



Minutes Submitted by: Cindy Brown and Nicole Bahena

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BOARD COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION	<p>The Chicago Continuum of Care shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the Board), which will provide oversight and accountability for all Chicago CoC responsibilities.</p>
ATTENDEES	<p>Board Members: Amanda Pyron (The Network, At-Large); Amber Westbrooks (Youth Action Board); Bennett Applegate (Business Leader); Christine Haley (Cook County Health, At Large); Christy Prah (Chicago Funders Together to End Homelessness); Colleen Mahoney (DOH); Comm. Lisa Morrison Butler (DFSS); Dorothy Yancy (Lived Experience Commission), Ken Burnett (Service Providers Commission); Robert Cunningham (Lived Experience Commission); Michael Banghart (Service Providers Commission); Rev. Saeed Richardson (Faith Based) ; Rev. Sanja Stinson (Service Providers Commission); Richard Rowe (Lived Experience Commission, Chair); Todd Fuller (IDHS); Regina Freeman-Hodges (Jesse Brown VA, At-Large); Steve Brown (UIC Health, At-Large); Carmelo Barbaro (The UChicago Inclusive Economy Lab, At-Large); Mary Howard (CHA); Carolyn Ross (All Chicago, Collaborate Applicate Rep); Megan Cunningham (Chicago Dept. of Public Health, At-Large)</p> <p>Alternates: Otha Gaston (Lived Experience Commission), Michele Gilbert (Service Provider); Richard Ducantenzieler (Service Provider)</p> <p>All Chicago Staff: Nicole Bahena, Beth Horwitz, Steve Gaydos, Cindy Brown, Keri Lowder, Elizabeth Perez</p> <p>Attendees: Andy Pires (Lincoln Park Community Services), Anna Lee (Chicago Community Trust), Chris O'Hara (Lived Experience Commission), Maura McCauley (DFSS), Tawanda Acosta (Christian Community Health Center); Arturo Bendixen; Christian Hall; Emily Krisciunas (Michael Reese Health Trust); Emily Metz (The UChicago Inclusive Economy Lab); Sherri Reeves (Matthew House); Jaye Stapleton (City of Chicago); Joan Bundley; Samuel Carlson (Chicago Coalition for the Homeless); Deborah Culpepper (Feathfist); Andrea Kaltz; Flora Koppel (Unity Parenting); Colleen Mahoney (Chicago Dept. of Housing); Brett Penner (CSH); Stephanie Sideman (CSH); Caprice Williams;</p>
BRIEF SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmed the CoC Implementation Structure Lines of Action for 2021 as approved by the CoC Board Executive Committee. • Agreed to revisit the affinity group structure in six months to determine whether removing specific lines of action is effective or if they need to change it.

AGENDA ITEM	Webinar Housekeeping Items and Welcome, Introductions/Roll Call
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>It was agreed that Nicole Bahena would not review housekeeping items.</p> <p>Richard Rowe welcomed everyone and introduced Commissioner Lisa Morrison Butler. The Commissioner announced that she is resigning from DFSS. Many members thanked her for all her hard work and service.</p> <p>It was established there was a quorum and Cindy Brown will add all attendees to the meeting minutes instead of taking a Roll Call.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	Meeting Agenda & Consent Agenda
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Richard presented the agenda items for today meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Roll Call • Consent Agenda Items • CoC Implementation Structure Lines of Action for 2021 • Racial Equity Line of Action Discussion and Next Steps • 2020 Systems Goal Data Review • City Funding Presentation • Public Comment Period • Adjournment <p>Dorothy Yancy made a motion to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Ken Burnett, motion passed.</p> <p>Richard Rowe presented the Consent Agenda Items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February CoC Board Meeting Agenda • December CoC Board Meeting Minutes • Executive Committee Minutes (in lieu of a report) • Board Affairs Committee Report • System Operations and Performance Committee Report (including a vote to extend HMIS MOU for 1 year, ending in Feb 2022) • Finance Committee Report and CoC Budget • All Chicago Report <p>Carmelo Barbaro requested the HMIS MOU migration be removed from the Consent Agenda for a brief discussion. It was agreed to discuss next on today's agenda. Consent Agenda was approved with the change.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	HMIS Vendor Migration
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Carmelo requested an update regarding training for providers and fundraising by the Board. Beth Horwitz stated that DFSS has approved use of some of the CARES Act funding relating to some of the migration cost. She also stated that Funders Together to End Homelessness are helping with the remaining funding gap. She reported that the contract with BitFocus includes additional support relating to training.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	CoC Implementation Structure Lines of Action for 2021
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**SUMMARY OF
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(MOTIONS, DECISIONS)**

Nicole stated The CoC Executive Committee voted to approve the proposed 2021 Lines of Action at their meeting on December 9, 2020. At the December 2020 Board Meeting, the Board voted to postpone a vote on the CoC Implementation Structure Lines of Action to February 2021 Board Meeting to give All Chicago and DFSS time to discuss staffing capacity. Since then All Chicago and DFSS have met twice on this issue and are ready to proceed with it.

