



Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2016; 10:30 AM
United Way of the Midlands Room 3AB (Columbia, SC)

Board Members Attending: Anthony Haro, Pete Liggett, Constantine Pournaras, Linda Mirabal-Pace, Leanne Johnson, Julie Ann Avin, Michele Murff, Erich Chatham, Kennard DuBose, Julie Cole, Lila Anna Sauls

By Phone: Bruce Forbes, Anna Lewin, Joey Smoak

Board Members Not Attending: Leigh Oden, LaToya Reed, Donny Supplee, Margaret Tripp, Dennis Wormsley

Other Attendees: Lauren Angelo Duck, Gregg McConkey, Dorrine Gross, Helen Cotton, Maudra Brown, Anita Floyd, Karen Oliver, Diana Tester, Bruce Mills, Natalie Worley, Diane Cilento

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 AM.

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Minutes

The February minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Hearing no further changes, Pete Liggett motioned to approve the minutes, and the motion carried.

III. National Housing Trust Fund Overview

Leanne Johnson gave a presentation on the National Housing Trust Fund program emphasis and requirements:

- Hoping to receive official notice of allocation soon (*update after meeting: received official allocation from HUD in expected amount of \$3 Million*)
- Money will go toward rehabbing/rebuilding housing for those who can only afford to rent and are 30% and below national poverty line
- Can be used for operating costs (up to one-third entire allocation). Examples of operating costs include insurance, operating reserves, pest control, and landscaping

IV. CoC Updates

UHC: Held a Vets at Home forum that brought together many different service providers and programs. Over 60 participants attended, and this will be the kickoff to prioritization for homeless Veterans.

MACH: Received Tier 1 awards and pleased that planning grant increased. Continuing to work on implementing prioritization policy. United Way of the Midlands is recruiting staff for its CoC planning position.

ECHO: Waccamaw COG is doing a TBRA pilot. ECHO still working on establishing a Coordinated Entry intake center in Conway. Also working with Veteran Housing Development Corporation who wants to become a subsidiary of ECHO and create housing for Veterans in shipping containers.

LHC: Awarded a planning grant in Tier 1 and will be adding a planning staff position. The Charleston encampment has been completely cleared from downtown – 30 people were transferred to temporary shelter and some were permanently housed.

V. Committee Reports

Finance: Anna Lewin is working on completing the DNO insurance renewal. Submitted 990 on 4/14/16. Will begin working on establishing internal controls with executive committee.

Research: Diana Tester reported that the committee met and decided to support the Advocacy Committee's initiatives as well as HMIS. Currently focused on working toward an informative, comprehensive PIT report.

HMIS: Working on completing HUD PIT Tables due 4/30/16. Had to shift focus from Coordinated Entry to PIT data, but will resume Coordinated Entry planning once PIT data is submitted to HUD and College of Charleston for statewide report.

Training: Bruce Forbes is coordinating with CABHI staff to begin scheduling trainings supported by the Coalition's contract with DMH.

Nominating: Michele Murff explained that CABHI's interagency council requirements include having a representative from the VA. She suggested Patricia Bradford due to her long history of support and participation. Kennard moved to nominate Patricia to the Board, and the motion carried. The Board also felt representation from HUD is important to the Coalition. Lila Anna motioned to nominate Angie Hall to the Board, and the motion carried. Michele will reach out to both Patricia and Angie to confirm their willingness to join the Board.

Advocacy: Michele Murff met with Representatives Gilliard and Williams at the Governor's office to discuss homelessness. They had a positive conversation, and the Chief of Staff is very interested in presenting an executive order for a State Interagency Council on Homelessness to the Governor for her signature. The Advocacy Committee will work on drafting this letter.

VI. CABHI Update

Lauren Duck gave updates on the Palmetto Health ACT Treatment team and grant evaluation. She also presented a draft contract to the Board outlining the amount of CABHI funding SCCH can receive for website development and trainings on evidence-based practices. The Board was asked to grant the Board Chair authority to execute the contract with DMH. Julie Ann Avin made the motion, and the motion carried. Michele Murff recused herself from the vote since she is a DMH employee.

VII. DSS Childcare Voucher Follow-up

Diana Tester updated SCCH on the use and availability of childcare vouchers for homeless families.

- Only 11 counties in the state have used vouchers
- There are 300 vouchers remaining, and only a small number of voucher applications have been denied.
- Any feedback on barriers to accessing the vouchers should be emailed to either Anthony Haro or Lauren Duck, and Diana Tester will compile a list of issues and communicate them with DSS.

VIII. Adjourn

Will no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.