



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); 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, Tawanda Acosta; Karisma Wilson</p> <p>Attendees: Secretary Grace Hou (IDHS); Rodrigo Carrillo (IHDA); Anna Lee (Chicago Community Trust), Chris O’Hara (Lived Experience Commission), Maura McCauley (DFSS), Arturo Bendixen; Emily Krisciunas (Michael Reese Health Trust); Emily Metz (The UChicago Inclusive Economy Lab); Sherri Reeves (Matthew House); Jaye Stapleton (City of Chicago); Joan Bundley; Colleen Mahoney (Chicago Dept. of Housing); Brett Penner (CSH); Angela Brooks (CSH); Julie Dworkin (Chicago Coalition for the Homeless); Daniel Hertz (Chicago Dept. of Housing); Joanne Otte (Chicago Community Trust); Louisa Pavlik; Cary Steinbuck (CHA);</p>
BRIEF SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Agenda Items

AGENDA ITEM	Welcome & Roll Call – Richard Rowe, Chair
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was established there was a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM	Consent Agenda Items – Richard Rowe, Chair
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Richard presented the agenda items for today meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April CoC Board Meeting Agenda • February CoC Board Meeting Minutes • Executive Committee Minutes • System Operations and Performance Committee Minutes • Finance Committee Minutes • All Chicago Report <p>There was no opposition to the consent agenda, and it was approved.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	Presentation from IDHS on COVID-19 Relief Package Funding – Grace Hou
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	Secretary Hou thanked everyone for the work they have done. To anticipate service system looks litke when Eviction . Went over pyrmaird

AGENDA ITEM	Public Comment Period – Richard Rowe
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	Otha Gaston requested clarity for the LEC members regarding Affinity Groups. Richard stated that Nicole Bahena is scheduled to report on Affinity Groups later in the agenda and it was agreed she would answer any questions during that time.

AGENDA ITEM	Homeless and Housing Funding Coming to Chicago
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Cheryl Burns and Cary Steinbuck from Chicago Housing Authority report on the COVID-19 Relief Package Housing Vouchers</p> <p>Daniel Hertz from the Chicago Department of Housing (DOH) discussed the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and HOME Funding.</p>

He discussed the following on the first round of funding:

- April 2020 start
- \$2m city funds
- 2,000 grants of \$1,000
- Direct to tenants and homeowners
- Online application and delegate agencies

He reported the following on the second round of funding:

- August 2020 start
- \$21m+ federal funds
- Approx. 10,000 grants of \$2,000 - \$3,000
- Direct to tenants
- Online application and delegate agencies

Other CARES Act:

- \$8 million DFSS Rental Assistance Program
- \$3 million DOH mortgage assistance
- \$500,000 for eviction legal defense

He reported the following on the third round of funding:

- \$80 million in federal funds
- Both landlords and tenants can apply
- Grants go to landlord unless they decline/do not respond
- Grants can pay for up to 12 months of unpaid back rent, and 3 months forward
- Grants can cover utilities and late fees

He reported eligibility is based off the following:

Tenants

- Below 80% of Area Median Income (family of four = \$72,800)
- Preference for those under 50% of AMI (family of four = \$45,500)
- COVID-19 hardship
- City of Chicago resident

He reported on the following ways to apply:

- Online application at [Chicago.gov/RentHelp](https://www.chicago.gov/RentHelp)
- Call center availability
- Community-based orgs doing outreach and intake
- Landlords can register without applying for each tenant

He stated that ERAP's goals are to present as few barriers as possible, serve those in the greatest need and be transparent about the process.

Rodrigo Carrillo from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) reported the following on the Illinois Rental Payment Program:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHDA is designing and implementing the Illinois Rental Payment Program (ILRPP) to prevent the eviction of tenants unable to pay their rent due to financial hardships directly or indirectly due to the Covid-19 pandemic. IHDA administering \$500MM from Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. • Building on 2020 track record • Launch in May 2021. <p>He discussed how the ILRPP functions, which is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing providers start the application; tenant and landlord jointly apply. • Tenants can begin application only if landlords do not begin one on their behalf. • Grant payments will be exact based on tenant need, not fixed. • Income eligibility is adjusted for family size (i.e., no uniform eligibility threshold). • Prioritization of applicants who are unemployed and under 50% of the Area Median Income. • Ability to track application status via application website. <p>He reported the following on who is eligible for ILRPP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household experienced a loss of income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19. • Household is behind on rent and at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability. • Household’s annual income in 2020 was at or below 80% of the Area Median Income, adjusted for household size. • Unit is the tenant’s primary residence and is located within the state of Illinois. • Proof of citizenship is <u>not</u> required; ILRPP assistance is not a “public-charge” benefit. <p>He discussed the ILRPP payments, benefits and documentation that is required. He stated that once applications are submitted, tenants and housing providers may track their application status at: ILRPP.IHDA.org/status.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	CoC Implementation Structure Lines of Action for 2021
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Overview of Lines of Action as CoC Board’s Key Strategies for 2021 – Beth Horwitz</p> <p>Updates and discussion items about the Racial Equity Line of Action – Elizabeth Perez</p> <p>Affinity Groups and Community Conversations Update – Nicole Bahena</p>

AGENDA ITEM	Preview of Upcoming Policy Decisions for CoC Board
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	<p>Ranking Policies – Nicole Bahena</p> <p>Financial Benchmarking for HUD CoC Projects – Michael Banghart</p>

AGENDA ITEM	Adjournment
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES (MOTIONS, DECISIONS)	