on the EHI policy and the three phrases.

She discussed the EHI Policy Implementation and the Accountability Plan, Implementation Assistance and System Shift.



She reported on the EHI Impact on System Goals and discussed goals one, two and five.

She reviewed the EHI Possible Data Tracking Metric, performance accountability, system performance, work of EHI system partners and racial equity lens. Discussion ensued regarding barriers, matching and what the Board can do to help.

She discussed the System Housing Data from 5/11 to 6/16 for 250 referred to housing. She reported on the referral, enrollment, housing and rematch. Discussion ensued how to collect information to make matches better.

She discussed the Accelerated Housing Goals. She reported on race of matched participants at Hotel 166. She reported on the Accelerated Moving Event Target Population and estimated permanent housing paths. She reported on the Accelerated Moving Event Activities and discussion ensued regarding holding fees and landlord activity. Nicole discussed the Landlord Engagement Group and the purpose of their meetings. She reported on the Accelerated Moving Event – System Wide Coordination and Partnership and how Coordinate Entry Leads, RRH Partners, Community Partners, Government Partners and Behavioral Health providers are all working together.

She reported on the upcoming CoC policy items for EHI. She discussed a policy item that might come back to the Board for approval. Beth Horwitz gave an overview of the HMIS Visibility. There is no sharing of information if not consented by the clients. Megan Cunningham gave a brief description on Hotel 166 and their role.

V. CoC Implementation Structure (Action Agenda)

Michael Banghart and Pete Toepfer gave a summary how the Action Agenda came to be and bringing together the partners.

Nicole reviewed the CoC Implementation Structure. Maura McCauley has left as co-lead and Beth Horwitz will now step in to help. Nicole and Beth gave a brief description of their job descriptions. It was discussed that they were migrating away from Action Agenda terminology toward CoC Implementation Structure. Nicole reported on new structure items moving forward. She discussed Supporting Lines of Action and Priority Lines of Action.

Commissioner Lisa Morrison-Butler presented the City of Chicago CARES Act summary. She reported that there is one billion in additional funding for the city to respond to COVID-19. She gave a summary on DFSS CARES Act homeless services.



Dr. Alison Arwady gave a CDPH update on COVID-19 funding. She reported on support for isolation housing, bringing primary care and behavioral health together into settings where it is high risk, testing, contact tracing and working to get economic development where it's most needed.

Colleen Mahoney gave an update on the Chicago Department of Housing. She discussed they anticipate receiving \$24 million contingent on City Council approval. A bulk of that will be used for direct rental assistance. She reported that \$3.5 million dollars will go towards mortgage assistance. She also stated that half a million will go toward an eviction pilot legal counsel program.

Christine Haley gave a summary regarding CHHRGE, which stands for Chicago Homeless and Health Response Group for equity. It is facilitated by Rush University Health System and has collaboration with a number of hospitals, FQHCs, homeless service providers, Chicago, the funding Community, and others. There are a few Board Members who participate with CHHRGE. She mentioned there were discussions for integrating CHHRGE into the CoC.

Rev. Sanja Stinson acknowledged Jeri Linas who is retiring from the Board.

VI. Public Comment

Michael Banghart reported that the National Housing Preservation Foundation reached out regarding a property that they're going to rehab. It is going to be turned into Supportive Housing Program with 30 units.

VII. Adjourn