

1. Call to Order

Staff: Marqueia Watson, Patricia Hernandez, Kaylee Coulter, Haley White. Desiree Blake

Board: Melissa Douglas, Victoria Hardy, Cara Hoover, Susila Jones, Jackie Lynn, Simon Messmer, Eric Washington

8:34 June 3rd

Arielle* is here and goes before the full membership in a few weeks.

2. Public Comment

none

3. Approval of Minutes

****Updated version noting abstention vote from Precious Stargell Cushman on executive committee slate**

May meeting motion to approve: Jackie Lynn. Second: and approved

a. Review April Action Items

1. Board Member Pictures and Bios - Matt was going to reach out. Not sure if it was necessary. The current board needs to be updated on the website.
2. COC Charter Committee - working group, board governance committee. that is distinct from the agency. and gaining people from the community.
3. Grievance policy- Melissa has provided something

4. Finances

April 2022 Management Reports

Simon: we met to discuss financial policies and procedures. We have done a few updates and sent a proposed policy before this meeting. These are objections just a change. Annual review of policies go through finance committee doesn't need board vote, press create operation reserve, the auditor needs to be done in advance, anyone who needs to be is assigned to sign checks,

MW: Now we will do a fiscal audit that will be scheduled soon. then we will work on the staff matrix. A much more structure with the new financial policy and will work on fundraising policy. We are waiting on funds from KCMO and the HUD 20 has come online and CE will trickle in just waiting on one doc and HMIS will come in and paperwork has been done.

Cara: independence change do we need to do anything?

MW: they want us to come and present. I met with Councilmember Perkins wife is a person of lived expertise they have been working to get us funds. Matt was working with Walker and other council members to get housing in Independence.

Cara: Annual dues went out for each board member we ask for \$100.

MW: it's more of a meaningful contribution to become a member of the CoC.

Cara: As members, we contribute. just a reminder.

a. VOTE: Financial Policies and Procedures

Motion: Simon Second: Jackie None opposes or abstains. Passed

Some executive committee meetings discuss when and what time they meet. Simon, I am not sure if you want to discuss this now or in the executive committee meeting?

Simon: we should discuss this in the full board to be a more open door, I will refer to Cara

Cara: fine to have the discussion on information sharing and when we will meet. The new slate has not been met yet so whatever you wish to see! If anything needs to be discussed privately we can move into an executive session.

Simon: I'm not opposed to those meetings. We don't need them every time and make sure we have notes

Cara: I would like to meet biweekly until I'm comfortable. But we can reevaluate. I'm, not a fan of just meeting. I would like to keep having them as they are currently scheduled. Marqueia and I are working on tracking for information sharing. Anyone can call me after this meeting.

5. Org and Staff Update

Marqueia:

Crafting a strategic plan should be distinct to end homelessness from the agency. I share what the staff is doing, and board is concerned with these activities sometimes. We need a guidepost from the board. Steps on focus areas that the board would like us to focus on. Susila and I have discussed this with precious.

Susila: governance, what the board does, CoC, and agency. It would be a good tool to get to know each other as aboard and org.

Cara: when was the last planning session?

Marqueia: before the pandemic, in the springtime. Board wanted us to focus on community work and not the agency.

Cara: we need to plan on that next month. Sooner rather than later.

Marqueia: New ficsal year. I will do KCMO grant and would like that information soon. A grant agreement is needing a scope of work and budget. May is the fiscal year and we are not under a contract. We are waiting on them to initiate the process. We don't meet in July ever.

a. ED Report

Very robust this month. These are just some highlights. I have been writing annual staff planning. Cara and I have discussed this as well. This will allow me to understand where the north is. Expectations for the annual planning process. Drafted before the fiscal year. We need a more structured approach to what we are doing

b. Advocacy

We will shoot for September.

c. Marketing/Training/Communication

MW:

We have done CoC training and met in person and 80 people came. ESG was welcome but mandatory for CoC-funded agencies, complices with grants, and housing first. A level set for people. We have new grantees. In June we will have 2 sessions that will focus on the same topic for all CoC grantees. We want to focus on more education for agencies and the community at large.

Desiree's baby shower, team outing. She will be out later this summer/early fall

TAC drafted preliminary, on how to be more efficient NOFA and working with providers to increase capacity. They provided us with some low-hanging fruit and some heavier lifting, engaging both states. A robust document. Community-wide strategy to house those on the street

HMIS RFP is working and staff is finishing up. We have a feeling the current one will shape up. We are waiting on submissions.

Staff- doing PIT and HIC draft- we have seen an increase in unsheltered and a decrease in sheltered. There is a lot of fundraising happening we want people to have a sense of the numbers

COC monitoring procedures to be more useful we see there is a knowledge gap and principles misunderstanding. We do not want anything unexpected when we do the grant process later.

2021 announcement was not as good as we hoped. We combed through the application. We got our debrief score was strong and one specific doc MOU was missing a signature so we lost points and impacted funding. I have inquired why we were awarded what we were awarded. Finance committee preparing for 2022

House America- mayors' commitment to using fed funds to build housing. There are administrative issues in the city to get those funds out. HUD is concerned with HOME funds with a short timeline. HUD required CoC to be involved now

Alliance posted a webinar on how to use your funds efficiently they featured Dallas, and all community members necessary gathered to figure it out. They allocated 70 mil to focus on the unsheltered homeless. They tied emergency housing vouchers rescue funds, and the normal funds to focus on each camp at a time. More effective use of tech and hired housing managers. The housing authority and case managers will be on-site to do everything necessary to get people housed. Josh from KCMO we will sit down with Ann Jordan and Rayna Park Shaw to see if this is something we can do in KC! Houseless task force as well. They are also working on a needs assessment and just a report on what we are seeing. Mid-way point for the strategic plan.

Susila- UG is working on a 5-year plan to guide the next round of home dollars through ARPA, they did contact with an outside group. Mayor task force for neighbors in need and houseless, they are just getting started and structure on what each committee is doing. with 3 sub-committees. Also, the health dep working with CHIP the whole arm is to pull together an emergency response plan for the homeless. Pull

together a full spectrum of housing at all levels started. We published our report on the winter shelter that indicated on how many people were served in the emergency shelter. Just such a great model for cold weather

MW:

Dr. Isbert -housing first model and reached out to pathway to housing. They provide all leave of tech support. Dr. Isbert reached out himself, we will be meeting to do some sort of TA and training.

Think tank called Cicero institute and MO SB1106 to the criminalization of homelessness and we reached out to the National Alliance, Jerry Jones, and Empower MO. They mentioned this is so much like ALEC. They want to sequester people in camps or arrest them. In TX ordinances are felonies. Jerry Jones stated in the 9th circuit court opinion you can't criminalize people who sleep outside if they have no other place to go unconstitutional, they were able to uphold this. Now they are trying this in the 8th as it's more conservative and very concerning.

d. Committee Updates

Community Asset Mapping Feedback

Waiting on Dr Williamson to complete. She was doing PLE surveys last month

6. Public Comment

none

7. Next Meeting Date & Action Items

Cara: no July meeting we will meet Aug 5th - in person? Maybe we have the option for online. But in person is always good. have a great summer!

8. Executive Session

- **Executive Committee- structure, meeting frequency, meeting time**
- **Complete ED performance appraisal process**