



A PROGRAM OF **chp**

AGENDA – March 26, 2021 11:30 am – 1:00 pm,
PPCoC Governing Board Meeting, CHP, <https://www.gotomeet.me/EvanCaster>

Members in Attendance (*indicates Ex-Officio members): Alison Gerbig, Andy Barton, *Andy Phelps, Andy Prehm, Anne Markley, Ann-Marie Manning, Haley Chapin, John Spears, Kat Lilley-Blair, Kimberley Sherwood, Kristy Milligan, Laura Nelson, Shawna Kempainen, *Steve Posey

Staff Present: Evan Caster, Jennifer Mariano

Absent: Chris Garvin, *Crystal La Tier, Jeff Cook, Michael Malone, Noreen Landis-Tyson, Patience Kabwasa, *Paul Spencer, Stephanie Johnson

Guests: None

Documents: March 2021 Agenda; February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 11:34am

Approval of February Meeting Minutes and update to March 2021 Agenda – Andy Barton

VOTE: Motion by Kristy Milligan for “Approval of the February 2020 Meeting Minutes,” and update of the “March 2021 Agenda”, seconded by Alison Gerbig and Laura Nelson, all in favor, motion passes

Strategic Planning Consultation with El Paso County – Jennifer Mariano

El Paso County Economic Development Division will meet with CoC Executive Committee next week to review the County’s 2021 Draft Action Plan and provide comments.

Meeting Discussion:

CoC consultation requested of the El Paso County Economic Development Division strategic plan. CoC Executive Committee will review and provide feedback next week on Monday (3/29).

Comment from Kimberley Sherwood - make an amendment there has been conversations with El Paso County in the past in the past. Jennifer notes that last recommendations happened three-years ago.

Evan Caster suggests ongoing collaboration with El Paso County DHS – Chafee Program and Public Health Departments around Homeless Management Information System use and formal Agency Partnership Agreements for HMIS.

***American Rescue Plan Act** – Andy and Jennifer (*updated topic of inclusion)

Reactions from webinar and CoC recommendations to the City of Colorado Springs

Meeting Discussion:

Rethinking Homelessness hosted a webinar on the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Details will be shared to CoC Board when webinar is made available with materials.

Rethinking Homelessness Webinar – [Webinar Recording](#) and [Slideshow](#) are now available

Discussion from Steve Posey - Conversations happening locally with City and community providers.

City of Colorado Springs will engage CHP in the obligation discussions for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds were made available to both the City of Colorado Springs (\$14 million) and El Paso County (\$7 million) through the U.S. Department of Treasury.

ERA funds were given to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for management and distribution to the community based on DOLA’s existing infrastructure to distribute funds.

*American Rescue Plan Act – discussion continued

Several obligation deadlines for new funds are vague, request for additional clarity.

Question from Kimberly – “How does the CoC have a role in these conversations?”

Steve will follow up with obligation award amounts to share with CoC Board and through CHP.

Question from Kimberly – “what is the perception from the community/public on these funds?” “How can we get ahead on messaging?”

Some funds are dedicated for housing and homelessness but not all, CoC should have priorities.

Hopefully will align with the Strategic Planning announcement from the CoC.

Differentiating fund buckets will be important for the public perception.

Public Comment Period – Andy

Align with City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County Community Development Divisions.

Use surveys responses from the National Alliance to End Homelessness System Design Clinic to inform strategic plan.

Meeting Discussion:

Decision in February CoC meeting to not rush the Strategic Process.

CoC will work with the City and County on feedback and incorporate a Public Comment period to receive feedback from the community.

Get Stakeholder feedback from the NAEH surveys, we do have surveys already created that we need to utilize and Technical Assistance support from NAEH in reviewing those surveys (consumers, providers, and leaders)

Decision by Executive Committee that additional surveying may muddle the strategic message and send the wrong perception to the community. Thus the decision to use existing surveys and Public Comment periods for feedback.

Question from Shawna Kempainen - “How were surveys sent out?”

Evan responds – sent out through CHP in late November/early December 2020. Sent through Coordinated Entry to providers with instructions on sharing and receiving “consumer” feedback, sent through HMIS AAA meeting, sent through Leadership invites.

Kimberly asks – “Why we are doing this strategic planning?”, “Can we make the case why the CoC is doing Strategic Planning not just the process piece?”

Need to answer this question about “why” in our strategic planning and offer a narrative response.

Strategic Planning Framework – Evan Caster

Link to individual System Performance Measures (SPM).

Goal: homelessness should be rare, brief, non-recurring.

1. **Rare** – Inflow of homelessness
 - Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons
 - Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time
2. **Brief** – Length of time homeless
 - Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless
 - Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing
3. **Non-recurring** – Outcomes of homelessness
 - Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness
 - Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects
 - Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

**System Performance Measure 6 is not being measured for CoCs at this time*

Meeting Discussion:

Evan explains narrative approach – Beginning (homelessness is rare), Middle (homeless is brief), End (homelessness is non-recurring)

Strategic Planning Framework – discussion continued

Thread to include System Performance Measures and make SPMs understandable to the community
NAEH System Design Clinic feedback is seen throughout as activities (diversion, prevention, rapid re-housing, equity, data quality, accountability, outcome focused)

Kimberly notes – “Framing population as ‘consumer’ does not bring dignity” be mindful of language and terminology addressing persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Discussion on definitional pieces, should the CoC have a glossary of terminology or much more approachable ways to give proper dignity and respect to vulnerable community members. Avoid being clinical.

Andy – “Important to talk about the condition not the people” and speaking up dignity of population.

Next steps are how to tell the story and how the public fits in

Additional topics of conversation – Jennifer

Update from Community Health Partnership – information is **not** publicly available as of today (3/26/21), discretion advised to the CoC Board.

CHP has been awarded a contract with Kaiser Permanente for \$500,000.00 for flexible homeless and housing funds in the community for a five-year grant period.

Kaiser Permanente, CHP, and the City of Colorado Springs will have a formal press release and announcement to the community soon.

Adjourn: 12:28pm

Next Meeting: April 23, 2021, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm