

NWCoC General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 16th, 2023

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Virtual)

Meeting Attendance: Vick Farden, Lori Anderson, Amanda Huewe, Ana Begej, Annette Spanier, Ashley Benson, Becky Wiese, Carmen Zuniga, Catie LeMay, Chris Kujava, Cory Boushee, Denise Gudvangen, Elena Guerra, Erica Maxwell, Heather Riogosheke, Hyacinth Stiffler, Jennifer Duham, Joe Robillard, Kacey Geffre, Karon de Silva, Karyn Novak, Kathy Johnson, Laura Robertson, Lori Waavra, Lori Wollman, Margie Flanagan, Margret Treuer, Maureen Hams, Michael Danielski, Michelle Carlson, Randi Jenson, Reed Olson, Rita Ostman, Sandy Hennum, Shannon Lee, Shelamar Hederson, Sherry Mullan, Barbara Johson

Welcome & Introductions

- Lori Wollman opened the meeting with introductions and welcomed everyone. A special thanks to all that are able to attend today
- Approval of the December 2022 Meeting Minutes:
 - Motion to approve meeting notes: Catie LeMay
 - Seconded: Erica Maxwell
 - All in favor

REAP Impact Story:

Margret provided overview of how the Racial Equity Accountability Project team captured personal stories of homelessness through talking circles to aid in developing an action plan to address racial disparities in the homeless response system.

Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund Update:

In February, the Northwest Minnesota Foundation launched open applications for the Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee. The committee establishes policy and procedures for the fund while cultivating positive relationships with landlords, housing providers, social service workers and young adults experiencing homelessness. Applications will be open until Monday, April 3, 2023 with more information to be found [here](#).

Youth Data Report:

Margret reviewed data found in quarter four of the Youth Data Report for the General Membership, highlighting the following goals being considered for 2023 to make homelessness a rare, brief, and non-recurring event:

- 30% of Youth Exit the Priority List with Permanent Housing in 2023
- Youth are exited from the Priority List in less than 80 days
- Maintain current percentage of 95% of youth not returning to homelessness for 2023.

System Performance Measures:

Barbara provided quarter four data on System Performance Measures for the NWCoC highlighting the following goals being targeted for 2023 based on data provided:

- 5% increase in total income for Priority List “stayers and leavers”
- Reduce the length of time homeless by 5%
- 5% reduction in number of persons who become homeless for the first time

Minnesota Housing Overview:

The General Membership welcomed Vicki Farden, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to present changes in the RFP process for applications for capital funding projects with supportive housing units with goals of simplifying the application process for applicants and community partners and creating supportive housing units to better meet community needs.

Coordinated Entry System Dashboard:

In an effort to respect time, the CES Dashboard agenda item will be moved to a future meeting.

Agency Updates:

- A request by Patty Beech Consulting for an in-person Performance & Evaluation Committee meeting to be held on April 5th, 2023 at 10am and NMF office to review NWCoC NOFO process changes.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Maureen Hams, with a second by Rita Ostman at 12:00pm.