September 29, 2025
SCICoC Quarterly Board Meeting

Present: Kevin Bushur, Kami Pearcy, Carol Tracy, Quinton Woodard, Christa Hollinshead, Emily Reid, Kelly Hardy, Jess Pauley, Fred Spannaus, Lee Friedman, Matt Jones, Terrika Marucco, Matt Jones, Paige Hanks, Megan Yerger, Samantha McCullough, Stephanie Stahlhut, Charity Griggs, and Dana Madigan.

President, Kevin Bushur, called the meeting to order at 11:30am. Roll call was observed and introductions were made.

Housing Action Illinois Presentation:
Megan Yerger presented on Housing Action Illinois. Spoke about FY26 Illinois State Budget Advocacy work. Provided update on Illinois State Legislative work. Spoke about Federal Advocacy updates. Discussed the CoC Builds NOFO and the status of the FY25 COC Funding NOFO. Megan discussed other ways the CoC and providers can engage with Housing Action Illinois.

Minutes from the July Board Meeting:
Tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:
- CoCBuilds NOFO Update – Jess discussed the fact that the grant was submitted and the CoC applied but no update has been provided at this point in time.
- FY24-FY25 CoC NOFO Update – Fred discussed that a potential federal shutdown will likely affect the NOFO. There is no update on the NOFO at this point in time. Discussed guidance regarding a potential shutdown that has been received. Once HUD provides an updates, the CoC will be updated as well.

Committee Reporting:
- Executive Committee – Kevin reported that the committee had not met.
- HMIS Committee – Jess reported on the Interagency Agreement, which was included in the packet. Lee Friedman provided an overview of the project the University of Illinois is working on which will utilize HMIS data, juvenile justice data and foster care data. Lee discussed the goal of the project and the use of de-identifiable data sets and the security requirements that will be used in regards to the data. Discussion was held in regards to a stipend for data transfers.
  Kevin motioned to approve and sign the data agreement as presented. Samantha seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  Jess discussed the LSA Data Clearing Process, which should be starting soon. Data quality process is going well. Regularly data errors are addressed and there may be additional questions related to data in the coming months.
- Membership & Marketing Committee – Stephanie reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting but was in communication via email. The committee is recommending that Kami Pearcy (The Haven) and Rebecca Sudduth (SSVF) be removed from the CoC Roster due to job changes and resignations and Terrika Marucco (The Haven) and Heather Meyers (SSVF) be added to the roster.
  Kevin motioned to approve the changes to the roster as presented. Samantha seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Planning and Assessment – Fred shared that the committee met earlier in September. The met with the IDHS Division of Rehab Services (DORS) and discussed challenges and opportunities for employment for people with disabilities who received disability payments but are allowed to work part-time for a certain number of hours. Discussed the DORS resource and highlighted it as an important point of contact for

outreach and case management staff. Fred also discussed development and next steps for Immigration and Customs Enforcement policy.

- Monitoring and Ranking – Fred discussed the monitoring results that were included in the packet and covered the second quarter. Highlighted committee notes and discussed pending changes to work requirements for public benefits and what resources exist to help people understand and work through those changes. Also discussed, was the proposed ESG New Project Ranking Tool, which was included in the packet. Discussion was held regarding flexibility of the tool to meet current HUD priorities as well as potential NOFO changes.
  Samantha motioned to approve the ESG New Project Ranking Tool as presented. Heather seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Coordinated Entry Committee – Fred discussed the Annual Training that was held in September. Roselene was the presenter and shared information with providers about how they can assist clients who have experienced and are working through trauma. Training covered such topics as the definition of Trauma, what a trauma response may look like and participants were provided with information on self-care and suggestions on combating vicarious trauma. Also discussed was the proposed Prioritization Tool that was included in the packet. Discussion was held regarding the history of the tool, current work on the tool, how the proposed tool was developed and criteria regarding the tool as proposed.
  Kevin motioned to approve the Prioritization Tool as presented. Samantha seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Lived Experience Committee – Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Sub Committees and Task Force Reports:

- Veterans – Heather reported on the By Names List (BNL), barriers to housing and coordination efforts. Veterans Service Office Representatives were at the previous Veterans Task Force Meeting as well. 17 veterans are currently on the BNL. Needs and collaborations were discussed as well as data that was being tracked for sheltered and unsheltered Veterans. Heather discussed the SSVF Program and how to share information about the program with Veterans who may be experiencing homelessness. Discussed the upcoming Stand Down Event which will be held on November 14, 2025. The goal of the event is to link Veterans to local resources.
- SOAR – Stephanie reported that the SOAR Technical Assistance Center has closed and therefore there is no longer an option for the online SOAR Training. The CoC will need to have further discussion regarding the Ranking System that tracks SOAR Training Completion.
- HIC/PIT – Jess shared that the dates are set for January 21, 2026 with an alternate date of January 28, 2026 for inclement weather. Individualized regional trainings will be held. The trainings are helpful for staff. They are virtual and will be recorded so that they can be shared with others. The training dates were included on the board meeting agenda.
- Youth Action Board – Jess discussed that the group continues to meet. There is a need for Representation from the IL-515 CoC. Discussed the Youth Homeless Conference date and location. The information on the conference was included in the packet. Information about registration will come out via email at a later date.

New Business:

- CoC Spending Report – Jess reported that there was a delay in HUD sending the report so the discussion was tabled at this time.
- DCEO Workforce Pilot Update – Jess reported that it has been going well and referrals are coming in. The group is working to streamline referrals and assist clients. There are successes. The group is working on a new ROI and will start monthly check-ins to increase communication. An upcoming in-person training scheduled for November was also discussed.

- IL Homeless Response Collective – Jess discussed the data dashboard that Illinois is developing. Discussed the requirements and key functions, standard performance measures were also discussed and included in the packet.
- NSPIRE – Jess reported that it may be postponed, it was set to go live but has not. Eventually it will be a requirement but there are currently no training materials available. As the CoC gets updates they will be provided as, they come in.

Other:

- Discussion was held into future events, the Semi-Annual Training scheduled for October, the next Board Meeting scheduled for January 2026 and the following Semi-Annual Training scheduled for April of 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm on a motion from Samantha, which was seconded by Kelly.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kelly Hardy