



CoC Board Meeting

October 10, 2019

Columbus Housing Authority

1000 Wynnton Road, Columbus, GA

Meeting Minutes

Board Members In Attendance: Curtis Lockette, Lisa Walters, Denise McWhorter, Pat Frey, Margalena Remington, Louie Robinson, Lynn Sanders,

Excused Absentees: Dr. Almesha Patrick, Leroy Davis, Beth Schwartz

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Curtis Lockette

Curtis Lockette called for a motion to approve the Minutes from August meeting, Lisa Walters presented the motion for approval and Lynn Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Items for Discussion:

Board Training:

Conflicts of Interest & Code of Conduct: Collaborative Applicant, Pat Frey, provided the Statement of Confidentiality forms for each board member to sign. A brief description of the Conflicts of Interest and Code of Conduct were provided with no follow-up questions from the board. This information will be provided to all members of the CoC at each full membership meeting.

Board Training: Collaborative Applicant, Pat Frey, provided an overview of HUD's powerpoint on the Elements of A Continuum of Care (CoC) as it relates to the duties of board members as well as the programmatic steps of the CoC. A link to HUD's website will be sent to each member of the board that contains all the information pertaining to the CoC.

Home For Good Reports:

Governance Charter Review: Update on the different programs that make up the Charter. HUD Technical Assistance representative is assisting with revising the current Charter. Volunteers of the Board were asked to assist with the revision of the Charter.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): Data quality is a priority with HUD. The HMIS committee continues to make revisions to our process in order to meet the criteria set by HUD. HMIS user meetings are scheduled to meet each month for the next 6 months. Will be combining the By Name list into the program by January 2020. The Muscogee/Russel County has housed 207 Veterans and 232 Chronically Homeless citizens since 2015. In 2016, the By Name list averaged 282 individuals, today the list is averaging 210. In 2016 we had 85 Chronically Homeless on average for any given month. Today we average around 25. In 2016 we averaged 50 Veterans each month, now we average around 6 a month. Our community is in compliance with the guidelines until the year 2025.

Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee: This committee would like to impellent a non-compliance aspect into their structure. They will be working closely with the Performance and Outcome Committee and holding each program accountable for their actions in the CE System.

Funding/Allocations: Our community has increased its' funding resources by \$371,000 within the last 3 years.

Grant Opportunities: Grant opportunities are available to the Community to assist our CoC. We need to continue to strive for better performance and collaborative efforts from our community partners in order to score high on the ranking for various application programs. Accountability is strongly supported in each committee meeting and at every level of the CoC program.

Performance and Outcome Committee: Currently the chair position is open. All the committee members are made up of CoC funded organizations. A call for volunteers will be published to the entire CoC membership. HUD is requiring each funded CoC to establish housing within 30 days or less. Our current time for placing someone into housing is at 62 days.

Other Business:

Announcement: On The Table Event upcoming on October 22, 2019.

Clarification: Where and when do CoC Committees meet

Eviction Notice Status: which community organizations require eviction numbers. a MOU with the Columbus Clerk of Superior Courts Department and the Collaborative Applicant will be formulated to capture this information.

College Campus Homelessness: Columbus College and Troy University both assist homeless students in the form of food and shelter. Will reach out to each entity for collaboration as well as college alumni.

Pre and Post Homeless: What steps are we taking to assist citizens with pre and post homelessness? Some organization are teaching self- sufficiency programs to their clients. Clients also need to interact with other entities within the community.

All business being completed, meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on February 13, 2020 at Columbus Housing Authority 2:00 p.m. EST.