July 8, 2026
South Central Illinois Continuum of Care IL-515
Quarterly Board Meeting

Present: Kevin Bushur, Stephanie Stalhut, Carol Tracy, Kelly Hardy, Jess Pauley, Fred Spannaus, Paige Hanks, Devon McHenry, Roselene Quick, Charity Griggs, Tim St. John, Andy Schabbing, Terrika Marucco, Skylar Miller, and Dionne _______.

President, Kevin Bushur, called the meeting to order at 10:04am. Roll call was observed.

Minutes from the April Board Meeting:
The minutes will be sent out at a later date.

Old Business:

- Illinois Homeless Response Collaborative (IHRC) Update – Jess discussed the project Coles County Regional Planning is working on as they are developing a Strategic Plan to address Homelessness withing the CoC. They have been holding meetings and gathering data. Discussion was held into how the project is funded. The contract is being extended to the new fiscal year to wrap up the project. There has been a good response from those with lived experience. The project timeline was also discussed.

- DCEO Workforce Pilot Program Update – There is an in-person meeting scheduled for August which will include an on-site visit from IDHS and DCEO to discuss the project, CoC members are welcomed to attend.

Committee Reporting:

- Executive Committee – Kevin reported that the committee had not met.

- HMIS Committee – Jess reported that the committee is continuing to meet. LSA (Longitudinal Systems Analysis), is the biggest current project. The CoC is reporting fewer LSA data errors, which is good news. More training to come and some training videos are currently available on the website.

- Membership & Marketing Committee – Stephanie reported that the committee met this morning and discussed sending a letter to those board members who are not regularly attending meetings. Lynette Taylor is being recommended to be added as a Board member filling the homeless or formerly homeless representative. Emily Reid, who is Jamie Corda-Hadjaoui's proxy, is recommended as Jamie's replacement as a Board member. The board needs a representative from a local drug court and a representative from a local hospital. The committee is working to recruit those members. Jess spoke regarding the Governance Charter needing updated. With the addition of needed roles, the charter needs to be reflected to change the maximum number of board members from 17 to 20. Discussion was held into the need to remove language in the charter requiring an odd number of board members. **Kevin motioned to add Lynette as a board member and to add Emily as Jamie's replacement. Roselene seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

  Carol motioned to change the Governance Charter to increase the maximum number of board members to 20 and to strike though the statement regarding a need to have an even number of board members. Terrika seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Monitoring and Ranking Committee – Roselene reviewed the Quarterly Monitoring Report which was included in the packet. The report was discussed. Fred discussed the Proposed FY2026 CoC Ranking Scale which was also included in the packet. Fred discussed the proposed changes to the tool and the use of the tool. The scale is used to rank projects into tiers. Fred also discussed how the tiers are used by HUD regarding the CoC's priorities for funding applications.
  Kevin motioned to approve the ranking scale as presented. Roselene seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Coordinated Entry Committee – Fred reported that the committee meets once a quarter and at the last meeting they reviewed statistics and data. Discussion was held regarding the CoC's ability across the service area to quickly address clients' needs. Data suggests that direct service staff do a good job at solving clients' needs quickly, which is a great benefit to those in need. Discussion was held regarding the fact that data suggests that the systems that the CoC has in place seem to be working well. Discussion was also held into the Planning and Assessment Committee starting back up next year to work on the 3-year Gaps Analysis Plan. Jess discussed the fact that the CoC's NOFO timeline will likely need to be extended and updated once the CoC knows when all application materials will be released by HUD.

- Lived Experience Committee – Jess reported that the committee is planning a kickoff meeting for October and will be relaunching the committee. Funding is available to assist committee members with lived experience to attend the meeting, transportation assistance may also be provided. The committee is looking for more members. Jess will email out information and questions regarding the committee can be sent to her.

Subcommittees and Task Forces

- Veterans – Tim reported that programs are changing this coming fiscal year, they are going back to the way things were done before COVID. They will have the full year to provide services rather than 9 months, this will require more scheduling. The territory has expanded since the last award and now covers the entire IL-515 CoC. October will be the start date for the changes. There is a need to continue to look for landlords who are willing to work with Veterans, any leads should be sent to Tim.

- SOAR – Stephanie provided two links that have information about SOAR updates, training opportunities and more information for those who are interested.

- HIC and PIT – Jess did not have much to report. At the next board meeting, there will be information on next year's dates and timelines for the 2027 count.

- Youth Action Board (YAB) – Jess reported that they are revamping and updating the YAB Board. Discussion was held into the need to get more youth who have experienced homelessness involved. The group will be holding bi-weekly meetings and updating recruiting strategies. Youth can be paid for time and transportation. The on-boarding process is being updated as well. Jess also discussed the YHSI grant for systems improvement that the CoC is working with the Decatur CoC to apply for new funding for. This is a Youth Homeless Demonstration Project. Those agencies who are interested in learning more about services to youth should reach out to Jess. HUD considers youth as people who are age 25 and below.

New Business:

- FY2026 CoC Competition Update – Fred discussed the FY2026 NOFO. Although the application and instructions have not been released, the CoC is working on addressing items contained in the NOFO that are related to bonus questions. The board packet contained a proposed Illicit Drug Policy that was discussed. **Carol motioned to approve the policy as presented, Roselene seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.** Jess discussed the Supportive Service Agreement that was sent separately from the board packet. The agreement was reviewed and discussed. Agencies should submit on letterhead a statement similar to the agreement in support of supportive services and email that statement to Fred and Jess. Jess reported that the CoC Builds project that was targeted for Casey is no longer moving forward. Yost Management is looking to submit another CoC Builds application for the Effingham area.

- 2026 Gaps Plan – Fred discussed the proposed 2026 Gaps Plan that was included in the packet. Discussion was held into the need for a short-term 1 year plan. The goal of the plan was also discussed and how it will assist the community, providers, and those experiencing homelessness. Discussion was held into the priorities, tasks, and timelines. **Roselene motioned to approve the 2026 Gaps Plan as presented. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Other:

- Discussion was held into ensuring that CoC applications take into account a potential increase in Supportive Services or Case Management while budgeting for their project applications.

- Discussion was also held into homeless encampments if and when they are identified. It has been requested for the CoC to report the number of encampments in the CoC service area. Jess will follow up with information about encampments via email.

- Semi-Annual Training Meeting/Board Meeting – 10/14/26 – ERBA Hosting – Robinson, IL

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am on a motion from Roselene, which was seconded by Carol.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kelly Hardy