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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2016; 10:30 AM**  
**United Way of the Midlands Room 3AB (Columbia, SC)**

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**Board Members Attending:** Anthony Haro, Constantine Pournaras, Pete Liggett, Bruce Forbes, Leanne Johnson, Kennard DuBose, Margaret Tripp, Michele Murff, Lila Anna Sauls, Julie Cole, Julie Ann Avin, Anna Hamilton Lewin, Joey Smoak, Dennis Wormsley, Donny Supplee, Erich Chatham (by phone), LaToya Reed (by phone)

**Board Members Not Attending:** Linda Mirabal-Pace, Leigh Oden

**Other Attendees:** Lauren Angelo Duck, Richard Bailey, Gregg McConkey, Gina Amato, Karina Henry, Diane Cilento, Natalie Worley, Diana Tester, James Irby, Sarah Crawford, Dorrine Gross (by phone)

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The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Anthony Haro, SCCH Chair, welcomed the Coalition Board members and other meeting attendees.

**II. Minutes**

The December minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Hearing no further changes, Donny Supplee motioned to approve the minutes, and the motion carried.

**III. Financial Report**

The mailing address for bank statements is still in transition from the previous Treasurer, Mike Chesser, to the current Treasurer Anna Hamilton Lewin, but Anna reported that she has the checkbook and that the account is in good standing.

**IV. SAMHSA Update**

Dorrine Gross, South Carolina's CABHI program officer, called into the meeting to give Board members an update on the 2015 CABHI funding. SAMHSA's expectation in awarding CABHI funds is that states enhance and develop state infrastructure in order to provide homeless supportive services.

- SAMHSA has expanded eligibility for 2016 CABHI funding to local governments and community organizations. Local governments are eligible for \$800,000, while community organizations are eligible for \$400,000. SAMHSA has also expanded the eligible populations for grant services, which now include families and youth. Applications are due March 15,

2016 and the RFA can be found here: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-16-007>

## V. Evaluation Update

Anita Floyd updated the Coalition on four separate initiatives that United Way of the Midlands will be evaluating in its role as the CABHI evaluator: restructuring and planning of SCCH, including the interagency council expansion and adoption of a new strategic plan; hiring of additional SOAR specialists and monitoring their outcomes; training opportunities related to homelessness facilitated by the Coalition; and data integration between HMIS and Electronic Medical Record systems.

- UWM would like to be informed of all committee meetings so that they stay up to date on progress made in smaller workgroups.

## VI. DSS Childcare Vouchers

Lila Anna Sauls gave a recommendation on childcare vouchers for homeless families available through DSS. DSS has allocated 144 vouchers to the CoCs and has distributed them proportionally based on the PIT Counts and number of McKinney-Vento homeless students in each CoC.

- The voucher breakdown according to CoC is below. During the Board meeting, each CoC also chose a representative to distribute vouchers to the rest of their continuum, and their names and contact information are included as well.
  - ECHO: 37                      Richard Bailey, [rbailey@echomeless.org](mailto:rbailey@echomeless.org)
  - LHC: 12                      Anthony Haro, [aharo@lowcountryhomelesscoalition.org](mailto:aharo@lowcountryhomelesscoalition.org)
  - MACH: 33                     Gina Amato, [gamato@uway.org](mailto:gamato@uway.org)
  - Upstate: 62                 Diane Cilento, [DCilento@unitedhousingconnections.org](mailto:DCilento@unitedhousingconnections.org)
- CoCs should also communicate with the McKinney-Vento liaison in each county that they serve, in order to reduce duplication of effort that may occur if a McKinney-Vento liaison is working with the same family as a shelter. A list of all McKinney-Vento liaisons in the state can be accessed on the SCDE website: <http://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/policy/federal-education-programs/title-i/McKinneyVentoDistrictLiaisonContactInformation201516forWebUpdated011416.pdf>
- There should be no more than a 3 day turnaround from the time DSS gets the application to the time the voucher is issued.

## VII. Committee Reports

HMIS Committee – Anthony Haro

- The committee is working to improve electronic referrals in HMIS, and a new protocol will be in place by March 1.
- The committee is also developing a new intake and referral form for the 2-1-1 helpline, which should be in place by June 1.

PIT Count Committee – Anthony Haro, Dennis Wormsley, and Natalie Worley

- CoCs reported that the surveying effort for the PIT Count went well.
- CoCs are now entering survey data into HMIS for analysis and de-duplication.
- SC will independently produce PIT count HUD tables for the first time, rather than relying on tables from the health demographics office at Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.
- United Way of the Midlands continues to solicit responses to an RFP issued for the production of a statewide PIT. The RFP is available on the SCCH website, <http://www.schomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/PIT-Report-RFP-2016.pdf>, and the deadline has been extended. The

2015 report can also be accessed through the website: <http://www.schomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Final-DRAFT-PIT-Report-2015-statewide.pdf>

#### Research Committee – Anthony Haro

Anthony asked for volunteers to Chair the Research Committee. Diana Tester from USC volunteered and was enthusiastically confirmed by Anthony, through his authority as Chair.

- Pete Liggett and Erich Chatham also volunteered to participate. Julie Cole recommended a statistician she works with at DAODAS who may also be willing to support data analysis.

#### Advocacy Committee – Michele Murff

Michele is working on recruiting members for her committee in addition to developing an advocacy agenda. Additionally, Michele has communicated with a staff person at the Governor's office who has asked to be kept informed of the Coalition's work.

#### Training Committee – Bruce Forbes

Bruce is working on recruiting members to his committee and is beginning to plan the first trainings that SCCH will host this year.

- SCCH has a training budget supported by a pending contract through the CABHI grant.
- Early trainings will be on Trauma Informed Care, Motivational Interviewing, and Cultural Competency. Bruce is also exploring possible topics for additional trainings that fall outside the scope of the CABHI grant.
- Constantine Pournaras volunteered to work with Bruce to organize a training for other defense attorneys at an annual Law conference in September.
- DAODAS is already experienced in SBIRT protocol and can provide support in conducting training on SBIRT.

#### Nominating Committee – Michele Murff

- SCCH is pleased to welcome ten new board members and is finished with nominating until next year; however, Michele is available to discuss potential new members from anyone who feels strongly about nominating someone before the Committee issues its next call for nominations.

### **VIII. CoC News and Updates**

LHC: Charleston is currently dealing with an encampment issue and will be looking to the Upstate for information on how they have handled their own tent city.

ECHO: ECHO is applying for CDBG funds to support a \$1.2 Million ECHO Resource Center that will serve as an intake center for coordinated entry. They have received promising feedback from the CDBG office about their application. They are also working with someone affiliated with the Reggie Sanders Foundation to develop a respite program in Myrtle Beach similar to one in Scottsdale AZ.

Upstate: Upstate continues to work toward improving its coordinated entry system and is currently holding meetings with homeless partners.

MACH: Richland County has a new ACT Team at Palmetto Health Hospital. MACH is also preparing to implement its prioritization policy and will begin holding education sessions for providers in late February.

**IX. Adjourn**

Will no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.