# SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 16, 2017; 12: 00 PM Agape Conference Center (Columbia, SC)

**Board Members Attending:** Anthony Haro, Michele Murff, Constantine Pournaras, Pete Liggett, Julie Cole, Julie Ann Avin, Diane Cilento, Joey Smoak, Anna Hamilton Lewin, LaToya Reed, Erich Chatham, Bruce Forbes, Leanne Johnson

**Board Members Not Attending:** Lila Anna Sauls, Linda Mirabal-Pace, Dennis Wormsley, Kennard DuBose, Leigh Oden, Patricia Bradford

**Other Attendees:** Natalie Worley, Lauren Angelo Duck, Anita Floyd, Karen Oliver, Casey Cooper, Angie Hall, Jennifer Almeda, Kaneshia Greene, Michael VonCannon

The meeting was called to order at 12:11PM.

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

## II. Approval of Minutes

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

### **III. New Business**

## a. SCCH Name Change

Board discussed a name change to South Carolina Interagency Council on Homelessness. Pete Liggett motioned, Anna Lewin seconded. Name changed approved.

## b. New start time for 2017 meetings

An idea was proposed to change meeting times. The board agreed that there should be a Continuum of Care meeting from 10:30AM-12:00PM with an interagency council meeting to follow from 1:00PM-2:30PM. The board believes this will make better use of time and focus on specific topics that best fit each group. New calendar invites will be sent.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

2017 Changes:

Finance: Anna Lewin distributed income statement and reviewed expenses and incoming reimbursements.

Point-in-time: Anecdotally, numbers from the recent PIT count are expected to be lower this year. Board discussed what they would like to be included in the report for 2017 to improve from last year's report. It is up to SCCH to do an analysis of the date before the report is put together. ECHO is managing PIT count money and could use funds to design and format the report.

Training: Board discussed upcoming cultural competency training on March 23, 2017 that SCCH will be sponsoring. Each CoC will sponsor approximately 10 people to attend the summit. Each grantee should be able to send staff that will benefit from the training. Julie Ann Avin motioned, Julie Cole seconded. Bruce Forbes will be presenting at the summit.

HMIS: Committee is focused on the Point-in-Time count. Kyle Jenkins will be new chair of committee.

Research: The committee needs to be moving in the direction of annualized numbers and research.

Advocacy: The advocacy committee would like to be proactive about what is happening at the federal level that will impact states. With the name change, the board would like to get together to rework mission statement. Leanne Johnson and Joey Smoak agreed to be a part of the advocacy committee. A chair has not yet been appointed. 2017 HUD registration will be opening in a few weeks. Angie Hall suggested everyone listen to 2016 debriefing and anticipate cuts.

## V. CoC Updates

LHC: LHC is working more closely with the city. Two city representatives were actively attending the best practices training. They are also looking to fill the position of Housing Services Coordinator.

ECHO: ECHO is finalizing a contract for \$250,000.00 with TBRA for 12 month vouchers. Their preference is for chronically homeless. They went to Salk Lake City last week and visited a shelter with no barriers. There is an application to have a recovery charter school in Richland and ECHO would like one in Horry County. It's approximated that there's one death a day from opioid overdose.