



Minutes

GKCCEH Board of Directors Meeting

📅 Fri April 2nd, 2021

🕒 8:30am - 10:00am CDT

📍 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83948913646>

👤 **In Attendance**

1. **Call to Order**

Call- April 2, 2021 8:32am

Precious Stargell Cushman, Michael Barrett, Matt Watkins, Marqueia Watson, Simon Messmer, Victoria Hardy, Christy McMurphy, Heather Bradley Geary, Susila Jones, Mike Simmons, Kimberly Henderson, Tiffany Buckley, Cara Hoover, Jameson Auten

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Matt- Motion to approve minutes

Heather- Motion

Simon- 2nd.

Matt- Passes unanimously

3. **Public Comment**

No public comment

4. **Org and Staff Update**

Marqueia-

a. **Current GKCCEH Projects**

New website is live with a donation button for people to choose how they donate. Working on monthly marketing plan with Held High Design. Will manage blogs, social media to amplify message. Staff is helping with Learning Management System. First training module is being recorded on April 5th.

Preliminary interview with new HMIS staff.

Cayla is no longer working with us, staff will be sitting down and discussing work flow.

In the process of implementing Coordinated Entry into HMIS. Difficulties getting organizations aligned. Begun to notice there are a lot of barriers that providers are putting up to getting people housed. It is effecting our system performance measures which will in turn effect our funding. If agencies are not willing to work with people on the BNL, it is likely that CoC funding is not appropriate for that program.

Independence Ave Housing Summit- 3 day interactive online workshop with people from municipal government, housing providers, neighborhood associations. Recordings are available for those wanting to tune in. Night 1 we had elected officials and Neighborhood Associations, a lot of great ideas were generated. The second day was not as interesting. Providers are quite fatigued. Last day was a great success with people with live expertise who gave their testimony in front of the group.

Homeless task force was on pause while Housing Summit was happening. Potential intersection between CoC Board and task force.

Drafting an MOU with Housing Authority for a Move On Strategy. Working with a small group to develop that strategy and to get the MOU executed so we can move clients on through Coordinated Entry.

b. **Committee Updates**

Equity and Advocacy- In the beginning stages. Next meeting is in the next couple of weeks. It is their point of view that people will be more authentic if staff is not present. Creating an advisory committee of all people with lived expertise to inform us on courses of action to end homelessness.

Christy-RRH Workgroup- April 6 first meeting. Met with Marqueia, Susie, and Haley to discuss research. First meeting will be about the purpose of the group and we will move forward from there.

Program Monitoring- within HMIS there is a lot of data quality issues as well as gaps of understanding. Time that we start monitoring programs. Permanent Housing exits when you look at people longitudinally are not strong. People are successfully exiting to

permanent housing through programs, but are immediately becoming unstable. As I look through data and we get to a point in HMIS where we can rely on the data, there will be room for improvement. Will pull information that is user friendly.

Marqueia - I was asked to speak at the National Human Services Data Consortium . Will discuss racial equity data. Finding that there is a lot of structural barriers as it pertains to race. Looking at how to incorporate this point of view as we educate the public at large.

City of KCMO will be sweeping the camp at City Hall and at Westport. A lot of media attention around this.

Christy- When will program monitoring begin?

Marqueia- I anticipate the month of May. It's primarily about data and Coordinated Entry.

5. **VOTE: HMIS Governance Committee Nominees**

Marqueia- 10 HMIS Committee Applicants. Looking for nod of approval for these applicants. There are two applicants from Community Linc, I don't know if that is a sticking point for you all.

Matt- Any questions about these nominees? Nod of approval for these names. Does anyone have objections? Voice to Marqueia if any objections/concerns.

Susila Jones- There is no Wyandotte County representation, which is our doing, but is there a way to change that?

Marqueia- Susila will stay on Committee.

Susila Jones- Do I need to fill out application?

Marqueia- Yes.

Matt- we concur

6. **Legislative Advocacy Agenda**

Heather Bradley Geary-

Working with Sara Owsley at Empower MO to look at goals, we want to be at the table in order to better advocate. We went through a process to identify what is doable over the next year, and what are the most pressing issues?

Met with membership and admin committee, and we came up with

1. Increase Affordable Housing- source of income protection ordinance in KCMO. Will allow all voucher receiving clients greater access to the available rental housing stock within city limits.
2. Decriminalize homelessness- GKCCEH and agencies will work with city leaders to help support our houseless neighbors and divert them away from the criminal justice system.
3. Support best practices at federal level- Providing guidance to HUD about program requirements and funding.

What we are looking for from the board is approval to move forward with advocacy agenda, as well as answer questions that you may have.

Matt- What bodies are you taking this to?

Heather- Through membership, so we will present to membership as followup. May be listed on website.

Christy- Does this pertain to KCK as well?

Marqueia- Yes, this will apply to the entire footprint of our Continuum.

Heather- Low income housing tax credits come from federal to state based on pop. Each state finance agency put out a qualified allocation plan that shows how they are spending their credits. Really a policy document on how they score applications.

Heather- I will make the motion to approve these advocacy agenda topics.

Christy- 2nd.

Matt- passes unanimous.

7. **Finances**

a. **February 2021 Financials**

Simon and Marqueia-

Processing Jan and Feb KCMO reimbursements.

8. **Next Meeting Date & Action Items**

First Friday of May- next meeting.

Christy: Update on TA process?

Matt: Another session with Alyssa which went well. Identified strengths and weaknesses. Will bring in the full board to work with Alyssa. Interested in seeing that go out to the broader group. Invited community members to talk about what we're doing. Good conversation and we helped clear the air.

Marqueia- Camps are supposed to swept on 4th and 5th, but are starting today and have given people 48 hours notice. Working with staff around strategic planning and topic areas. Revisiting what we discussed over the summer and the various lines of work we need to pursue. CoC Governance, HUD Compliance, LMS, Coordinated Entry for specific sub populations. If you have insight into strategic plan, please email me as we are working through that.

9. **Public Comment**

Amy- Quality Improvement project that community has been working on has been very insightful. As a community, this should be ongoing. Allowed for collaboration between agencies as well as potentially an area of topic would be data quality improvement. When we are looking at all of these outcomes, it's important to know that the data is right.

Next membership meeting- Trauma expert in the community will speak. Will speak on the concept of time banking. New economy based on time rather than money.

Adjourned- 9:22am.

10. **Executive Session (if applicable)**

Parking Lot

Simon and MW will work on financial policies with our accountant. The by-laws are still in the background.