



Minutes

GKCCEH Board of Directors Meeting

📅 Fri October 7th, 2022

🕒 8:30am - 10:00am CDT

📍 Online- See Zoom Link in Description

👥 In Attendance

Melissa Douglas, Victoria Hardy, Cara Hoover, Susila Jones, Jackie Lynn, Simon Messmer, Precious Stargell Cushman, Arielle Thompson, Eric Washington

1. Call to Order

Cara Hoover, Melissa Douglas, Jackie Lynn, Simon Messmer, Arielle Thompson, Susila Jones, Precious Stargell Cushman, Eric Washington, Victoria Hardy,

2. Approval of Minutes

September 2022 Meeting Minutes

Jackie called to motion and Susila seconde. no discussion no opposed.

3. Public Comment

Amy- SNOFO has been going great, there will be money throughout the state.

4. Governance

- CoC charter - holding, we need to discuss in the executive committee meeting car and I need to look through the matrix. Boards need to update their matrix.
- Cara- committee board involvement, update those, spread out nominations committee has just me, needing expertise, with description. We need to get everyone kind of plugged in. Prepare yourself for extra involvement
- MW-Arielle expressed interest in the finance committee. Simon and she will speak after this meeting.

- Cara- we will send committees out and see where you fit.
- FY24 planning budget - restructure the budget. grant reporting it becomes more tricky. Broad categories, even smaller things like office supplies, the way hud defines line items. for 24 the working budget for reporting. According to HUD how do we spend money? Grant research and how to roll all that into fundraising and budget will work at our next meeting.
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a. Workgroup proposals

- Resources/Pipeline Projects
- Family Supports

b. Upcoming board vote

Sent Friday, 10/14 vote by Monday, 10/17

- Unsheltered NOFO project ranking
- Unsheltered NOFO Consolidated Application

5. Finances

- Monthly Snapshot
- Audit & Reporting
- Finance Committee membership
- FY24 Budget Process
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- Waiting on HMIS in the queue, we have a decent amount owed. We did request 23k from KCMO.

a. **Monthly Finance Report**

August Management Reports

- Simon Susila?
- cara- all these challenges we are ok with cash flow?
- MW- no we are owed 55k from CE grant. will hit Monday, HMIS grant and PG need to be submitted. KCMO owes us 23k we have more allocation to that grant as well. Contract in May, but not executed until last month. We had up to Aug. We are fine.
- Precious - we can use line of credit?
- MW- Yes but we don't want to use that.
- Precious- we are in the same boat
- MW- we have never dipped into that. Precious, you run a program and haven't gotten adime? we need to discuss as a community. We don't want agencies out of business and be waiting on HUD. I know some are struggling cash wise.
- Precious- we aren't there yet but it's a concern.

6. **Board Engagement**

How was the Outreach Field Trip?

- Cara- good morning we went to WyCo for outreach. It was great for me since I don't do this every day. We spoke with a few people. Some folks are in action. Folks released from prison. I thought it was good. Those that did not make it would you like to come?? If interested.
- Melissa- shelters I can under the bridge I don't do. I appreciate all those that do street outreach you tell me what you need and I will help that, I cannot. Going into shelters, families in cars, etc is more my wheelhouse. Thank you for allowing me to go and experience this and understand that is not for me.
- Cara- is he housed?
- MW- Nick is working with him, he got a whole clown face tattooed on his face while in prison. We reached out to tattoo artists who are not made of real tattoo ink and could be removed. There are places that will help. There is another woman who has facial tattoos and is able to offer that resource for removal. Homeboy industries - work with st gangs and work with reentry, employment, and tattoo removal. What their procedures are and how they offer that.
- Cara- Thank you PIT is in the first quarter of next year. Board members can join for that.
- MW- KCPD is interested in participating in our CIT officers, them going in a small team, with heavy law enforcement people do get scared. We will have 4 teams of police with volunteers if board members would like to join PD

- Precious- I went out with our officers (WYCO) I was impressed with some of their positive relationships with some of our folks. Folks knew community members by name. That was eye-opening. I don't know how the new legislation will effect us.
- Cara- you should ride around with Jackie they all knew her.
- Jackie- I go out every Wed and even stopped today since I saw new faces.
- Cara- Amy is seeing an increase in kids and is worried about trafficking.
- Melissa- we want to find out the last school of attendance and get them in touch with the homeless liaison. We will get the kids back to school. Get fed, and more eyes on them. let me know names and birthdays, we can look them up.
- Susila- we are seeing the same thing on the KCK side, our liaison is saying the same, and is scary first I am seeing this
- MW- Melissa and precious are speaking, planning to families, and outreach to folks in cars. Things are in the works.
- Precious- new navigator on our team. More opportunities we will be in the community. Immigrant families coming seeking asylum and there may be 50 ish more families coming
- Cara- what is the drive to that?
- Precious- their home was being ravaged by cartels and kids were in danger. We will see more families.
- Melissa- if they are in KCPS we have ELL welcome center. We have translators as well. We have one guy who speaks 9 languages from Africa. If they come here they still have to pay their way.
- Precious- we are working with AERS kids who have gotten enrolled. Thank you, Melissa. That is something else we will have to look at as there will be more kids at risk.
- Melissa- this happened a few years ago and seek refugee in schools and caused havoc in our schools but moved on. They brought violence with them.
- MW- Amber and I are friends with someone at a refugee settlement. And language competency. We have an underrepresentation, the only brown-skinned underrepresented, greater protection factors, language issues, hesitancy to engage. I have encountered folks who appear to be migrant workers and left homeless.
- Precious- AERS does 101 training around refugees.
- MW- that would be great to offer
- Eric- I work with Hispanic gatekeepers- documentation. The fear of being turned in. I've been trying to build some relationships. Even food pantries. Relationship with the gatekeepers. The language barriers as well.
- MW- even Spanish-speaking agencies aren't seeing it. In some of our Spanish faith services during the last administration we saw ICE show up at mass or services.
- Eric- I will set up communication with those gatekeepers.
- Cara- good conversation

