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MINUTES–PPCoC Governing Board Meeting

July 26, 2019, 11:30am – 1:00pm CHP, 121 S. Tejon Street, Suite 601

Members in Attendance:

Alison Gerbig, Andy Barton, Ann-Marie Manning, *Chad Wright, *Chris Garvin, *Crystal La Tier, Haley Chapin, Jacque Franklin, John Spears, Kat Lilley, Laura Nelson, *Steve Posey

Staff Present: Jennifer Mariano

Guests: Ebony Russell

Absent: *Aimee Cox, Beth Roalstad, Kimberley Sherwood, Noreen Landis-Tyson, Shawna Kemppainen

Documents: July 2019 Agenda; May 2019 Minutes; PPCoC Administrator's Report

Call to order: 11:30 am

Administrative Business:

VOTE: Approval of May 2019 Minutes— Haley motion to approve; Chris 2nd; All in favor.

Board Development/Guest presentations – Ebony Russell, DOLA, Department of Housing Asset Manager
The Division of Housing (DOH) partners with local communities to create housing opportunities for Coloradans who face the greatest challenges to accessing affordable, safe, and secure homes. DOH supports projects ranging from homelessness prevention to homeownership. Our work includes:

- Increasing and preserving Colorado's inventory of affordable housing.
- Managing rental assistance vouchers.
- Creating and supporting collaborative approaches to end homelessness.
- Regulating the construction and installation of factory-built structures.

Ebony is based in Colorado Springs and works with El Paso County, Pueblo County, and the San Luis Valley providing technical assistance, and compliance oversight of DOH projects in those areas. In El Paso County, Ebony is involved with Greenway Flats, Broadmoor Bluffs, Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust, and Urban Peak.

PPCoC Administrator's Update- Jennifer

Jennifer provided an overview to the board of the different activities and partnerships that the CoC has participated in over the last 2 months. She will provide this regular report to the board and will send it out with the prior months meeting minutes for review prior to each month's board meeting.

Nominating and Governance Committee –

Bob Hughes w/Springs Rescue Mission is no longer with SRM and has stepped down from PPCoC Board position. SRM has expressed an interest in staying involved with the PPCoC.

Per PPCoC Governance Charter –

Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy, the Board may appoint such qualified person(s) necessary to fill the vacancy. The person(s) appointed shall serve the unexpired term of the previous Board Member and is subject to re-election by the PPCoC Board. Priority for filling vacancies of sitting PPCoC Board members shall be given to candidates representing either the same, or a closely related category, as that of the vacated position.

The group discussed who, from SRM would be a good fit to fill the vacancy. Jeff Cook and Terry Anderson from Springs Rescue Mission were suggested. It was also suggested that the new leadership from the Salvation Army should be considered as well.

ACTION ITEM: The Governance Committee will contact Terry Anderson and Jeff Cook at Springs Rescue Mission and Captain Hansen at the Salvation Army to vet the potential candidates and determine their interest in serving on the board and return to the August board meeting with a recommendation to fill the vacant seat.

Ranking and Prioritization Committee – Kat

Training for committee July 22nd; Timeline set – Posted online July 22, 2019

BOD Role in NOFA Competition

- Determine if a local priority needs to be set – HUD Priorities are Chronic Homeless, Veterans, Families, Youth, and DV/Sexual Assault Survivors. Does one population need to have a higher priority than another in this community? HUD Project Priorities: HMIS, Coordinated Entry, PH-PSH, RRH, and TH (No new TH Projects; Only existing, high performing TH projects) Does one type of programming need to be prioritized over another? (July 26 board meeting)
- Vote on R & P Committee's project ranking recommendations (week of September 9th)
- Review final NOFA Application posted to CHP website on 9/25/19 and provide feedback, if necessary, to CHP Project Coordinator by noon 9/27/19

Kat provided an overview of the R & P Committee and their role in approving NOFA projects and making recommendations to the PPCoC Board for funding renewal and new projects. She also explained the HUD priorities and that a local community can decide to place additional emphasis on populations served and types of housing. Jacque wondered if any populations or housing types had been identified as lacking resources. Jennifer mentioned that families were identified last year as needing additional resources, but no current or new projects were asking for funding for family housing. The board decided not to vote on a local population or housing priority.

Jennifer told the group that last year the board voted to prioritize HMIS and CE for funding and because this is a local decision to prioritize these projects, there needs to be a vote again for 2019. Kat added that it is beneficial for our CoC to prioritize these two projects since HUD requires participation and allocates points for participation and prioritization.

VOTE: Prioritize HMIS and CE NOFA Funds on the 2019 NOFA - Motion to approve Jacque; Kat 2nd; All in Favor.

Unfinished business – Andy B.

From February Board Retreat- Need to review Mission and Vision Statement and approve amended statements from Board Retreat

Amended Mission Statement: The Pikes Peak Continuum of Care exists to develop and support effective strategies to prevent and end homelessness

Amended Vision Statement: For every person, a home and a supportive community

VOTE: Approve amended mission and vision statements as presented- Motion to approve John; Ann-Marie 2nd; All in Favor.

New business – Andy B.

Increased cost of HMIS and requirement from HUD to increase number of HMIS users. Currently charge \$250/end user annually for any organization not receiving CoC or ESG funds. Those organizations receiving CoC funds are charged 2% of total award to cover admin costs of providing services for the grants. ESG recipients not charged, but City awards \$40,000 (requires 50% match) to help with HMIS costs. How do we meet the HUD requirements, engage more end users for a wholistic approach to housing and services within our CoC, and also sustain the costs of HMIS? MOU with CHP/PPCoC states that BOD will assist with HMIS gap fundraising efforts.

A discussion took place about why it's important to increase HMIS participation. Haley and Kat shared their agency's struggles with the previous HMIS vendor and the inability to pull information out once it's input. Kat recognized that this has been fixed with the new vendor. Haley felt that double entry of data and the cost to participate as a non-CoC funded provider are definite barriers to increasing participation. Haley also mentioned that their organization is working with a vendor to produce a file that could be uploaded into the HMIS system. After some further discussion, the group felt like there were too many variables regarding different data collections systems and further investigation needs to be done. Steve suggested a provider survey and John recommended data mapping of the different systems that providers use.

ACTION ITEM: Jennifer will create a survey to ask local service providers not participating in HMIS, what system they are currently using, what basic data elements they are collecting, and if they would be willing to participate in HMIS and what incentives might be needed to participate. Jennifer will send the draft survey out to seek feedback on questions from board.

Other Business:

Crystal La Tier provided the group a draft of the proposed CDBG Projects for 2019. The projects have been approved by County Commissioners and are awaiting official approval and funding from HUD. CDBG funds from the County must be spent outside of Colorado Springs City limits since COS has their own CDBG funds. Crystal also provided a flyer on a Down Payment Assistance Loan for homes buyers. This program is open to any eligible home buyer in El Paso County. Crystal reported that 6 applications were submitted to the Colorado Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) for the 9% tax credit to build. They should know the outcomes of the applications in October.

Andy Phelps encouraged people to come to the Homelessness Action Expo. About 20 local non-profit service providers, Parks and Rec, and the Health Department are participating in the expo-style event on Thursday, August 1st from 6-8 pm at the City Auditorium. The goal is to get community members to come and learn about all the work that is being done to help our homeless neighbors and get people connected with volunteer opportunities with the different agencies. City of Colorado Springs, CHP, and CONO are co-sponsoring the event.

Adjourn: 12:34 pm

Next Meeting: Friday, August 23, 2019, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, CHP, 121 S. Tejon Street, Suite 601