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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 9, 2016; 10:30 AM**  
**United Way of the Midlands (Columbia, SC)**

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**Board Members Attending:** Anthony Haro, Pete Liggett, Linda Mirabal-Pace, Leanne Johnson, Michele Murff, Leigh Oden, Julie Ann Avin, Joey Smoak, Julie Cole

By Phone: Bruce Forbes, Erich Chatham

**Board Members Not Attending:** Constantine Pournaras, Kennard DuBose, Anna Hamilton Lewin, LaToya Reed, Donny Supplee, Margaret Tripp, Lila Anna Sauls, Dennis Wormsley

**Other Attendees:** Lauren Angelo Duck, Diana Tester, Natalie Worley, Diane Cilento, Casey Cooper, Brandon Blake, Cecilia Rodriguez, Julie West, Tim Horvath, Angie Hall, Sheila Sossamon, Elizabeth Morris, Maudra Brown

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The meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**II. Minutes**

The April minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Hearing no further changes, Joey Smoak motioned to approve the minutes, Michele Murff seconded, and the motion carried.

**III. CoC Spotlight: United Housing Connections**

United Housing Connections staff will lead the agency in the upstate and gave a presentation on the recent developments:

- UHC staff is excited about the positive developments in terms of CES and VI-SPDAT and believes it has really energized the upstate
- They will be going live on July 1, 2016
- UHC staff stated three givens:
  - They cannot accept clients from anywhere but the waiting list
  - Everyone must complete the VI-SPDAT evaluation
  - Anyone seeking homeless services must be assessed on health vulnerability including:

- Health, mental health, and housing history (likelihood of surviving on the streets or developing illness)
- A scale is used to get the most vulnerable person in the next housing unit that comes available (instead of first come first serve in past)
  - 0-3 less vulnerable
  - 4-7 transitional housing or rapid rehousing
  - 8+ permanent housing
- Anthony Haro taught 6 hours of training for upstate
  - Targeted access points for CES
  - 55 attended training
- People have asked to become access points and people are getting on HMIS who weren't on prior
- UHC staff is breaking it down by county (13 counties)
- All entry points will work the same way and have coordinated entry
- UHC will take a triage approach and work together better as agencies in CoC to serve the most vulnerable

#### IV. 2015 HUD CoC Competition Results

HUD is emphasizing housing outcomes. Research has shown that permanent housing, as opposed to temporary housing, gives better outcomes.

HUD is primarily focused on ending chronic homelessness and permanent housing is most effective for this population.

Anthony Haro agreed that this is the population we should be focusing on. Chronic homelessness consumes the majority of our resources. The goal should be to save lives while minimizing the use of our resources.

MACH: lost Orangeburg program.

ECHO: lost a program in Florence

National Housing Trust Fund's focus is on permanent housing.

6/28/16: 2 public hearings on trust fund will be held at 10:00am and 1:30pm at SC Housing

Joey Smoak discussed an advocacy project that compares funding and PIT count. Original CoC program was not allocated based on need.

#### V. CoC Updates

MACH: rural counties will not be abandoned

RRH (Rapid Rehousing) projects will serve even more rural counties  
 Salvation Army  
 One80

Continuum has been divided on TH issue

TH agencies will have to work toward other funding sources

Trying to utilize childcare vouchers- 2 trainings done in MACH

ECHO: Working with Reggie Johnson Foundation- autism. They are getting ready to implement 5 new grants.

COG TBRA for 80% and under AMI

CES training with Melanie from TAC  
Length of time homeless  
Then VI-SPDAT

Georgetown housing authority has agreed to work with them.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

Financial Report: Pete Liggett motioned to approve internal control document and Julie Ann Avin seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Advocacy: Almost finished drafting executive order and cover letter.

Low income housing tax credit. Put comments in writing and get to state housing  
Erich Chatham wants to work/help with comments

Kennard DuBose is open to group meeting with corrections to talk about release planning

- Continuums should participate
- Need to be educated
- Include lead contacts for each CoC
- HUD/DMH gets letters from inmates
  - HUD will participate to help CoCs understand their role
  - Julie/DAODAS- Oxford House doing discharge planning

Research: Participating in calls with College of Charleston to understand what data is coming out of PIT count and what new tools and materials can be developed. Inmate trainings for childcare vouchers is really working. PIT report is moving along. Provided input on new website.

HMIS Committee: Focusing on statewide database work and how to reengage 2-1-1 in coordinated entry process.

In person meeting trying to make sure work is consistent across state.

Timelines are in place

Want 100% CES in place by 8/1/16

No longer thinking of 2-1-1 as an entry point. 2-1-1 will help CoCs designate their own entry points.

Training:

Nominating Committee: VOC ?? interested in coming on board

Invite Joey to training committee

Incorporate some training on entry points for hospital committee

Pulling them in VI-SPDAT

**VII. CABHI Update**

- Casey Cooper starting in June as new DMH CABHI Admin Coordinator
- Columbia Palmetto Health ACT Treatment site is serving clients. Greenville ACT Treatment site will begin serving clients in July.
- Waiting on responses back to an RFP issued for redesign of SCCH website that will be supported through CABHI funds.

**VIII. Adjourn**

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