



Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 15, 2016; 10:30 AM
United Way of the Midlands (Columbia, SC)

Board Members Attending: Anthony Haro, Michele Murff, Constantine Pournaras, Lila Anna Sauls, Dennis Wormsley, Joey Smoak, Linda Mirabal-Pace, Julie Ann Avin, Leanne Johnson, Bruce Forbes, Erich Chatham,

Board Members Not Attending:, Kennard DuBose, Anna Hamilton Lewin, Margaret Tripp, Leigh Oden, Patricia Bradford, Julie Cole, Pete Liggett

Other Attendees: Natalie Worley, Lauren Angelo Duck, Diana Tester, Gregg McConkey, James Irby, Kyle Jenkins, Diane Cilento, Kaneshia Greene, Michael VonCannon, Louisa Vann, Jessica Garrett, Misa Alquicira, Anita Floyd, Karen Oliver,

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Anthony Haro, SCCH Chair, welcomed the Coalition Board members and other meeting attendees.

II. Approval of Minutes

The August minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for review. August minutes were approved.

III. Presentation of new SCCH website + discussion

Jessica Garrett, an Account Executive with Mad Monkey, presented the home page and internal pages design that Mad Monkey has developed for SCCH. Board members reacted favorably, and any additional feedback should be emailed to Lauren Duck at lauren.duck@scdmh.org

IV. HMIS Demonstration + discussion

Kyle Jenkins, the HMIS System Administrator with Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization presented information about the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). He discussed what information is collected in the system and logged into the system to show board members what the interface looks like for users. Any additional questions about what data is available through the system can be directed to your local system administrator:

ECHO: Kyle Jenkins - kjenkins@echomeless.org

Lowcountry Homeless Coalition (LHC): Cecilia Rodriguez – cecilia@lowcountryhomelesscoalition.org

Midlandas Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH): Helen Cotton – hcotton@uway.org

United Housing Connections (UHC): Natalie Worley – nworley@unitedhousingconnections.org

V. Youth in Transition Data Collection

Louisa Vann and Misa Alquicira presented on behalf of the University of South Carolina’s Center For Child and Family Studies. USC works with DSS to conduct the required surveys of youth exiting foster care for the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD). Vann and Alquicira described the methodology for contacting youth at ages 17, 19, and 21 and shared some of the data they have related to these young adults’ experience with homelessness.

VI. Five Year Plan Check-in/What to Expect Next Year

Board Chair Anthony Haro led a discussion about where SCCH stands in relation to meeting the goals and objectives outlined in the Five Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. The board discussed the merit of hiring a consultant with expertise in interagency council work to help the board work more effectively coordinate their individual areas of expertise to work more effectively as a group together. The board would pay for this with CABHI carryover funds that were pending approval at time of board meeting.

UPDATE since board meeting: Lauren Duck, CABHI Project Director, spoke with SAMHSA and heard that the approval of carryover requests is on hold with the budget office.

VII. Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Michele Murff nominated Diane Cilento to serve on the SCCH Board of Directors, and the board voted unanimously to approve her. Murff also reported that Vocational Rehab had expressed interest in participating, but since the board is already as reached state agency capacity of 8 as outlined in the bylaws, the board decided to invite VR to participate in meetings rather than joining as a voting board member.

PIT Committee: The Point-in-Time Count is scheduled for January 15, 2017, and statewide preparations are moving along well. Data will be entered in HMIS and a report will be released in the spring.

Training: SCCH is organizing a training on evidence based practices in homelessness that will be presented by t3, the training division of Center for Social Innovation. The training will be held February 16, 2017.

UPDATE: There was great interest in the training and registration quickly reached the maximum of 125 people. The training will be held at Agape Conference Center in downtown Columbia.

VIII. CoC Updates

LHC: LHC is currently engaged in the Mayor's Council – a cooperative effort between mayors of multiple Charleston municipalities to address homelessness at a city level. The council is working with a consultant to analyze strengths and needs of the different communities.

ECHO: ECHO reported that their SSVF grant is eligible for renewal, and they are currently working to pursue that. The local COG is using HOME funds to fund Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and will give a homelessness preference.

UHC: UHC announced that the Greenville mayor and city council are dedicating \$2 Million from a budget surplus to rental rehabilitation/project acquisition. UHC also recently acquired five acres of land that they are looking to develop.

MACH: No report