* SMAC Governing Board Minutes

July 19th, 2022

1:00-3:00

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**Attendee’s:**

Laquita Love-Limo

Liz Moen

Mike Manhard

Heather West

Jane

Jenny Mason

Sarah Broich

Jacob Wasmud

Ali Niemi

Rebecca Bowers

Bre Baker

Corey Samuels

Peter Goldstein

Jennifer Crotteau

Doreen Farrel

Jane Lawrenz

Andrell Hudson

Raya

Jen Romero

Bianca Wester

Suzie Misel

Delores Castillo

Matt Lewis

Kesha Waters

Ann Lindquist

Molly link

Loraine McCarty

Denise

Anthony Coleman

Jaime Stampley

**Approve June minutes:**

* Will approve with July minutes next month.

1. **Update:**

**CE staffing:**

Thank you, Liz Moen for taking on 3 positions worth of work while we are in the middle of interviewing CE Planners.

* Liz Moen will be officially moving over to MESH at the end of July or beginning of August.
* Mike Manhard is excited to be all staffed up
* Mike would like Executive Committee to review an MOU. Marcus from Hearth Connection and Mike from MESH have updated an old MOU

1. **NOFO Planning Updates:**

**GIW:**

* Ali Niemi is contracted out through MESH temporarily to help out during this transition period with new Coordinator.
* HUD messed up, and we had to re-do it, and the new due date is July 19th.
* The regular NOFO has not yet been released but getting everything prepared for when it is released
* Grant Inventory Spreadsheet is complete and will be sending it in today.

* If you want to be added to the contact list to receive the GIW, let Ali Niemi know.

**Letter of Intent/Voluntary Reallocation:**

* Has all the contacts and will be sending out the form to grantees.
* Want a good picture of what we should need for any reallocating funding availability.
* Please, fill out and send back as soon as you can.
* Dakota CDA/Guild

(?) When will you be sending out the letter of intent.

(A) By the end of this week.

**Special NOFO** – (Jane)

* Will be anticipating that the regular NOFO will be out in August sometime but will be due before the Special NOFO.
* It’s for two categories: Rural/which SMAC does not qualify for & Unsheltered Homelessness and the amount is $3,176,112.00 for 3 years. Which equates to $1,058,704.00 a year, over the next 3 years.
* HUD believes when the 3 years is up that it will a part of the yearly NOFO
* 70pts. 15pgs. Leveraging Health care resources/strategies for housing unsheltered/current strategies to access low barrier housing etc.
* Need to prioritize
* Emphasis on working with those with lived experience
* Talk about those who are underserved
* Have to score at least 50pts.
* Director’s Council 3-4pages- lead into how we are working on racial disparities

**Questions/Answers/Comments:**

(?) Could we lift some of the county work, like covid relief $

(?) Should those who have vital information that would be beneficial to have when writing the NOFO, send it? (Currently, would be county to county)

* (A) Yes, send to Laquita, the new SMAC CoC Coordinator.

(?) On voting would be it an issue not yet having anyone interested, to be able to vote. Not clear on what is being voted on.

* (A) We need to vote on it because we either apply for the special funding to get the extra $$$, or we don’t and lose out on the extra $$$. This is just to big to pass up.
* Need to create a NOFO workgroup to recruit projects (Reallocation dollars, bonus funding, and Special NOFO) and assist with tasks.
* Advancing Direct Access is a focus of SMAC Governing Board and Executive Committee

**Vote**: Jaime Stamplely motions, Heather West Seconds the motion, and all were in favor

**Special NOFO Funding Priorities:**

* In our region we have 1 tribe. Scott/Carver and Washington are interested. (Peter) Every time we approach them, they seem to defer.
* Wondering if they would be interested in unsheltered.
* Should talk about the priorities and keep it in mind when writing the NOFO

**Director’s Council Recommendations for Priorities:**

* Culturally responsive programs for BIPOC populations
* Programs that connect people to home ownership
* BIPOC individuals with conviction/arrest records
* Coordinated Entry navigation services, increasing ease of access, including HAL (Housing Access Line)
* Housing for single adults since they are the largest population in need of housing.

**Comments:**

(Molly Link) Wants to make sure that it’s timely and there aren’t gaps from first contact to getting housing.

(Jane) There should be someone working with these individuals from time of contact through the process to housing.

**Vote**: Molly motions to approve Funding Priorities, Heather seconds the motion, and all were in favor.

**Review Actions/Next Meeting:**

* Email Laquita if interested in joining NOFO workgroup (Heather W. & Raya are interested)
* Need to go over and complete an MOU to outline responsibilities. Marcus from Hearth Connection and Mike at MESH took an old MOU and updated with MESH/Hearth Connection specifics. Discuss at next Executive meeting.

**Next SMAC Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 16th 1-3p.m.**