

NORTHWEST MINNESOTA *Continuum of Care*

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 20th, 2024

10:00am-1:30pm

Erskine, MN

Attendance:

Sherry Mullane, Lori Wollman, Laura Robertson, Amber Gamache, Heidi Danos, Jane Lawrenz, Catie LeMay, Amy Bowles, Maureen Hams, Birgette Simpson, Elena Guerra, Sheril Schluchter, Denise Gudvangen, Kari Christenson, Sandy Hennem, Shelamar Henderson, Emma Spina, Shannon Lee, Stacey Baltes, Rita Ostman, Jeff Phillipich, Mandy Abeld, Sara Wiederholt, Thomas Avegnon, Becky Weise, Emma Spina, Annette Spanier, Stephanie Staudohar, Kayla Madigan, Tracy Howg, Nancy Cashman, Deb Wold, Kira Kallberg, Amy Olsen-Highness, Erica Maxwell, Margie Flanigan, Nova Harrison, Margaret Treuer, Megan Chavez, Barbara Johnson

Welcome

Approval of March, 2024 General Membership meeting minutes as presented:

M/Catie LeMay

S/Deb Wold

Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Committee & Board Updates

A brief update was provided by board and committee members on the work currently being done in the NWCoC to date in 2024. Highlights:

NWCoC Board: Policy and procedural changes and NOFO 2024 preparation.

REAP: Recent award of six grants to Anishinaabe Endaad, Bi-Cap, HRDC, Mahube-Otwa, Nameless Coalition and YESS for projects addressing culture and equity issues.

Youth Committee & Youth Action Board: Review and recommendations to the YHDP NOFO.

Coordinated Entry and CES User groups: Software transition and training. Housing First trainers will be attending upcoming Case Conferencing sessions.

Eccovia Update

An update was provided on the transition from Wellsky to Eccovia. Update included information from ICA on steps to transition, what to expect next and how best to prepare. In anticipation of the new end of July, 2024 Go Live date, ICA will be thoroughly and iteratively testing how the new system is developed so users can accurately collect data for their projects; thoroughly testing the data being

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migrated; and preparing the community for differences in the end user experience, including more time to produce high quality training. A NWCoC-wide training will be provided on July 17th, from 1-4pm at Garden Valley Technologies in Erskine. This will be an interactive training led by ICA. In-person attendance is hoped for and bring your laptops! Follow-up information will continue to be provided to the NWCoC as made available.

2024 NOFO

An update was provided for the 2024 NOFO along with an expected timeline for the local competition. As the NOFO and the GIW have not been released as of this date, it was stressed that the timeline may change to accommodate applicants' submissions. All forms and resources may be found on the NWCoC webpage.

2024 NWCoC Training Offerings

The NWCoC has signed contracts to provide two substantial trainings in 2024 to our partners and agencies at no cost. The training dates are listed as follows with specific times to be announced shortly. All trainings will be held at Garden Valley Technologies in Erskine unless otherwise noted.

July 17th: Eccovia Training from 1-4pm

July 24th: Cultural Awareness with Dr. Marilyn Zimmerman, University of Montana's National Native Children's Trauma Center

August 28th-29th: Housing First & Systems Change with Dr. Sam Tsemberis, PhD and Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez from Pathways Housing First Institute. To be held at Northwest Minnesota Foundation in Bemidji

September 19th: Trauma Informed Care and Cultural Humility with Kimee Wind-Hummingbird, University of Montana's National Native Children's Trauma Center

(More information on the trainers may be found on the attached slide deck)

Upcoming events not hosted by the NWCoC:

September 16th-17th: Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless Conference (next General Membership meeting)

October 29th-30th: Evergreen Youth & Family Service Conference

The Minnesota Tribal Collaborative Data Sovereignty Presentation

Jane Lawrenz, Nova Harrison and Tracey Howg provided a training on how to work effectively with Tribal Nations around data sovereignty. The presentation included the history of the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative, Tribal knowledge and data, and guidance for creating, collecting and using Tribal data. (See attached slide deck for full information).

The General Membership meeting adjourned at 12:15pm with lunch and networking following.

The next General Meeting of the NWCoC will be held September 19th, 2024.