

MINUTES - PPCoC Governing Board Meeting

30 November 2018, PPUW, 518 N. Nevada Ave., 11:30am – 1:00pm

Members in Attendance: Aimee Cox, Andy Phelps, Beth Roalstad, Jacque Franklin, Joanna Crosby, John Spears

Staff Present: Jennifer Mariano

Absent: Chris Garvin, DeAnne McCann, Greg Morris, Laura Nelson, Kimberley Sherwood, Shawna Kemppainen (LOA)

Call to Order: 11:39 am call to order

Administrative Business

Approval of Minutes: Approval October 2018 minutes; Correction under City Updates: Change “No funding allocated for Veteran’s Incentive Fund” to “No funding allocated for Help COS Ambassadors”. Motion to approve: Jacque Franklin; 2nd-Andy Phelps; All in favor.

Learning Topic: Street Outreach:

Jansen Howard from Homeward Pikes Peak presented on her experiences working as a street outreach case worker. 2 days per week she works with the HOT and DART teams with CSPD to conduct street outreach. Jansen said that the number of people needing housing can be overwhelming, but she remembers a quote that a gentleman told her when she started in August, “Giving 3 people housing and 697 people hope,” keeps her focused. She noted that she has found a significant difference in populations and what types of assistance they want/are willing to discuss from Trails, Downtown and the West Side population. A few other observations that Jansen made: She meets a number of people that have had chronic illnesses, have lost jobs and lost everything and she doesn’t seem to find much help available for them; She has been surprised by the number of people that actually have some income \$700 - \$800/month, but they are not able to afford all of the money needed to acquire housing; Street Outreach has identified a need for “old-school” relationship building with the homeless population.

Update on Interim Blackbird Street Outreach Board- Now called, “Outreach COS”. New board elected by old board and were given 6 months to determine next steps. Melanie Jackson, John Phelps and Ann Carlisle are on the new board. Board met w/volunteers and explained that they may not do outreach under the Blackbird name any longer. Jacque and Beth noted that the interim board does need some assistance with volunteers and best practices.

Motion: Beth made a motion for the board to create an Outreach Committee. Committee will work to put together best practices and recommend data collection for outreach providers. Andy Phelps and Jacque Franklin are interested in participating. Motion to approve: Aimee Cox; 2nd - John Speers; All in favor.

Tactical & Progress Reports:

New Board Member Orientation- Orientation for new board members has been scheduled for 1/18/19 from 3 -5 pm. Any board member is welcome to participate. Beth, Kimberley, and Jennifer M. will be working on the orientation content.

PPCoC Membership Meeting - 79 people in attendance. The speaker, Claas Ehlers was a nice addition to the meeting. CHP has had several attendees reach out to inquire about how to work together on different projects. Aimee recommended that the meeting should be held at a different location next year to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are able to participate in the meeting. Beth reminded the group that a full membership meeting needs to be held 2 X each year. John Speers noted that the Penrose Library downtown will have a meeting room on the lower level available after the first of the year that will accommodate up to 150 people. Jennifer M. will work with John to reserve the space for the April and October meetings in 2019.

County Updates-

City Updates- Andy mentioned that there has been a Hepatitis A outbreak within the homeless camps (10 cases this week). Free vaccinations are currently being offered at SRM as a result.

Councilwoman, Jill Gaebler will be exploring social impact bonds at a meeting next week with Andy. Andy would like a representative from the CoC to attend. Aimee will plan on attending.

The City is planning a service outreach day at the Quarry homeless camp on December 5th. About 15 different service providers will be available to meet with campers to assist in finding resources when the camp is cleared on December 11th. CSPD HOT has posted signs indicating that evictions will take place on December 11th.

Results from City/CoC Fall Discussion- Joanna presented findings from the CoC/City Fall Consultation. (attached). Feedback from the discussion was utilized to determine funding priorities for 2019 ESG and CDBG funds.

Strategic Discussion:

Shelter Round Table- The City and PPCoC would like to host a joint round-table discussion with emergency shelters to talk about best practices, standards of care, data collection/quality, and rules and procedures at the emergency shelters. Aimee and Jennifer M. will schedule a location and time in January.

Other Business:

2019 Youth Demonstration Project, Urban Peak – Shawna Kemppainen presented a formal request to the PPCoC Board for support in assisting Urban Peak's writing the 2019 YHDP proposal with 3 – 6 volunteers. Shawna's proposal included the project's goals and what would be required from volunteers that volunteer to assist with the proposal.

The PPCoC Board voted in October to support the project and asked that Shawna provide committee member expectations.

Jennifer M. inquired as to whether the entire PPCoC Membership should be sent the information. Beth felt that they could, but it would be important to reach out to Shawna to ask her if she would like a broad request to go out, if she wanted to use an application process to vet potential committee members, and who potential committee members should reach out.

New Business:

Board Retreat – No Governance Committee members in attendance at board meeting. Intent of retreat was unclear. Beth recommended that the board retreat details are clarified with the Governance Committee and then presented at the December Executive Committee meeting.

Family Homelessness Plan – Catholic Charities, Family Promise, and Partners in Housing put together and presented a white paper to the City, with information about the state of family homelessness in the community and included a request to include strategies to address family homelessness in the City’s plan for homelessness. Because the PPCoC Governing Board was not asked to review the plan and provide support, Aimee and Beth felt that the PPCoC could not be listed on the plan without board approval. They noted that the PPCoC wants to have a role when issues such as family homelessness come to light but these requests need to be vetted through the board to ensure that before the board supports these issues, the board is ensuring alignment with the priorities of the PPCoC. Aimee pointed out that some clarity around the Strategic Plan priorities would be helpful. Beth suggested standing up an ad-hoc family homelessness committee is probably a good idea and with the addition of Andy Barton from Catholic Charities and Kat Lilley from Family Promise to PPCoC Board, the first of the year would be a good time to re-visit this suggestion.

PPCoC Administrative Updates:

HMIS Migration Update- Jennifer M. reported that the migration of Adystech to Bitfocus is underway and go-live is still planned for December 17th. When they current vendor, Adsystech was notified by the Colorado CoC’s that their contract was going to be terminated at the end of December, customer support of service tickets stopped. After the PPCoC HMIS Administrator contacted Adsystech and informed them that some of the required reports for year-end reporting were not working, movement was mad to address these specific issues.

Parking Lot Items for November Meeting:

Board Retreat, CHAP; PPCoC Committees

Adjourn: 1:05 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 19th, 2018 at PPUW, 518 N. Nevada Ave., 11:30 am – 1 pm
Note Date Change due to Christmas holiday.