

**AGENDA** – September 21, 2023, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

PPCoC Governing Board Meeting, CHP, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89943466375>

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**Members in Attendance** (\*indicates Ex-Officio members): Alison Gerbig, Andy Barton, Anne Beer, Chris Garvin, Anne Markley, Haley Chapin, Jansen Howard, Kat Lilley, Kayla Rockhold, Kristy Milligan, Michael Malone, \*Paul Spencer, Stephanie Johnson, Terry Anderson, Velda Baker

**Staff Present:** Evan Caster

**Absent:** \*Crystal Karr, \*Randi Davis,

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**Meeting Agenda:**

**Call to Order: 11:31am**

**Call to order, approval of August meeting minutes** – Alison Gerbig

**VOTE** required to approve

**Meeting Discussion**

**VOTE** motion to approve made by Kristy Milligan and Chris Garvin, seconded by Terry Anderson, motion passes

**Highlight and celebrate successes** – Open to the CoC Board

**Meeting Discussion**

Anne Beer shared the Silver Key Senior Housing groundbreaking, hopeful to open next September

Velda Baker mentioned Mission Medical reopening, announcement in the news

Terry shared that the City Planning approval of a rehabilitation 4U into Transitional Housing operated by SRM, hopeful for rehab project to be finished by Spring 2024

Terry also shared new construction next week on SRM relief center, include additional laundry units and showers

**CoC Transitions** – Evan Caster

Changes on the CHP team

Karla stepping off the Board

**Meeting Discussion**

Evan announced he will be leaving to join the Colorado Department of Human Services as the Director of Homeless Initiatives

Reiterating support from CHP to oversee transition and continuing to lead the PPCoC Collaborative

Karla Colonnies announced she accepted a new role at DOLA and DOLA will work to replace her ex-officio role on the Board, thank you for your leadership

**CoC Nominating Committee** – Haley Chapin

Slate of CoC Board members nominees presented to the Board

Question from nominee on HUD priorities, Housing First

**Meeting Discussion**

CoC Nominating Committee completed slate of interviews to announce the new CoC Board members being presented to CoC Membership at the Fall Membership meeting

Nominating Committee recommends continuing all applicants to the full Membership for voting

## **CoC Nominating Committee – Haley Chapin, continued**

### Meeting Discussion

Slate of Board members being nominated are:

- Jamie Brown, Senior Program Officer, Colorado Springs Housing Foundation
- Karen Parks, D49, McKinney Vento
- Stacie Kwitek, Executive Director, El Paso County DHS
- Mary Beringer, lived experience
- Janette Stalemo, lived experience
- Captain Doug Hansen, Salvation Army

Questions from the Nominating Committee regarding alignment with Housing First open to Board discussion

Board discussed the importance of having a diversity of opinions as an important value add to the Board to lead the PPCoC

Holding different tools in the tool kit of homeless initiatives strategy is important and giving input in the process makes the collaborative stronger in its decision making

Important to recognize that standing up for the CoC priorities is inherent to the role, but that having an inclusive stance to homeless initiatives is foundational to supporting the community

Motion made by Terry to advance the full slate of Governing Board nominees to the Fall Membership meeting and to be voted on by the PPCoC Membership, Chris Garvin seconded, motion passes

## **CoC Executive Committee – Alison**

Self-nominations to convene with the Executive Committee to support transition

### Meeting Discussion

Request for having new Officers join the CoC Executive Committee before the new year and meet with Evan before his departure

Lack of clarity on Officer election and placement in the CoC Governance Charter, will move as an affirmation in decision making by the CoC Board

Officers who have self-nominated are Annie Beer and Kayla Rockhold, Haley and Andy Barton will be transitioning off

Motion made by Terry and Annie to advance the Officers to be part of the transition discussions with Evan's departure, Chris seconded, motion passes

## **CoC Education and Awareness Committee – CoC Board**

Shannon Brinias – series on domestic violence with speakers identified by the CoC

Support from the Board to put together the series

### Meeting Discussion

Evan shared update from the Committee to discussion Domestic Violence as part of radio series

Anne Markley committed to supporting and noted that the Colorado COVA (Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance) conference would be October 1-4 and requested radio interviews happen afterwards

Evan will connect with CHP Communications Manager Amber Carlton and other CoC Education and Awareness Committee members

## **CoC Membership Meeting – CoC Board**

Decision on membership meeting

Discussion on whether to postpone to November/December

### Meeting Discussion

Decision by the Board to leave the Membership meeting at the set time and location, invites to be sent out with Save the Dates

Terry, Andy, Velda, and Kayla will help support

Evan will follow up with a commitment from CHP early next week

Date will not change unless CHP is unavailable and may change with an electronic vote next week

Request for reviewing the November Board meeting as it falls on Thanksgiving week

Request made to move to the following Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, calendar invites will be forthcoming from CHP to move meeting date

**General Updates – CoC Board**

Open to the Board members

City of Colorado Springs Mental Health and Homeless breakfast, role of the CoC

Meeting Discussion

Discussion on City of Colorado Springs Mental Health and Homeless breakfast/summit

Concerns raised by Kristy on the conflation of Mental Health and Homelessness

Evan will be stepping back from Panelist and will be replaced by Alison

Real challenges on Housing Affordability and reference to Out of Reach report from the National Low Income Housing Coalition

Velda discussed the significant time commitment spent on people with serious mental illness cycling through various systems of impact, not inclusive of all homelessness but receives a lot of attention

Challenges with addressing underlying health conditions with experiencing homelessness

Differentiating between trauma and long-term mental illness

Perceptions of homelessness and stigma reduction, 1/4 households have mental health condition

Experiences are individualized and complex, addressing all components that lead to the whole

Fill in the gaps through a continuum and collaborative approach

The City should come to the CoC first not last, approaches in communication to be followed up after the event and how to effectively work together

**Adjourn: 12:42pm**

**Next Meeting: TBD**