She presented the proposed five lines of actions and the process and opportunity for input. She discussed that there are less lines of action but incorporated ideas of affinity groups. She explained that affinity groups are groups that come together based on a target population, such as veterans, youths, etc. and intentionally incorporate the affinity groups into all the lines of action.

She reported that All Chicago did publish a CoC Implementation Structure community guide for public community feedback and updates were made based on the feedback. She highlighted the updates and recommendations.

Richard brought to discussion the letter that was sent out regarding removal of the Youth Line of Action. Some members expressed concern why the letter was sent at such a late date and why the Youth Line of Action was eliminated. Nicole stated what was heard from the community was that 12 lines of action having equal priority is too much for the community to staff, attend and be effective. The Youth Line of Action has made some progress in the past but there are no dedicated resources for youth programs at this time. She went into detail how an affinity group will be connected into the structure.

Christine Haley discussed her concern regarding the Youth Providers and Community feeling their voice and power being diminished and what accommodation could be made to not eliminate the Youth Line of Action and discussion ensued.

There was a discussion if the Board should send back to the Executive Committee with comments and concerns or if the Board should vote today and discussion ensued.

Carmelo requested greater clarity and more formalization for what affinity groups will look like. He also requested how the old work will map on to the new lines of work. Nicole will send the mapping document to Board members that shows that information.

Michael moved to affirm the CoC Implementation Structure Lines of Action for 2021 as approved by the CoC Board Executive Committee, it was seconded by Dorothy, there were 11 Yes, 6 No, 1 Abstain, motion passed.

Michael moved to revisit the affinity groups in six months to determine whether removing specific lines of action is effective or if they need to change it, Dr. Stinson seconded, there was no opposition and motion passed.

Nicole stated that there are several non-CoC Board members who noted in the chat that they would like to make comments regarding the vote. It was agreed to continue with agenda due to time constraints and postpone public comment to the assigned part of the agenda.

Next on the agenda was CoC IS Next Steps (If passed). Nicole stated it is an update and does not need to be discussed. Members have the information in their packet. Richard stated that if there are questions regarding affinity groups, please let the Board know.

AGENDA ITEM	Racial Equity Line of Action Discussion and Next Steps
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Ken stated that last year the CoC Board created an ad hoc Racial Equity Group. The group meet last fall and it was decided to hire a consultant to help. He stated the Racial Equity Group is making the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The CoC should develop a new line of action to ensure the attention it deserves, and the ad hoc members are willing to serve on this line of action and suggest the following first steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting CoC members to participate. • Seeking funding to support a consultant and identify consultant to serve as one of the two line of action leads. • The line of action oversee developing and disseminating a RFQ for the selection of a consultant. 2. The group will work with those identified racial injustices groups already in existence. 3. Identify community informed proposed racial equity priorities and timeline to submit to the Board in the fall. <p>Christy PrahI suggested making it a priority to hear voices of the youth as part of the work.</p> <p>Carmelo asked if there was need for additional resources to support the work. Michael Banghart stated that the finance committee budget approved funds for a consultant, dollar amount is around \$14,000 or \$17,000 and there is remaining funds from last year to carry over.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	2020 Systems Goal Data Review
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Beth presented the 2020 systems goals. She stated COVID-19 has had an impact on the data.</p> <p>Goal 1. Reduce the number of persons who are homeless and are accessing services.</p> <p>She reported that in 2020 there was a decrease in the total number of households on the active list, in system wide inflow and household placed in permanent housing. She reviewed the 2021 Plan for working toward this goal. Steve Brown mentioned that several hospitals have banded together to start counting hidden homelessness in their respective systems and could have a big effect on some of the numbers.</p> <p>Goa 2. Reduce the time persons experience homelessness.</p> <p>She reported the average days between entry into the homeless system and move into housing and the average days between referral to project and move into housing is higher than in 2019. She discussed the 2021 Plan for working toward this goal. Christy PrahI asked if the 2020 data is inclusive of EHI participants or separate. Beth stated it is, but noted that the EHI program started in late October 2020 and therefore doesn't impact the data much. Steve Brown asked if they track abandonment or follow up of people who</p>

