SMAC Governing Board Minutes

May 15, 2020

1:00-3:00

**In attendance:**Matt Lewis, Denise Smieja, Heather Duchscherer, Eric Gentry, Abby Guilford,  , Kristen Brown, Barb Sopp, Ann Lindquist, Betty Notto, Liz Moen, Michelle Reid, Kristen Brown, Dana D, Tina,  Jen Romero, Jessica Herring, Chris S, Kim L, Dan LS, Natalie E, Patrick L, TJ Y, Trisha K

1. Introductions
   1. If you have COVID update to provide please do so with your introduction, please keep the update to 30 seconds!

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| Hearth Connection is Requests for Proposals!   * Mobile team(s) to serve chronically homeless adults without children in scattered-site PSH, primarily in Hennepin and Ramsey counties, and * Welcome team to document chronic homelessness and disabilities with new participants and to complete person-centered housing plans for eligible participants. |  |

1. Approve April minutes \*Vote Required

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| No edits | Brad  Eric G Second |

1. Update

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| Executive Committee:  Reviewed NOFA score. SMAC was middle of the road in MN. Areas where we scored low was system performance measures. Did better on increasing capacity and ranking process.  Workgroup on Evictions:   * + At the April SMAC Governing Board meeting it was decided that SMAC was in a good position to take an active role in planning for eviction prevention after the peace time emergency and eviction moratorium lifted.   + A small group began meeting following the Governing Board meeting to put a plan together. That group includes Matt Lewis, James Baron, Liz Moen, Heather Duscherer, Abby Guilford and Mike Manhard.   + Initial focus of the group was to stand up something brand new that would be a regional approach to eviction prevention rental assistance. The focus of the group has shifted slightly to focus on a regional approach to the potential FHPAP eviction prevention going through the legislative process right now.   + Outreach to counties is the initial step to gauge interest in a regional approach to this funding opportunity.   + The small group will continue to meet weekly until there is a clear end point. |  |
| Coordinated Entry Committee:  Need for a new member. Jennifer Horton was the RRH representative and has resigned her position. Sent out request to all RRH providers. Committee is recommending Miel Smith from Matrix as the RRH representative to the Advisory Committee  Directors Council: made up of people with lived experience of CE. Making recommendations on assessor training. Made recommendations on Housing Stabilization services.  Housing Stabilization Services: Had conversation with access points to talk about transition services. Barrier for providing rapid resolution is that there is no service money. Could use MA as a way to get the services reimbursed  Steve S has resigned. Hearth Connection has posted the position. | Heather moved to approved Mel  Betty second  Motion carried |
| SPARC:   * The SPARC team has been hard at work pulling together data and facilitating focus groups in order to give SMAC a picture of racial disparities across the region’s homelessness response system. * The June Governing Board meeting will be an opportunity to hear from the SPARC team what they have been working on and recommendations for:   + Policy and procedure changes that SMAC can implement   + Request for SMAC to support outreach to other stakeholder groups that will be critical in impacting the racial disparities across the region |  |
| HMIS:   * Software Transition   + Current software vendor is WellSky. They are responsible for ServicePoint and ART within that. ART as a reporting tool is dying because the scripting will not be supported much longer on newer web browsers. WellSky has not been able to come up with a solid alternative option to replace ART as of yet.   + Due to significant concerns around ART and non-performance by WellSky in other areas, the HMIS Governing Board began exploring the possibility for a RFP for a new software vendor. A number of factors have slowed that search down, financial concerns being a primary driver.   + The HMIS Governing Board is closely monitoring this situation and trying to assist ICA in reporting tool alternatives until more can be done to move toward a software transition. * HMIS Governing Board visit   + Cara Lundquist, a HMIS Governing Board member and CoC co-Coordinator for the NE CoC, will be at our CoC Governing Board meeting in June to share updates on HMIS.   + If you have things you would like Cara to know or would like her to bring information on please let me know and I can pass that along to her. |  |

1. MN Housing Developer Proposal Reviews \*Vote Required
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| Anoka will be presented next month  Washington-local group has approved  Scott/Carver-local group has approved  Dakota county presentation – 50 new units of affordable housing. Dakota County AHC was supportive of the project when reviewed previously. Eligibility criteria  Send forms to Matt for signature. He will send back to County contacts who should send back to developer | Rebecca Moved  Dan Second  Motion carried |

1. PIT/HIC Draft Data

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| Moved to June meeting |  |

1. NOFA Prep

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| Field office is stating that there is a NOFA that will come out at end of June or early July. Need to look at priorities  Ranking Committee Establishment: have 3 seats to fill (Dakota, Scott/Carver and at large seat). Eric will reach out to Scott/Carver local group. Betty N has volunteered to fill the at large seat. Directors Council is interested in having someone on the ranking committee   * Brad L * James B * Kristen B * Dana D * Harvey T * Jen R * Betty N   Need to finalize the tool | Heather moves  Eric second  Motion carries |