



Minutes

GKCCEH Board of Directors Meeting

📅 Fri September 3rd, 2021

🕒 8:30am - 10:00am CDT

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

👤 In Attendance

Jameson Auten, Michael Barrett

1. Call to Order

8:32 am call to order

Matt Watkins, Cara Hoover, Simon Messmer, Heather Bradley Geary, Michael Barrett, Susila Jones, Jameson Auten, Jackie Lynn, Precious Stargell Cushman, Victoria Hardy

New Board Member Jackie Lynn- KCKPD, been doing homeless outreach for a couple years, 25 years in the department.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Jackie, Second by Heather Bradley Geary, passes unanimously

3. 2021 NOFA Update

Heather Bradley Geary-

Having significant issues with conflict of interest. There are people on the committee making decision in the best interest of their agencies. Not a good place to be as a continuum or community. Asking the board to make the community aware, for those who work in agencies, to speak to staff.

Marqueia-

- Have ramped up around advancing anti-racism/racial equity, as well as partnering with workforce and healthcare agencies in the community.
- Assertively engaging people with lived experience to review our materials and methodology.
- Recruiting those with lived experiences to sit on the rank and review panel. Will be compensated.
- Advancing Housing First: a lot of problematic behaviors from agencies. As we work our CE Process, we're losing sight of the clients. Programs are not set up to meet the need of our most vulnerable. We need to be meeting clients as they show up.

Project Performance Scorecards

- Using a much more rigorous process to look into program performance
- Finding that performance across the board is not great
- Out of 115 point, highest scoring program was 84, median is in the 50s.
- Permanent housing exits, ensuring that we're serving those with the longest history of homelessness. A lot of this isn't happening.
- Housing First Assessment- a function of program monitoring. Providers will complete the assessment and staff/outreach members will review.

Project Performance outcomes

- how many are using project beds
- Increased income (non cash and earn)
- Return to homelessness

Data quality will be scored for the first time.

Incorporated a CE self assessment. Identifying areas of improvement on their own, and will be scored based on their answers.

Centering the voices of people with lived expertise, and how they are included in the conversation.

We have seen that COVID has illuminated problems in our community as it pertains to groups being excluded.

Boards Process- how we're weighting scores, and if it aligns with the Continuum as a whole.

The MOU is a document that articulates the general scope of responsibility for the lead CoC agencies, includes:

- guiding principles and procedures.
- competency in agencies
- capacity to operate programs
- equitable, low barrier access

- sharing intellectual, financial, and human resources with other providers to best meet client need
- using data to drive our decision
- client-centered and strengths based.

Reason the application is in draft form- applicants can apply as expansion grants to make more capacity in some way, we wanted to have a separate question as to why the expansion is necessary. The committee has to review the question.

Voting on two applications, MOU, and scoring criteria.

Michael Barrett- move to approve, with the knowledge that one of the applications needs to be finalized.

Second by Cara , Passes unanimously

NOFA materials will be published September 7th

4. **Midwest Center Presentation**

Special Guest: David Renz- Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership

Focused on working in the community

Capacity building for individuals and organizations. Number of workshops and programs

Focus is non-profit leadership

Worked with approx. 170 boards. Goal is to work with boards to meet them at whatever level of development they are.

Research project has just begun at the Midwest Center- received funding to map who is playing what roles in the system. Policy level analysis of a system.

Analyzing and collecting who is in this environment, what are the services they say they are doing in this geographic scope. This is done in collaboration. Would like the collaborative support of CoC's in the area.

GKCCEH sign on in support of this project. The map aims to identify what each CoC is doing.

Allow Marqueia and the team to work with Midwest Center to identify programs that are relevant to the issue we're studying. We do not want to be a distraction to those delivering services in the system. Will spend a lot of time looking at data in the community.

To ensure project is organized and informed by those in the system day to day- we'll create an advisory council for each of these projects. AdHoc council of advisors to learn about different functions in the system.

Would like to see Board members on the advisory council. Will be a 6 hour commitment. Will help us identify other agencies so that we are truly comprehensive in this process.

Michael Barrett- a lot of systems can go beyond the counties, are you staying within the defined geographic area?

David Renz- They would be in the entity if they touch the system in the KC Metro region.

Matt Watkins- Do we need a vote to join this study?

Simon Messmer- I am in support, I wonder if we need the full coalition on board?

Michael Barrett- I have thoughts about voting just based on conflict of interest. I do believe we should vote on who would sit on the advisory board.

Jackie Lynn- When you talk about meeting with and organizing with the people who are boots on the ground, what is your plan to find those individuals?

David Renz- We won't meet with individuals, we are speaking with you because of your place in the system. We will try to use every means possible to identify every entity within this system.

5. **Board Retreat Follow-up**

a. **Non-Profit Checkup Action Items**

Suslia- Met twice on reviewing the by-laws, will meet again with a final draft in the next couple weeks. Should have it for review and approval at the October meeting.

Matt- Organizational Theory of Change- how we make sure our core competencies are accomplished, and how to elevate the regional conversation around homelessness. Those are all in the works.

Marqueia Watson- on our to do list to update our organizational calendar. We need to cross walk a lot of things we're doing in these smaller subgroups with the by-laws.

b. **Status Update: Board Retreat Tasks**

6. **Org and Staff Update**

a. **Board Member Resignation**

Tiffany Buckley has resigned

Motion to accept resignation- Simon

Second by Cara

Passes unanimously

b. **Executive Director Report**

Emergency Housing Voucher Program- compels Housing Authority and Continuums of Care to work together to house our clients. Long term housing subsidy, but it has to go through Coordinated Entry.

Care Beyond the Boulevard- positioning them as anchor to our healthcare system. Because of their role and the significance of their position in our COVID response, they are our ideal fit for a larger system level partner.

Independence City Council- agreed to financially support the implementation of our mobile outreach app. Have a goal to get more involved with the CoC to collaborate with the UG. We have been invited to speak at their learning session to bring their council members up to speed on homelessness,

Part time Admin Assistant- started on 9/2.

c. **Local Homeless Initiatives Updates**

7. **Finances**

a. **July 2021 Financials**

Working on getting our audit arranged. Looking for a new audit company. Making some changes to the current year budget, in addition to working on next year's budget.

Making sure that everything in our books are in order. I feel confident that we are in good shape. Have gotten recommendations on new audit firms.

By-laws committee have identified areas of opportunity to crosswalk the work the finance committee is doing with the by-laws.

Passing through approx. \$100,000 to First Call Technologies, but will be doing it in smaller segments.

Waiting on reimbursement from MHDC.

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

Next meeting- October 1st

Will put out a poll to determine comfortability with meeting in person.

Looking for more board members.

Marqueia- looking for people with lived experiences. We have the ability to provide technology and various resources to meaningfully participate.

DMH got a 3 million dollar Samhsa grant for outreach workers- working with CoC on CE referrals to do outreach, landlord engagement, etc. Positions will be coming on this month.

9. **Executive Session (If Applicable)**