**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Webex only**

**Thursday, January 20th, 2022 – 1-3 PM**

**Members attending by Microsoft Teams and/or phone will be included in a quorum.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: (5 min)
2. Members – Shelly Holmes, Victoria Nugent, David O’Leary, Angie Neal, Kimberly Scanlon, Deb Holleman, Paul Pederson, Biz Sorenson, Katy O’Sullivan, Kristy Eckhart, Theresa Drift, Salaam Witherspoon, Nathan Thompson
3. Members Missing: Cynthia Finley, Kassie Helgerson
4. Staff – Thom, Stacy, Courtney, Tawney, Emily, Kevin, Heather, Suzanne Kelly, Laura
5. Others- Review and Approval of Agenda (2 minutes) Approved. No objections.
6. Approval of Meeting Summary (3 minutes) Approved. No objections.
7. Board Business (15 minutes)
   1. Land Acknowledgement
   2. Review Board Seats
      1. Expiring: Cynthia, Deb, Kristy, Salaam
      2. Officer Seats: Please let us know in advance if you are planning on stepping down so we have time to consider new candidates.
   3. Annual Meeting & Annual Report
      1. Proposed Annual Meeting in May 2022
      2. Annual Meeting/report ideas: The county is going to different heading home meetings and present on grants and projects. We will present on pieces that are moving and growing in the community so everyone can stay informed on the CoC and what’s going on. If anyone has any ideas on what they want to see, let us know so we can present it.
8. CES policy changes (Courtney, Kevin, Kate, Heather) (30 min)

LTH referral changes (Kevin) There is going to be a pilot where providers are no longer required to use coordinated entry for all of their people to be moved in. There are 3 options. Option 1: Providers are required to utilize coordinated entry as they are now. Option 2: Providers can get referrals from wherever they want with no requirement to use coordinated entry at all. Option 3: 50/50. The exception where you can move in people you know, goes away if we go with option 2 or 3. We are looking at starting the pilot on March 1st. Cons: We have worked hard to create the coordinated entry system. What isn’t working? Pro: We don’t have to do assessments for people leaving treatment. Many of the people that fill beds are folks coming out of incarceration and treatment. We will keep providers accountable with the 50/50 ration; the county would audit receipts. The committee would like time to consider these options before approving or denying.

1. Policies on Chronic Homelessness (Courtney)
   * 1. Following a discussion with HUD, we need a CoC rule on what to do in the case of a client referred to a program (ex: chronic), but at intake, do not actually meet that chronic requirement, but do meet all the other program requirements.
     2. Real life example: A Duluth project has a preference (ex. Age 55+) and chronic homelessness requirement, and after all referrals available on the priority list

AICHO and St Francis would be the most effected. Approval will be discussed next meeting. We would change some CoC stipulations and that would change how it overlaps with CoC funded projects. We are going to keep talking about it and then ask for it to be approved by the committee next time.

2022 Point in time count Update (10 min) (Tawney & Courtney) The count is happening on 1/27. We are still looking for volunteers and getting incentives for folks up north. Warming centers will be counted as unsheltered.

FHPAP Program Overview (Stacy) - FHPAP is a state funded grant that SLC applies for every 2 years. SLC has gotten funding from this grant since 1994. Our subgrantees administer the grant. Like FHPAP, the HHAC also runs on local feedback. FHPAP works to financially support folks who are at risk of becoming homeless. This program is short term.

1. Task force on shelter (Laura) - There are people with lived experience on the task force. Other members are people with diverse expertise from all over the community. The point of the group is submitting a final report to the legislature by 8/31/22. The group has been working on acquiring knowledge and establishing a foundation of values. They have developed an ideal state of what we want our clients’ experience to be. They will continue to do listening sessions. They are considering how to create an inclusive space for everyone, including people with pets.
2. Committee Updates & Action Items -- (15 minutes)
   1. Affordable Housing Coalition
   2. Rural Housing Coalition - They are working on next best steps based on feedback they have received.
   3. Ad Hoc Veterans Committee - The CoC is submitting documentation about the end of veteran homelessness. They are close to achieving their goal of ensuring that veterans in transition will be housed within 90 days or close to.
   4. Housing Response Committee
   5. Evaluation and Planning Committee – They are working on overviews of what this year’s is going to look like. They will be looking at unspent funds and how/why that happens.
   6. Youth Committee (Paused): Starting again 1st week of Feb.
3. Updates (15 minutes)
   1. State Updates (Pat Leary) -
   2. City of Duluth Updates (Phillis Webb/Suzanne Kelley) - 2022 Contacts will be administered in the spring. They are waiting on final allocation from HUD. They are currently working on closing out 2021. We will discuss the Housing Trust Fund in a couple months
   3. HMIS Updates (Thom) - ART is getting updates. There isn’t clear information on what ART 2.0 will look like exactly, but what is certain, is that by early 2022, ART will get a makeover. There will be additional features and visualizations etc within ART. The reports that are downloaded will still look the same. The reports in everyone’s inbox will be cleared out. Download your reports! Our reporting and evaluation team is taking a break from discussing data standards changes. The main reports that are used the most will be updated. The Help Desk is here to help if needed. There is going to be 1 user group that is going to be getting an expert in the field to come in and talk about specific topics. On the 27th there will be a user group that is focused on quarterly data quality. It will be recorded so we can watch later if we can’t attend in person.
   4. St. Louis County Updates – Rent Help MN is still available
   5. Any other updates? (Open to all)
4. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned. No objections.

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**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, February 17th, 2021– 1-3PM

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