

January 11, 2023
SCICoC Virtual Board Meeting

Present: Cathy Feltner, Roselene Quick, Kelly Hardy, Fred Spannaus, Cindy Mayer, Chris Davis, Rebecca Sudduth, Jess Pauley, Angie Hunt, Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Sandy Deters, Kevin Bushur, Dana Tell and Kelly Denton.

Board Members were welcomed. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President, Kevin Bushur. Roll Call was observed.

Board Application Training:

- The Board Application Training was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

- The minutes from the October 12, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Jamie motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Roselene seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Sandy provided an update on the CoC's plan for housing asylum seekers, should it be needed within the CoC's service area. Because the CoC's coverage area does not have a Welcoming Center, it is unlikely that the state will choose the area to be first in line. However, the CoC should consider continuing to develop a plan.
- The 2023 Proxy Forms – Jess reported that most have been received. If agencies have not sent theirs in, please send them to Jess by the end of January. If agencies are not utilizing a proxy, please email that information to Jess as well.

Committee Reporting:

- Executive Committee – Nominations were tabled until the next meeting.
 - Jamie motioned to keep the Executive Committee as is until the next meeting. Roselene seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- HMIS Committee – Jess reported that there was a NHSDC conference held in October regarding HMIS. HUD is working on updating the HMIS standards; they are talking about expanding options for gender identification. HUD is also working on streamlining processes and reporting requirements. They will host another conference in April. Jess also spoke about the LSA report being due by end of business on 1/11/23. It will be ready and submitted on time. Jess mentioned that System Performance Measures (SPM) will be submitted by the end of January. Sandy discussed a meeting that she had attended that provided information regarding HUD and the PIT count.
- Membership & Marketing Committee – The committee report was tabled until the next meeting.
- Planning and Assessment – Fred reported that Roselene had a statewide meeting for the ROE's throughout the state and discussed the McKinney Vento Act and rights afforded to asylum seekers with school aged children. Roselene and the committee discussed the ROE being a point of contact within the CoC for asylum seekers with school-aged children. Translator services and community networks who work with specific populations would also be contacted. The committee also discussed the gaps analysis planning cycle, performance measures, PIT counts and the lived experience group. Discussion was held regarding the CoC's Policies and Procedures for Rapid Re-Housing. An update regarding the Employment Taskforce and Supportive Employment Services for those with disabilities were also discussed.
- Monitoring and Ranking – Fred discussed the Board report that was sent out regarding the 3rd Quarter of 2022. He noted that the placement rate into permanent housing and the overall placement rate was noteworthy as well as the overall quality of the data. The committee will be meeting again on 01/20/2023. They will be looking into re-evaluating the ranking scale and are looking for input from

agencies via an email to Fred. ERBA and CEFS have established an MOU and received approval from HUD regarding the MOU. They will be working more closely together to utilize RRH funds to move more people from waitlists to housing.

Sub Committees and Task Force Reports:

- Veterans – Rebecca Sudduth reported that the committee will meet on 01/17/2023 and again monthly after that.
- SOAR – Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- HIC/PIT – The PIT count is scheduled for 01/25/2023 from 12am until 12pm. Jess reported that trainings were scheduled by regions and can be attended by anyone completing the count. It will be recorded as well so that it can be shared. HUD made changes regarding ages but that should not affect the CoC's collection of data. The process should be similar to the 2022 count. Sandy shared that Veteran's Affairs offices within the CoC's service area as well as providers in Edgar County have been in contact with her regarding the PIT. There was a question if couch surfing qualified as homeless according to HUD. At this time, it does not. The CoC is looking at furthering a partnership with Hopes and Dreams in Edgar County to get more input regarding homeless youth in the CoC's service area.
- Coordinated Entry – Fred reported that the committee met and reviewed tracking tools and looked at a need to provide ongoing training for frontline staff in field offices. Each region reported trends that they were seeing. There was also a discussion into prevention. Jess had gathered data which suggested that 6 months after leaving the program, the data showed a high rate of successful exits for clients. This was noteworthy and worth celebrating. The need to replace the VISPIDAT, which is an assessment tool used to prioritize getting those with the greatest level of need into housing first was discussed by the committee. The VISPIDAT is used across the country but has been found to contain unintended racial bias. It needs to be replaced. Our CoC is working on creating our own assessment tool and is expected to have it ready to present to the board at the next meeting if not prior. The committee also discussed providing continuous hands on training regarding empathy and client-centered care for front line staff in field offices. Providing training during the semi-annual meetings was discussed. Discussion into simulating roadblocks that clients have experienced were discussed as were poverty simulations.

Cathy motioned to accept all committee and sub-committee reports. Kelly H. seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

- CoC Spending Report – The report was tabled until the next meeting.
- EHV (Emergency Housing Voucher) Check-In – Sandy reported that the Menard Housing Authority is still accepting applications for EHV's. There is a waitlist with a timeline that is being firmly held to. Agencies are encouraged to continue to refer for vouchers. The CoC has utilized the vouchers that were reserved for our area but there are still vouchers available that clients can utilize with the Menard Housing Authority.

Other:

- The next meeting will be hosted by CEFS and will be held on 04/12/2023, in Effingham with the location to be determined at a later date. It will be hosted in-person with no virtual option.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13am on a motion from Chris, seconded by Dana. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kelly Hardy