
1.19.24

WY CoC Meeting Minutes

Approved on: 1.26.24

Meeting called to Order By Board Chair Tracy Obert at 8:35am with a quorum of 4

In attendance Tara Trenholm, Dawn Dillinger, Tracy Obert, Shari West, Wanda Koffler

Guest Sandy Wilson In attendance

Not in attendance Bobbie Nelson, Karla McClaren, Larissa Meichem

Approval of the minutes for 1.12.24 motion made by Shari West seconded by Wanda Koffler motion passed-

New Business

Discussion on having quarterly membership meetings and having presenters on from National Alliance to End Homelessness, and someone from a Public Housing Authority willing to share information with general members of WY CoC about the new trends HUD and PHA's. So, everyone has a better understanding of what we are governed by and how it affects the Agencies we serve.

Tracy and Dawn are following up on details- Dawn is researching a meeting platform other than Teams to host the General Membership Meetings. Will send some practice meetings to see how they will serve the purpose. Tracy, Dawn, Wanda for possible committee.

Continued Business

Continued discussion on ex- officio Members and updating the Charter to allow them to Vote- points made on both sides of the topic – they are more of a consultant rather than a Voting Board Member.

Tracy sent out the letter to the Governor asking them to endorse the matching ESG grant funds with edits for State Legislators- and emailing it to them asking them to do the same.

Board Chair Tracy Obert called for a Nomination for a vote on New Board Member Fox Vohland 1chandlerfox@gmail.com Board Applications. Tara Trenholm Nominated- Shari West Second- New Board Member Fox Bowl vote Approved – will need to add to the WY CoC Board email list as a representation of LGBTQ* and Youth.

Sandy Wilson mentioned the MAP option of CE prioritized assessment verses the VISPDAT and that WELLSKY has had some problems with it- we are reviewing new interviewing assessments and replacing the unsupported VISPDAT. We have yet to find a suitable replacement that is generally accepted. Really advised to have Dawn speak with Caitlyn prior to switching to MAP.

Dawn updating on the National PIT count- Every year we learn and try to improve the last year, week over meetings.

It is not required this year.

Lots of states are not even doing it.

Wyoming does it every year, so we're going to do it.

Hopefully it's good and the thing on the NOFO the answer for the pit is just did you do the pit or not?

It's worth five points.

We've always gotten all five.

We will do a pit.

We will get all five points.

Umm, some confusion about the date because it got adjusted and hasn't been clearly articulated.

I think the board decided it was on the 25th.

It's going to be the night of the 24th, so having events on the 25th is completely appropriate, because then you will say where did you sleep last night.

If you have volunteers ready to look for people on the night of the 25th, when you survey them, ask where they slept last night, so the date is that we want to know where they slept on the 24th and you have seven days to get that information.

So even if somebody was having an event on the 29th, that's still within that seven days, just ask where they were sleeping last Wednesday.

So we're OK.

It's stressful and I think people are confused.

Bobbie sent out the email, which didn't go to me, so I didn't know about it.

So I started getting the responses from like the VA guy in Sheridan.

It's like, no, I could you give me more information?

Karla was going to be setting up uh portal training meeting for Wednesday, so that'd be one day after Bobbie gets back.

One day after Bobbie gets back, I believe she'll be ready.

I did mention to her that this was coming and Karla was going to send that to everybody on her emailing list, and then I was going to dig and find anybody else I could find to forward it on to even if they get to, at least we're trying to send out some information, but we haven't gotten that yet.

So if anyone sees an invite, send it to me and I will forward it on. So if we do that training up for the portal on the 17th, the pit is the 24th, it is the next week.

Umm, I did not have success in finding county leads in those smaller counties and we'll be sending that portal training to everybody that's ever been on the pit list.

So hopefully somebody that's done it in previous years will be interested.

I'm what else do I know for next year?

Because we always tried to be better, I think we need to really do what we did for the NOFO and set up the tasks that need to happen and we need to have a long term bigger participation plan. Having a three-person committee is not enough for the pit.

Starting in late October, when you have Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's taking away your weeks and all the vacations is not enough time to pull something effective together in January.

Continued discussion on finding a Skilled Public Relations type board Member to respond to the News and Media in Wyoming on Topics of Homelessness in Wyoming and making sure that the WY CoC Presence is noted.

Continued Discussion on the official WEBSITE committee – Dawn, Larissa and Wanda so far but again technical skills would be valued.

Sandy Wilson updated everyone on the ongoing conversation with Partnered Agencies and funding the HMIS- it's on ongoing discussion that is delicate as we don't want anyone paying more than "fair share"

Julie will be updating everyone on Planning Grant as she gleans information.

Although the registration being open gives me hope that our timeline may match or be sooner than last year's timeline for the COC NOFO application process, so I'm excited about that because generally you know the way that it works is they send out that registration and then the next thing that happens is the funding announcements and then following the funding announcements is the GIW for us to review and update.

And then following that is the competition opening last year, it looked up and last year the the award announcements came out at the end of March, it was March 20, something I forget now umm.

And so I think by the registration opening up in January, we should be more than on track to hear those funding announcements in March.

Fingers crossed, I hope I didn't just jinx us, but that would be nice.

Tracy Obert Mentioned that John with National Alliance to End Homelessness wanted us to know that Senator Lummis is part of the Real Homelessness Committee, that they have.

There's four people for Democrats, 4 Republicans.

She's on that and she's addressed the.

Point in time count how it does not reflect Wyoming homelessness.
Sending information to Sandy.

Tracy Obert adjourned meeting.