



SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 11, 2024, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Meeting held at SC Department of Mental Health

I.	Welcome and Roll Call	E. Ann Gowdy	(5)
II.	Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Action Item)	Bruce Forbes	(5)
III.	Financial Report (Action Item)	Bruce Forbes	(10)
	a. Status update		
	b. 501(c)3 Status	Lorain Crawl	
IV.	Nomination Committee (Action Item)	Lorain Crawl	(5)
	a. Approve Slate of nominees		
V.	SCICH Purpose & Mission Discussion	Lorain Crawl	(20)
	a. Review Board Survey		
	b. Discuss Steps Forward		
VI.	Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce	E. Ann Gowdy	(10)
	a. SC Department of Social Services Planning Grant		
VII.	Data and Reporting Committee	E. Ann Gowdy	(5)
	a. State Report Update		
VIII.	Continuum of Care Updates	CoC Representatives	(15)
	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)		
IX.	State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates	Agency Representatives	(10)



SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
SC Department of Mental Health

Board Members in Attendance: E. Ann Gowdy, Bruce Forbes, Hannah Bonsu, Julie Ann Avin, Lorain Crowl, Michele Murff, Renaye Long, Shannon Nix, Suzanne Sanders

Other Attendees: Natalie Rivera, Mary Lynne Diggs, Steven Ferrufino, Robert Cottingham, Kami Drakes

I. Welcome and Roll Call

E. Ann Gowdy, SCICH chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35am and welcomed the group. The meeting was held in person at the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. E. Ann Gowdy invited attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

There was no quorum to hold a vote to approve the September minutes.

III. Financial Report (Action Item)

Bruce Forbes provided the financial report. To date, the council has \$152,329.28 in its account.

E. Ann Gowdy shared that on September 25th, she received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the Council's 501(c)(3) status had been revoked. The Council missed the opportunity to renew their 501(c)(3) status for 3 years, with Ann stating that the Executive Committee never received an email or letter as notice. Due to the urgent nature, the SCICH Chair and Vice Chair approved withdrawals to correct the situation without a full vote of the Board Members. In early November, the Council paid \$600 to the IRS to reinstate 501(c)(3) status and \$700 to Davis & Co. for consultation services to reinstate tax-exempt status.

Renaye Long mentioned that the Council's bylaws should allow urgent situations to be addressed by the Chair and Vice Chair when the full Board is unable to be contacted in a timely manner. Lorain Crowl suggested forming an Executive or Officers Committee to be able to assemble quickly for urgent decisions.

There was no quorum to hold a vote to approve the \$1000 invoice from 37Gears for website maintenance. The Chair and Vice Chair may conduct a vote over email before our next meeting.

IV. Nomination Committee

Lorain Crowl notified the Council that several Board Members will reach the end of their term at the end of 2023 and that nominations will take place early 2024.

V. Bylaws Discussion

Lorain Crowl informed the Council that the last time the bylaws were reviewed and updated was in 2019.

Hannah Bonsu asked if the group could prioritize a review of the existing bylaws in early 2024 to ensure all Board Members are on the same page about the Council's purpose. Renaye Long added that we may need to identify which specific skillsets are needed by the Council in order to progress its mission, then create committees to fill those gaps.

Julie Ann Avin and Michele Murff supported the need to re-evaluate the Council's purpose before revising bylaws. Michele suggested that the Council may not need to be structured as a 501(c)(3)—Lorain responded that we need 501(c)(3) status for donations and applying for grants.

Steven Ferrufino suggested hiring a staff member to coordinate the Council's efforts and manage any grants. Lorain responded that funds would need to be raised to support that salary, and Michele added that funds may be available if a SCICH representative were to reach out to state agency directors.

VI. Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce

The Statewide Youth Count and the supportive planning grant from the Department of Social Services were briefly discussed. Michele Murff voiced that the Council should be responsible for developing the statewide plan for a youth count, but then should turn over those plans to the four Continuums of Care for implementation. E. Ann Gowdy added

that responsibilities could also include connecting the Continuums of Care with state agencies that are interested in assisting the implementation.

VII. Data and Reporting Committee

Agenda item not discussed.

VIII. Continuum of Care COVID-19 Response and Updates

Agenda item not discussed.

IX. State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates

Agenda item not discussed.

With no further time, the meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.