7. Org and Staff Update

- KCMO city council passed Zero KC we worked on.
 - WYCO is looking to buy into the plan.
 - There's a lot going on with the Taskforce. We have multiple meetings with the UG task force and mayor's office. With the new college, they will push the folks to 7th st along Argentine or downtown. The Mayor's office is looking to move frank to 47th and state. If we move the hub the people will move. We are trying to compel them. Susila any comments?
 - Susila- there is a push a one-stop shop so to speak but there are a lot of groups. I've been invited to that same meeting. So we will move forward with at least their conversation with the Mayor
 - The community development rep retired - we hope to bridge gaps with the new director.
 - Susila-search is on for it, someone in the UG is going for it. there will be actual change with Community Development
 - The KCMO location has been identified for cold weather, working on funding, and Council Woman Shaw will get an ordinance for funds. a location downtown with 100 and maybe 2 additional locations. End of this month to have it hammered and the live date in early Nov. We have been tracking the weather it dropped. Sat will be in the 30s its go time for cold weather
 - KCK locations are being scouted
 - Dr. Tesmneris- A large agency took his talk as services could be required of clients. We will circle back with that agency.
 - spoke with him yesterday and a second session may be a deeper dive and work on TA and training for our program. Community practice model to get agencies up to par and have him help with challenges.
 - Precious- landlord partner sent an email and won't accept housing first vouchers. they removed themselves from the housing first ecosystem.
 - MW- yeah we see this. It's not housing only. We have a lot of folks who don't have support. It's not just giving someone a home. It's a concern to us as well. Landlords are business people. We know they see extra tenants, mental health problems with no support, or destruction of property and that is inhumane. We are trying to address
 - Fair Housing training buying packing and putting in on MS
 - Nov 3 and 4 I was invited by NAEH to go to DC. We are discussing decriminalization and whatnot. They will be paying for me to go.
 - Staff is going to the data consortium. Robust agendas are one of the conferences becoming a bigger deal. Data and analytics with more programmatic
 - Loose invite to go to MArch and present NAEH unsheltered homelessness. Probably because of SNOFO. We are starting to be seen as a pilot community due to climate and bistate. being invited to present is an honor.

- Dec we will get our stuff together for 2023 there was a lot going on with both NOFOs and get our house in order. Get things kind of together for 2023
- Cara- invitation at nation things I started 6 years our goal was to be leaders in this space and resource for decision making and are trending on that.

a. **Executive Director Report**

b. **GKCCEH Activities**

- Update from Housing First Workshops w/ Dr. Sam Tsemberis
- Cold Weather Planning
- Update NOFO & Special NOFO Activities
- COC Program Monitoring

Beehive- construction is underway. Jan 1 groundbreaking soon.

- Medical, dental, behavioral, housing, case management, documents, income, and benefits will be available.
- There will be bee graffiti we didn't want it to feel institutionalized and feel more friendly. looking at artwork looking at logos. Teaser with the honey jar to announce the launch.
- application for community partners for their staff a free we work for offices. Private places for conversations.
- Creating a website - beehivekc.us

c. **FY22 NOFO Competition Update**

- The FY2022 COC Program competition was officially submitted Friday 9/30.
- The Unsheltered NOFO will be submitted on 10/18/22.
- Anticipating YHDP funding announcement
- oct 18 is the due date for Unsheltered NOFO 15 projects which is being reviewed. There is 7 application is TH to RRH and others SSO. We want to institutionalized those 2 projects, no historic precedent. we are TH-RRH we need a new prioritization to serve folks more efficiently
- Fri 10/14 you will receive SNOFO their listing with voting 10/17
- Cara- any questions?
- MW- we need to see what R and R says. The pool of applicants prioritizes young people in SSO and housing. Those would be at the top. Taling prioritizing PG for the community would go to GKCCEH and a smaller amount of 450k over 3 years. Figuring out where that will be ranked. PG will be ranked along with all of them. and how likely our community would be chosen
- Cara- we apologize for the quick turnaround. please reach out to MW.

8. **Public Comment**

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

MW- November 4th virtual

Cara- we will be in touch for the vote on the 14th. Ride along or st visit reach out to Jackie.
Committee listing, current committees, and description will be sent out. Enjoy the fall weather!

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