



## NWCoC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Location:** ZOOM

**Date:** July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Attendees:** Lori Wollman, Maureen Hamm, Sheril Schluchter, Shannon Lee, Harold Lindsey, Elena Guerra, Jennifer Dunham, Laura Robertson, Amy Bowles, Cory Boushee, Megan Chavez, Barbara Johnson

**Time:** 10:30am

### Agenda items

- I. Welcome to Megan Chavez, transitioning into the Priority List Manager position as Lori Anderson retires in August. Agency introductions.
- II. Review of May 18<sup>th</sup> NWCoC Executive Board meeting minutes. M/Maureen Hamm, S/Jennifer Dunham to approve the NWCoC Executive Board Meeting minutes as presented.
- III. Announcement of the FY23 CoC NOFO on July 5, 2023 and review of the NWCoC NOFO Competition timeline.
- IV. Noted Changes from Previous NOFO. HUD established an alternative maximum amount increase for CoC planning grants. New budget line items for additional VAWA and Rural costs associated with project administration, pp. 42-43 of NOFO. The CoC Program NOFO permits YHDP project applicants to integrate YHDP Special Activities, pp.46-47 of NOFO. A language change to Category IV to further define homeless as the following:

*Is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;*

*Has no other safe residence; and*

*Lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.*

- V. Continuing to be a focus in CoC coordination and engagement reflected in the scoring criteria; promoting racial equity, involving individuals with lived experience in all levels of programing and utilizing a Housing First Approach to optimize system performance.
- VI. A five-month process of work with Patty Beech Consulting, the P&E Committee and invested NWCoC membership resulted in the FY23 NOFO Application and Supporting Documents. After review, noting three grammatical changes, a motion was made by Maureen Ham and a second motion by Jennifer Dunham to approve and adopt the application and documents as presented. The motion passed with unanimous approval with absent members Karyn Novak and Rita Ostman giving prior approval. The final documents will be found on the NMF [website](#).

VII. Agency updates and Upcoming Events

ICCC reported an increase in HYA funding resulting in an additional \$100,000 for programing to support youth.

The annual Evergreen Conference will be held November 1-2, 2023, registration to open soon.

Amy Bowles, Public Health Director, Beltrami County, updated the board on the work with Opioid Settlement Funds, overdose awareness and Narcan training for the region. Anyone interested in being an active part in this work or to find out more information should contact Amy at:

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Laura Robertson briefly updated the board on community work with the Red Pine Estates project, stating the extreme need for available housing in which to utilize HUD Pass Through Vouchers to assist displaced residents as well as interim housing, food and moving supports.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.