



SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 13, 2023, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

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| I. | Welcome and Roll Call | E. Ann Gowdy
ECHO | (5) |
| II. | Approval of May Meeting Minutes (Action Item) | Bruce Forbes
SHARE | (5) |
| III. | Financial Report (Action Item)
a. Website hosting and maintenance | Bruce Forbes | (5) |
| IV. | Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce
SC Department of Social Services Planning Grant | E. Ann Gowdy | (15) |
| VI. | Continuum of Care Updates
a. Lowcountry Continuum of Care (LCC)
b. Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH)
c. Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC)
d. Upstate Continuum of Care (UHC) | CoC Representatives | (25) |
| VII. | State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates | Agency Representatives | (20) |



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Board Members in Attendance: Mac Caldwell, Lorain Crowl, Bruce Forbes, E. Ann Gowdy, Renaye Long, Terre Marshall, Michele Murff, Shannon Nix, Suzanne Sanders, Chief Amy Prock, David Rozelle, Chris Rubio, Spencer Thomas, Birley Wright

Other Attendees: Natalie Rivera, Adia Daniels, Debra Dusenbury, Steven Ferrufino, Sarah Christian, Emily Blackshire, Aimee Dube, Kimberly Humphrey, Monique Grant, Alexis Spry, Robert Cottingham

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 May Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Suzanne Sanders to approve the May board meeting minutes. Terre Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed.

III. Financial Report

Bruce Forbes provided the financial report. To date, the council has \$154,609.28 in its account. The SC Department of Social Services (DSS) grant, totaling \$150,000, for planning the Statewide Youth Count was recently deposited. A \$20 donation from Network for Good will be deposited soon.

SCICH's website hosting contract is up for renewal. In recent years, there have been communication concerns with the current provider. Bruce opened an invitation to the group to provide recommendations on other website hosting providers.

IV. Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce

On behalf of the Taskforce, E. Ann Gowdy provided updates. On May 16, Senate Bill 342 was signed by the Governor, amending SC Code of Laws to establish a statewide definition of youth experiencing homelessness.

The Taskforce also signed the SC DSS grant for planning the Statewide Youth Count. Within the next three weeks, the Taskforce will meet to develop a proposal for the count.

V. Continuum of Care COVID-19 Response and Updates

a. Lowcountry Continuum of Care (LCC) – No representative present at this meeting.

b. Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH) – No representative present at this meeting.

c. Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC) – E. Ann Gowdy provided updates. TCHC’s Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) project developed a coordinated community plan that was approved by HUD. The plan will be posted on TCHC’s website soon. Ann shared that the plan includes impactful qualitative data from youth with lived experience of homelessness, including their rating of importance for assistance programs.

The United State Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Regional Advisor, Dr. Joe Savage, visited with TCHC and will hopefully be able to meet with the statewide group soon. Lastly, TCHC presented at the 2023 Children’s Mental Health Conference, holding a session on how to address youth and young adult homelessness through an equity lens.

d. Upstate Continuum of Care (UCC) – Natalie Rivera and Bruce Forbes provided updates. On May 23, UCC held a biannual training event, including a “CoC 101” presentation on Continuum of Care basics and an interactive session discussing the Continuum’s strategic plan.

UCC has been focused on its Consolidated Application for the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). They have also been developing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. This week, the committee entered into a contract with a Certified DEI Consultant to help develop a charter of responsibilities.

Natalie shared that the UCC System Administrator has been developing a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Library to share resources with their end users. Lastly, UCC is in the middle of producing a Gaps Analysis Report utilizing data from their 2023 System Performance Measures.

VI. State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates

David Rozelle with the SC Department of Veterans' Affairs shared that, within the next few months, he will have more information to share about VA funding that will be directed toward providing homeless prevention and rental assistance. The VA is hoping to utilize this funding to fill in current gaps in housing services.

Shannon Nix with the SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shared information about their upcoming webinar, [Imperfect Victims: Criminalized Survivors and the Promise of Abolition Feminism](#). She also introduced their new Program Coordinator for member support, Adia Daniels.

Renaye Long with SC Housing shared that their rental assistance program, SC Stay Plus, is no longer taking new applications. And, their Homeowner Rescue Program has expended all funds as well. In response, Chris Rubio with United Housing Connections shared that the Greenville Emergency Rental Assistance Program is still accepting applicants at this time.

Renaye also shared the link to sign up for notifications on the HOME American Rescue Plan program: <https://www.schousing.com/Home/HOME-ARP-Program>

Birley Wright with the SC Department of Education reminded the group that McKinney Vento liaisons are available to answer any questions regarding school-aged children experiencing homelessness.

Suzanne Sanders with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) shared that the agency is going through transition and in Summer 2024, DHEC will split into a Public Health division and an Environmental Control division. Suzanne also shared that the SC Emergency Management Division has published a [survey](#) to collect public opinion on current evacuation plans. She encouraged homeless service providers to take the survey and represent the additional needs of persons experiencing homelessness, including emergency transportation and the inability to take shelter when advised.

Terre Marshall with the SC Department of Corrections shared that they've hired a new SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) Coordinator. Their current funding for that position ends in September, but the Department plans to continue that program. Terre and another staff member have recently gotten SOAR certified to support the program.

Debra Dusenbury with the HUD Columbia Field Office introduced herself. She has been working under HUD for nearly 15 years.

Sarah Christian with the SC Primary Health Care Association shared information about their certified [Navigators](#), who are able to assist clients with the benefits of the Health Insurance Marketplace and Medicaid.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35PM.

Next SCICH Board Meeting: September 14, 2023