

CoC Board Meeting December 12, 2019 Columbus Housing Authority 1000 Wynnton Road, Columbus, GA

**Meeting Minutes** 

Board Members In Attendance: Curtis Lockette, Denise McWhorter, Pat Frey, Leroy Davis, Louie Robinson, Lynn Sanders, Jennifer Lowman

# Excused Absentees: Dr. Almesha Patrick, Beth Schwartz, Lisa Walters, Margalena Remington

## Meeting was called to order by Chair, Curtis Lockette

A motion to approve the Minutes from the October meeting was requested, Leroy Davis presented the motion for approval and Jennifer Lowman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

### **Items for Discussion:**

### **Communities of Practice Update:**

• Pat Frey provided information on the technical assistance program, Communities of Practice (CoP), which was supported by HUD. Ten communities around the state were represented. Purpose of program was to review and discuss community's CoC Governance structures and goals. A Community Action Plan was created and submitted to Board to adopt. Our Community was chosen to produce a promotional video for future participants. This video can be found on the Home For Good website.

### Home For Good Committee Updates

- Governance Committee and Coordinated Entry Committee needs to be added as an established committee and not as an ad hock committee.
- Request was made for Executive Committee to review and make recommendations on goals for the CoC. Each board needs to have a CoC Board member on it. Pat Frey will submit a draft of tentative goals for review. A request was made to present it to the entire CoC Board for implementation on the Strategic Action Plan.

- Lynn Sanders was asked to chair the Performance and Outcomes Committee. Louie Robinson was asked to chair the Mainstream and Outreach Committee. Both board members have agreed to volunteer.
- HUD's technical advisor for our community, Bridget, has advised our community on where we are lacking in the scoring process on the annual NOFA. Pat Frey has notated the areas of need and will submit report to CoC Board for support on these areas.
- Governance Charter is still in draft status. No response from the full membership board has been provided to Pat Frey. A reminder email will be sent out to elicit any recommendations before next semi- annual meeting to be held in February 2020.
- A representative from the Columbus Mayor's office will attend the semi-annual meeting to inform stakeholders that they should be reporting their numbers on assisting at risk of becoming homeless clients and homeless clients to the Continuum of Care program.
- Point in Time Count (PIT) is scheduled to be performed on January 21 and 22, 2020. Training will be held on January 7, 8, 9, 2020 at the United Way office. Home For Good will provide the community with information on this event. Hollie Browder and Curtis Lockette are co-chairing the PIT this year. The shelter count will remain the same as in the past. The Columbus Police Department and Russell County Police Department will coordinate with Home For Good for the count held on January 22, 2020. Home For Good will attend the Columbus council meeting on January 14, 2020 to announce the PIT. Board Members Jennifer Lowman and Leroy Davis will check with Russell County Council and County Commissioner for Pat Frey to announce same.

### **Other Business:**

- Board Chair Curtis Lockette will inform the Marshall Office deputies to report to him on the location of various homeless individuals. He will upload locations into PIT software program. All Board members are requested to submit information throughout the year of various sightings. The information will be forwarded to the Outreach Committee as well.
- Board Member Leroy Davis will reach out to Georgia and Alabama Power companies to request assistance from crews to report homeless sightings while they are in the field.

### All business being completed, meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on February 13, 2020 at Troy University, Phenix City, AL 2:00 p.m. EST.