



Minutes by Noah Werthaiser

In attendance:
Amanda Doemland, Ann Marie Alfrey, Anna D’Amato, Barbara Johnson, Carrie Borgen, Debra Crawford, Debra Lee, Delcia Dillard, Jason Elzy, Kelly Madding, Kim Whitney, Linda Reid, Mary Ferrell, Matt Rogers, Nate Sickler, Sam Engle, Tina Kessel
Guests:
George Martin, Alissa Weber, Noah Werthaiser, Jackie Noah Werthaiser, Melanie Doshier, Melissa Markos, Echo Fields, Jan Calvin, Matt Havniear, Rhionna Watson, Lilia Caballero, Daphne Bramlett, Lisa Smith, Sean Flecher, Joe Powell, George Martin, Jason Worman, Jim Rose
Excused:
Angela Durant, Stacy Brubaker
Absent:
Cass Sinclair, Kim Overson, Leslie Ford, Rep. Pam Marsh, Sam Henkell

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Debra Lee at 2:30 p.m.
2. **Public Comment Period** – No public comment period at this time. Going forward, a public comment period will be included in the agendas for each Board meeting.
3. **New Board Officers** – A thank you from Jason Elzy (New Chair) and Kim Whitney (New Vice Chair) to the outgoing executive committee.
4. **Workgroup Chairs** – The Board has the responsibility of determining workgroup chairs and membership, and in consideration of timing for the Board meeting, it was determined that the Board shall only appoint Workgroup Chairs, and will leave the workgroup membership and subcommittee breakup initially in those Chairs’ hands. The Chairs nominated and appointed by majority at this time include:
 - a. **Governance and Membership** – Angela Durant (pending approval) and Debra Lee as optional Co-Chair
 - b. **HMIS Workgroup** – Barbara Johnson
 - c. **Transition Policy Workgroup** – Nathan Sickler and Kelly Madding – Co-Chair
 - d. **Regional Planning and Coordination Workgroup** – YTBD. This is a larger discussion to be considered. The idea of having the chairs of all other workgroups contribute to this workgroup will be discussed.

5. **Workgroup Minutes** – Going forward, along with the agenda “packet” before each Board meeting, the minutes from each workgroup will be included. The template for this is in the March and April packet. These minutes should be sent to Angela prior to the next Board meeting.
6. **Website updates** – ACCESS staff is working on updating the COC website with accurate information, as well as publishing minutes, agenda, calendar events, and the zoom link for all future CoC Board and General CoC meetings.
7. **Trainings** –
 - a. Board and General Member trainings are being developed by Melissa and the Governance and Membership Workgroup.
 - b. Rapid Rehousing Trainings – OHCS and ICF will be designing a rapid rehousing case management training. Updates will be forthcoming when dates and curriculum are solidified.
 - c. Board Mentorship Program – Multiple Board members requested a mentorship program be created to help onboard and bring up to speed new members that may be new to the topics of discussion. This will also be a topic for the Governance and Membership Committee
8. **MAC Update** – The new funds from Senate Bill 5511, which includes funding for sheltering, outreach, and unit access, are in process to be delivered, and the other two programs that are actively being worked on include the Long Term Rental Assistance program (LTRA) and the Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI). The programs are being developed, and community plans are due soon. These two programs are highly geared towards serving those households that are overrepresented but underserved in the region. These populations include families with minor children, Black or Indigenous People of Color, and Seniors. Targeted outreach, mostly consisting of referrals, will be the central mechanism for addressing those subpopulations specifically.

The Ashland City Council voted to reject the continued funding for the Ashland Shelter due to a lack of political will, and the City, ACCESS, and OHCS are in active discussions to determine the impact. Questions include what will happen to the money that was already allocated and spent by the City, and where the money that the state already earmarked for that project will be re-routed to.
9. **Hud Award and Data** – The CoC was awarded significantly more than previous years – an increase of about 51%. Additionally, the report on the demographic breakdown of who was served we submitted in the packet for this meeting. The data is somewhat reflective of the demographic breakdown of the population that presents for services based on the PIT count, but does not accurately reflect the needs of the community.
10. **Homelessness Taskforce** – The motion to approve the restructure and reconstitute as the main body for the CoC General membership was approved, but the group wished to take the time to read and consider the Governance Charter before approving. This will be done at the next HTF/CoC meeting next week.
11. **Gaps Analysis Update** – The Gaps Analysis is being designed and worked out with a couple of consultants/organizations to begin shortly. The purpose of the gaps analysis is to identify where we are

(what resources, community partners, current identified needs, etc.), and where we want to be (what do we do we need still to address)

12. Agenda Items for future meetings – Jason would like to include a 5 minute period at the end of each meeting to identify topics that the board wishes to discuss at upcoming meetings.

- a. Housing Pipeline – Matt Havniar,
- b. Training opportunities for the CoC

13. Adjournment: Jason Elzy adjourned the meeting at 3:25p.m.

Next CoC Board Meeting:

April 3, 2024, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Olsrud Center, ACCESS, 3630 Aviation Way, Medford