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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017; 1:00 PM**  
**United Way of the Midlands (Columbia, SC)**

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**Board Members Attending:** Bruce Forbes, Anthony Haro, LaToya Reed, Julie Ann Avin, Lila Anna Sauls, Diane Cilento, Linda Mirabal-Pace, Joey Smoak, Pete Liggett, Erich Chatham

**Board Members Not Attending:**, Dennis Wormsley, Kennard DuBose, Leigh Oden, Patricia Bradford, Michele Murff, Constantine Pournaras, Julie Cole, Leanne Johnson, Anna Hamilton Lewin

**Other Attendees:** Natalie Worley, Lauren Angelo Duck, Anita Floyd, Karen Oliver, Casey Cooper, Michael VonCannon, Summer Glover, Candace Timmerman, Dorrine Gross, Elizabeth Morris, Kyle Jenkins

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The meeting was called to order at 1:10PM.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes**

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

**III. Advocacy Discussion and Education on proposed HUD budget cuts**

- a. Lila Anna Sauls discussed proposed budget cuts on behalf of the Advocacy Committee. Lila Anna, Michele Murff, and Leanne Johnson compiled a brief one page summary of the Administration's proposed budget cuts. Lila Anna discussed the potential impact, suggested ways to advocate, and took suggestions. For a copy of this summary, please contact Casey Cooper.
- b. Pete Liggett recommended we keep our indirect allies in mind. We need to educate other agencies and organizations, such as SCHA, jails, etc, on the indirect impact that this may have on everyone in hopes they will advocate on our behalf.
- c. Julie Ann Avin agreed to assist Lila Anna with establishing a strong relationship with SCHA.

**IV. Research and Point-in-Time Discussion**

- a. Kyle Jenkins gave update on PIT Count report. They are in the final stages of producing the report. They are ensuring that data cleanup is efficient as possible. A state-wide database has been implemented so that everyone can cross check and see all data. CIVITAS will be doing the data visualization for the state report. The report is projected

to be released by the second week in June. The report will be included on our new website. Joey Smoak dispersed copies of the 2015 Georgia Report on Homelessness. The attendees agreed our report should be similar with a few changes and additions. There will be sections added on chronically homeless, serious mental illness, substance abuse, and veterans. For a copy of this report, please contact Casey Cooper.

- b.** Anthony Haro discussed a MUSC research opportunity with the Community Engagement Scholarship program. This program allows individuals to conduct extensive research, find out what is going on in the community, and figure out ways to implement fixes. We will be partnering to look at housing intervention support. We are very interested in looking at emergency departments before and after housing. Lauren Duck suggested we communicate with local hospitals and determine what information is persuasive on their end. Anthony Haro will be presenting in front of the Translational Research Community Advisory Board in June and is open to any input or suggestions.

#### **V. CoC Updates**

- a.** UHC: UHC is in the process of tweaking coordinated entry.
- b.** LHC: LHC is revamping CoC scoring and how projects are ranked. They are doing a re-haul on rapid re-housing.
- c.** ECHO: ECHO is changing from the VI-SPDAT tool to a tool from the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH Vulnerability Index).
- d.** MACH: MACH is continuing to work on effectively using prioritization and the coordinated entry system. MACH received a 6 month TA contract to assist unaccompanied homeless youth.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

Will no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.