	<p>leave the system. Beth stated they have not been able to spend enough time on that issue.</p> <p>Goal 3. Projects committed to CES will use only that system to fill their units.</p> <p>She reported there was a decrease in 2020 and reviewed the 2021 Plans for addressing this goal. Christine Haley expressed concern why there was such a drop in the percentage if this is a requirement by HUD. Nicole stated certain projects are required to use CES is different from the overall number of projects that are committing to use. The goal is to have 100% of homeless dedicated projects that our funded by other sources. She stated the Coordinated Entry Leadership Team can help investigate this issue and figure out a better way to handle this matter.</p> <p>Goal 4. Increase the earned income and/or other income of adults served by the homeless response system.</p> <p>She reported there was an increase in earned income and non-employment cash income during the year and reviewed the 2021 Plans for working toward this goal.</p> <p>Goal 5. Increase persons who exit street homelessness to enter sheltered destinations (as defined by HUD).</p> <p>She reported there was a slight decrease in the percentage of people who are exiting to sheltered destinations and a decrease in the number in total who have exited. She reviewed the 2021 Plans for working toward this goal.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	City Funding Presentation – Colleen Mahoney (DOH), Maura McCauley (DFSS)
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Colleen Mahony (DOH) discussed the last two rounds of rental assistance. She reported that the third round of rental assistance is just under \$80 million. The date of application opening is pending. She reported that they are working with the new Treasury Department on guidelines. Chicago.gov/eviction will be updated as soon as they know the opening of the round with information about documentation requirements. She stated funds will be available only for rent relief, not mortgage relief and documentation requirements may be stricter than previous rounds.</p> <p>Maura McCauley (DFSS) reported in response to COVID-19, DFSS implemented strategies within three overarching goals, funded by CARES Act. The three goals are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preventing people from becoming homeless as a result of COVID-19 2. Protect people in shelter and on the street from COVID-19 3. Rapidly house people most at-risk of complications from COVID-19 <p>She stated DFSS received over \$70M in CARES Act funding from ESG, CDBG, and CSBG for homeless services. She presented how the funding was broken down.</p> <p>Richard requested a follow up if there is any mortgage relief with the new funding. He also requested a follow up regarding how All Chicago is involved with the new \$80 million in rental assistance. Colleen stated that with the restrictions to rental assistance with the new funds, she is not aware that there will be any concurrent funds available for</p>

	mortgage relief. She also stated that DOH is currently in talks with All Chicago to partner with these funds. She will provide an update when she has that information.
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AGENDA ITEM	Public Comment
<p>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)</p>	<p>Flora Koppel stated she would have liked to discuss the contents of the letter before the vote. She expressed disappointment in the vote. She stated that even though the letter seemed to come in at the last minute, they have been discussing concerns with All Chicago since December. She discussed being afraid of going backwards and losing the focus on homeless youth. She also discussed fear of losing the voices of Youth Providers and the Youth Action Board and removing a tool necessary to hear that voice in the forefront. She stated that as they define Affinity Groups this should be kept in mind; they do not just want to talk about what they need, but how is this going to work, and that structure was not presented to them yet.</p> <p>Caprice Williams' note in the comment section - <i>I want to place this comment here just in case there isn't enough time. I am very afraid that just as we were lost and put to the back of this conversation, so will we be with the Youth line of action (that was just taken away). We don't know much about the affinity group, and to agree to put such important work into the hands of the unknown speaks volumes to me. Last time we had this meeting a woman spoke and said, "after 25 years, I would never think we will still be trying to figure out how to end homelessness", O how I fear that this number of years will double. Now that the decision has been made, I hope we all do our due diligence to assure that YOUNG PEOPLE do not get pushed to the back of the bus.</i></p> <p>Caprice stated that when we revisit in six months there are certain things she would like to see and what is being done with the Youth. She spoke about the quote above. She stated that being on the Youth Act Board, they voiced a lot of concerns on what they could do to help make changes and what direction they wanted to see it go. After months of having time to reflect on it, majority of changes have not happened. Suggestions have not been pushed forward to make a good impact within the youth homeless community. She said that she is frustrated and sad by the vote.</p> <p>Richard asked the Board to extend the meeting by another 5 minutes, there was no opposition.</p> <p>Sam Carlson thanked Flora and Caprice for their advocacy, and he thanked the Board for listening to the concerns.</p> <p>Richard stated that going forward once there is a discussion in terms of what the Affinity Groups will look like, it would be helpful to include representatives from the Youth Action Board, including the three individuals that spoke during public comment.</p> <p>Caprice asked Carolyn Ross what will happened with the Youth Action Board and all the work that has been put into place now that the Youth Line of Action was eliminated. Carolyn stated that the Youth Action Board will not being go away and she will discuss further with Caprice due to time constraints.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	Adjournment
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	There was a motion to adjourn meeting, it was seconded, and meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.