

January 10, 2024
SCICoC Virtual Board Meeting

Present: Cathy Feltner, Roselene Quick, Kelly Hardy, Fred Spannaus, Cindy Mayer, Rebecca Sudduth, Jess Pauley, Kevin Bushur, Stephanie Stahlhut, Paige Hanks, Lyn Carlen, Sam McCullough, Kim White, Dana Tell, Kelly Dudley, Dan St. John, and Ky Newsome.

Board Members were welcomed by President, Kevin Bushur who called the meeting to order at 10:03am. Roll Call was observed and introductions were made.

Board Application Training:

- Question 1-D11 b was discussed. Question 1-D11 b asks what our member agencies are doing to assist persons with lived experience in professional development and employment opportunities. Discussion was held regarding this question.

Old Business:

- The minutes from the July 2023 meeting were contained in the packet. Kelly D. motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dana seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reporting:

- Executive Committee – The committee did not meet but is planning to meet in March of 2024.
- HMIS Committee – The Annual Performance Review (APR) report has not been calculating correctly since HUD updated some of the categories. Some agencies received an extension from HUD. The problem seems to be solved so reports are able to be run at this time.
- Membership & Marketing Committee – The committee met on 01/10/2024 at 9:30am and discussed officer nominations. The committee presented the slate of officers as Kevin Bushur – President, Cathy Feltner – Vice President and Kelly Hardy – Secretary.
- Planning and Assessment – The committee met on 10/31/2023, and looked at Gaps and Priorities Report and discussed the following initiatives: 1. Reducing the number of people who become homeless for the 1st time. The committee is recommending sending this initiative to the Coordinated Entry Task Force to work on. 2. Increase growth in income especially for those exiting programs. The committee is recommending keeping this initiative with the Planning and Assessment committee to monitor. 3. Strengthening relationships with new community partners. The committee is acknowledging Jess' work on this initiative. 4. To continue to give people with lived experience a greater voice. The committee is acknowledging the Lived Experience Committee and their work with Jess on this initiative. The committee also discussed the study on Equity (Racial Disparities) it will be sent out via email prior to the next Board meeting where it will be discussed. The committee is recommending that Coordinated Entry become a full committee. The Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss changing the By-laws in order to meet this recommendation. Finally, the LWIA Annual Report came out in December. There will also be a mailing list for representatives of the LWIA-23 region that will be emailed out to members.
- Monitoring and Ranking – Discussed 3rd Quarter Monitoring Results, projects and grantees. Discussed updating the ranking system and suggested some minor changes. The changes to the ranking system will be emailed out and potentially voted on at the next meeting.

Sub Committees and Task Force Reports:

- Veterans – The committee continues to meet monthly and discusses the current list. Goals and achievement of those goals were discussed.

- SOAR – Discussed SOAR newsletter as an available resource for training. Discussed the need for staff to be SOAR trained and discussed the SOAR website as a resource.
- HIC/PIT – The PIT Count will be on 01/24/24. PIT (Point in Time) is done once a year and it is a night where all of the persons who are experiencing homelessness in the area are counted. HIC (Housing Inventory Count) is also done once a year and it counts the number of beds that are available to serve those experiencing homelessness. Trainings on the HIC and PIT counts are currently being held. It is recommended that all who participate in the count attend the training or watch the training videos that have been recorded. The Lived Experience workgroup has provided input regarding the PIT count that will assist in ensuring those experiencing homelessness are informed on the PIT.
- Coordinated Entry – The committee met on 01/09/2024 and discussed tracking tools among regions. Discussed the prioritization tool and scheduled an in-person training for May. Also discussed working with the Lived Experience Workgroup to identify how the intake goes from a person with lived experience's point of view.
- Lived Experience Work Group – The group met and worked on the PIT and HIC count discussion of questions. Also worked on care packages for those experiencing homelessness. The group is looking for more diversity and more representation from marginalized and underrepresented populations to join the work group.
- Youth Action Board – Discussion tabled until YHSI discussion.

Cathy motioned to accept all committee reports and actions. Stephanie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

- Annual Timeline – was presented in the packet and discussed. It includes the YHSI timeline as well. Reminder that it is not entirely determined until HUD announces grant application dates.
- EHV (Emergency Housing Voucher) Check-In – to date we have 23 housed households, and 5 households are pending. At the end of October Menard County still had 7 openings. Lyn received a map of the areas that they cover that Jess will be forwarding to the Board.
- New DHS PSH, RRH and Shelter Diversion Check-in – Discussion was held by program. Discussion was also held into what the funds are being used for.
- FY23 CoC NOFO Update – application was submitted ahead of the deadline. We feel it's a strong application, the two areas of improvement are first-time homelessness and income. We are lucky to be in a state that is putting funds into different programs that will reduce first-time homelessness.
- YHSI Update – HUD issued a NOFO to help improve how systems respond to youth homelessness. We are working on this application jointly with the IL-516 CoC. Fred discussed potential avenues we could direct our focus on as well as the need to strengthen our youth action board.

Other:

- The next meeting will be on April 10, 2024, the location will be determined. Illinois Valley is hosting the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am on a motion from Rosalene, seconded by Kelly D. all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kelly Hardy