SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

I.	Welcome and Roll Call	E. Ann Gowdy ECHO	(5)
II.	Approval of January Meeting Minutes (Action Item)	Bruce Forbes SHARE	(5)
III.	Financial Report	Bruce Forbes	(5)
IV.	Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce a. SC Department of Social Services Proposal (Action Item)	E. Ann Gowdy	(10)

V.	Continuum of Care Updates
	    a. Upstate Continuum of Care
	    b. Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC)
	    c. Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH)
	    d. Lowcountry Continuum of Care
		CoC Representatives	(20)

VI.	State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates	Agency Representatives	(15)
VII.	100-Day Challenges Ending Rural Homelessness	Peter Muse, Sarah Hennessy RE!INSTITUTE	(30)

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Board Members in Attendance: Julie Ann Avin, Heather Carver, Lorain Crowl, Bruce Forbes, E. Ann Gowdy, Cynthia Haddad, Renaye Long, Terre Marshall, Michele Murff, Shannon Nix, Suzanne Sanders, Chief Amy Prock, Norah Rogers, Chris Rubio, Joey Smoak, Spencer Thomas, Tracy Turner, Birley Wright, Jeff Yungman

Other Attendees: Emily Blackshire, Stephanie Donaldson, Aimee Dubé, Sarah Hennessy, Kimberly Humphrey, Shawntelle Johnson, Alexis Martin, Matt McColl, Lenzy Morris, Peter Muse, Natalie Rivera

I. **Welcome and Roll Call**
E. Ann Gowdy, SCICH chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31am and welcomed the group. The meeting was held by Microsoft Teams. E. Ann Gowdy took a roll call.

II. **Approval of January Meeting Minutes**
A motion was made by Terre Marshall to approve the January board meeting minutes. Julie Ann Avin seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed.

III. **Financial Report**
Bruce Forbes provided the financial report. To date, the council has $6178.28 in the account.

IV. **Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce**
On behalf of the taskforce, E. Ann Gowdy provided updates. South Carolina Senate Bill 342 was passed from the Senate on February 16th and is currently with the House Committee on Judiciary. The bill would amend the South Carolina Code of Laws' definition of youth homelessness and received 11 letters of support from around the state.

There was further discussion around the funding proposal from the SC Department of Social Services. The Taskforce will need to provide information on how the Statewide

Youth Count would help determine statewide needs and inform solutions. If the SCICH board accepts the proposal, board members can decide whether the funds will be handled directly by SCICH or by Eastern Carolina Housing Organization (ECHO). Funding can be delivered as a sum or be reimbursed.

A motion was made by Lorain Crowl to accept the proposal. Renaye Long seconded the motion. Julie Ann Avin abstained from the vote, all other board members were in favor.

V. Continuum of Care COVID-19 Response and Updates

a. Upstate Continuum of Care (UCC) –

Lorain Crowl provided updates. UCC is currently working on a Greenville County State of Homelessness Report, which will be shared with the public soon. They are also finalizing a CoC Strategic Plan that will incorporate the main focuses of the USICH Federal Strategic Plan.

UCC is developing a housing resource center, where providers can directly serve people experiencing homelessness in the City of Greenville using a by-name list. The resource center will provide transportation and connection to other services as well.

United Housing Connections has distributed around $7.5 million in rental assistance for Greenville County and has around $5 million remaining.

b. Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC) –
Joey Smoak provided updates. TCHC is working on developing their own affordable housing projects. They also held an annual workshop for their service providers on the basics of ESNAPS, HUD's electronic grant management system.

One80 Place was awarded a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) grant from HUD's Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity.

E. Ann Gowdy provided updates on TCHC's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding. They are currently working to collect community feedback from all kinds of systems, including schools and family service providers. They aim to have their community plan completed within the next 2 months.

c. **Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH)** –
Andy Pope provided updates via email. MACH is working on their HUD reporting: System Performance Measures, Point in Time Count, and Housing Inventory Count. They are also correcting errors in their HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) data and starting a veteran by-name list.

MACH is in the planning stage for monitoring of CoC grants. They are also supporting collaboration between Lexington Medical Center and Unite Us to reduce duplicate data with MACH's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

d. **Lowcountry Continuum of Care (LCC)** –
Heather Carver provided updates. LCC has been reviewing their CoC endorsements and projects, aiming to increase service in rural counties. One of their rural agencies received Street Outreach funding from HUD's Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity.

LCC has also been working on entering their new vulnerability assessment into their HMIS. They are currently testing and developing a scoring system for their assessment.

Jeff Yungman shared that Berkeley County will hold their first housing court on Monday, March 13th. And, LCC will hold a pop-up resource fair on April 28th.

VI. **State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates**

Alexis Martin introduced themselves as the new Transitional Housing Officer with SC Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Shawntelle Johnson provided updates on behalf of SC Department of Social Services. They have recently hired new staff members to assist with their programs and find further resources for youth who are transitioning in to or out of foster care.

Terre Marshall provided updates on behalf of SC Department of Corrections. SC Thrive has provided three advocates who will help pre-release inmates apply for Medicaid. The SC Department of Corrections hopes to add assistance with Social Security Income (SSI) enrollment as well.

Matt McColl introduced themselves as the Marketing and Public Information Director with SC Housing. SC Housing has been working with University of South Carolina Moore

School on the [Palmetto State Housing Study](#). Their Supply and Demand analysis will identify problems associated with urban population increase and migration away from rural towns. Phase 2 of the Palmetto State Housing Study will be recruiting community feedback. Phase 3 will be making policy recommendations. Any questions about this study can be directed to Matt, matt.mccoll@schousing.com

Suzanne Sanders provided updates on behalf of SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. They have been furthering connections with TCHC, and Suzanne invited all CoCs to reach out for any needed support from DHEC.

VII. 100-Day Challenges Ending Rural Homelessness

Peter Muse and Sarah Hennessy with RE!NSTITUTE presented information about their 100-Day Challenges. RE!NSTITUTE is a global non-profit that works to create positive systems change.

Any questions about RE!NSTITUTE's 100-Day Challenges can be directed to Peter ([pmuse@re-institute.org)](mailto:pmuse@re-institute.org) or Sarah (shennessy@re-institute.org).

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45PM.

Next SCICH Board Meeting: May 11, 2023