

1. Call to Order

Matt Watkins, Precious Cushman, Michael Barrett, Melissa Robinson, Eric Washington, Heather Bradley Geary, Simon Messmer, Susila Jones, Victoria Hardy, Michael Simmons, Staff Marqueia Watson, Patricia Hernandez

2. Public Comment

No public comments

3. Approval of Minutes

Approved

4. Review April Action Items

- 1. Board Member Pictures and Bios**
- 2. Contact Brian at HUD for Outreach Trip**

Jameson- working with Amber

Matt- Have Patricia Seek out pictures and bios from you! Please send it to her

5. New Member Nominations

Link to:

[GKCCEH Online Board Member Application](#)

Online application- and new board description.

Matt- waiting on new member applications. Work with selections committee. new nomination. HBG and Cara and I did a meeting with her last week. Someone who sought us out through the information tab. She was delightful. She's in finance. A fair amount of work in the supportive housing sector. Finance coalition, to fund projects. Nominee to bring to the board. moved forward motion seconded by MB. Passes unanimously.

Matt- I have found a new executive group Cara agreed to chair Jackie vice-chair Simon treasurer Mike Simmons as secretary and Susila for cohesion. That is the slate we recommend bringing forward today. Questions? none Motion from the chair to the new executive group. Second from Michael. Precious Stargell Cushman abstained, All others in favor. Motion passed

6. Finances

Simon- HUD audit is one area we need to discuss and to approve the next meeting we will have some. Money was approved for additional funds from KCMO - now we have an extra 60k.

MW- In June, and July we will do another audit. draft forms have been submitted to HUD. When we draw down grant funds we need to have the match line by line. and things don't always work like that. The audit went fine.

Matt- trying to get in touch with Independence for funds - 20k.

MW- they will have to pass through the council. FY20 planning grant online. due to the match commitment. It'll start in June. closer to an alignment to the fiscal year.

a. Financial Policies and Procedures

(Under Finance Committee Review)

Member vote June 2022

b. Governance Structure Planning Overview

Matt- Pulling away from the community-type board. This is a more collaborative board focusing on 5-7 members on a CoC governance type of committee or focus. 5 members make sure HMIS and NOFA get done. More centric- and operations committee. Hae them be responsible for those. Broadening the board for a community-based board. Maybe have geographically based. We need people from Independence, Northland, and Overland Park.

MW- Figure how we keep integrity and geographic reach and people with lived expertise. Board is the collaborative application. The lead agency we put ourselves in that role.

Matt- these are all activities we can guide over the next few months. Develop a charter that shows this function. HUD TA approved. The way we are acting is a small town.

MB- Should the PLE should be more involved.

HBG- So adding additional folks.

MW/Matt- yes

MW- supportive services is where we come up short having someone from Vets would be helpful

Matt- and youth, broadening the scope. We want to be the knowledge base. Sets us up to be at the table. This is more of a planning document.

MW- set up a workgroup CoC charter.

HBG- admin and finance are working on charter. I will shepherd that and give it to the next chair.

MW-CE in the same boat? yes. HMIS already has one.

Susila- we as the board are the COC collab application- GKCEH is the collab app.

MW- CoC would structure as its own and the agency be a part of the CoC.

7. Org and Staff Update

MW- Staff evaluation, and self-evaluation. Amber and I will then sit down with them
Matt- I did speak with MW

MW- award the downtown urban hero. I received it this year. Lots of things are happening downtown. Anytime you have world-class sports our clients will get kicked to the curb. They will sweep our population. A lot of conversation needs to have. It is becoming more visible downtown and if FIFA comes they will do something. Policy stuff is still happening. Pretty harmful legislation - anti-supportive housing. It takes a lot of governance dollars from CoC into government. Its a bad bill. the marijuana legislation is moving along. we are working locally for tax local.

Matt- taxes passed for main street housing in KS to add housing. up the historic tax credit to match.

a. ED Report

MW- NOFA we lost 10 points for an MOU for health care was not signed. We did score higher. I don't know if HUD would give us the points if we showed it to them. it probably cost us a few hundred grand. We are above the median.

b. Advocacy

MW- PLE supportive housing. A PLE said, "you want to talk to me after what you did to me?"

Eric- they were asking about my experience. That's why I am here.

MW- eric had a horrific experience in one of our programs during the pandemic. the grief and everything. Without the support, it's hard to be successful. Some of our folks feel like they are held out to dry. PLE component and harness those stories to teach the people helping them see this. another PLE has been teaching others about on-the-street housing and what they want to see. When people do an assessment they feel as if they are going to apply for section 8 but that is not the case. We also want to do peer support workers to go out and help folx understand.

Eric- it adds a quality assurance check. it's a safe space for folx. you don't want to rock the boat too much or you might lose housing. HUD does want to house people and you're worried you'll be treated differently if you whistleblow on something.

MW- we will need to focus on this with the charter.

Melissa- title I and Mckenny Vento have a whistleblower policy we can assist with.

MW- there are enteral grievances and we won't know about it. Sometimes we will have staff from agencies call and whistle blow. TA overwhelmingly wants more communications with us. Email campaigns making sure we have programs going out in our communications. And ramping up training. May 16 HIV awareness and services are available as that population has surged. The health department and we have figured out places to place porta-potties. Anti camping ordinance on private property. which is against civil rights. We ask they stop the sweeping to work with each person to find housing. Safe water access for our camps.

c. Marketing/Training/Communication

d. Committee Updates

HBG- committees met and working on action items, we are still working on the charter. I want everything in place to have it in by the end of the year.

8. Public Comment

no public comments.

Michael- I would like to see more people with lived experience on the board. I would love to see this org to go away. Homelessness is a symptom.

Melissa- the Delano project on Linwood. repurpose the building, community use for the youth. Integrated housing for youth. A youth campus 12-25 has housing and wrap-around services.

9. Next Meeting Date & Action Items

June 3rd - bios (in person on the KS side- TBD)

10. Executive Session (if applicable)

Motion to bring forth to discuss staff - passed Staff removed from meeting.