



MDHI Board Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2018

Role	Board Member	Present	Absent
President	Shelley McKittrick	X	
Vice President	Benjamin Ryan		X
Secretary/Treasurer	Claire Clurman	X	
Board Member	Bob Munroe		X
Board Member	Andrew Alsip	X	
Board Member	Brenton Hutson	X	
Board Member	Melanie Lewis Dickerson	X	
Board Member	Daphne McCabe		X
Board Member	Jamie Rife	X	
Board Member	Lori Rosendahl	X (phone)	
Board Member	Elissa Hardy	X	
Board Member	Patricia Hall	X	
Board Member	Stevi Gray	X	
Board Member	Cheryl Secorski	X	
Board Member	Alix Midgley	X	
Vice President	Eugene Wade	X	
Board Member	Ken Hayes	X	
Board Member	Brian Arnold	X	

Staff Present: Will Connelly, Rebecca Mayer, Diane Howald, Jackie Hernandez, Annie Jenkins, Kyla Moe

Guests: Karissa Johnson from Denver Road Home, Erik Reese from Denver City Attorney Office

Welcome and introductions

Shelley did a roll call of Board members present and those on the phone.

An executive session was held for the first 30 minutes of the meeting.

Consent agenda

Shelley McKittrick entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Melanie Lewis-Dickerson, second by Jamie Rife.

Discussion:

Consent agenda motion carried unanimously.

Deep Dives

Right to Survive Initiative

Eric Reese from Denver City’s Attorney Office presented the interpretation of what would happen if Right to Survive initiative passes and associated impacts to all involved. If signatures are approved the initiative should be on the ballot in May 2019. Below are some points highlighted about the initiative.

What the Initiative does –

- Unauthorized camping ban – Initiative invalidates that ordinance and makes it not enforceable. Initiative allows ‘right to shelter oneself from the elements in a non-obstructive manner (Obstructive defined as unpassable or hazardous)
- Sit and Lie – Initiative invalidates that ordinance and makes it not enforceable.
- Sharing of Free Food – Initiative prevents any regulation of sharing free food. To eat, share, accept or give free food in any public space where food is not prohibited.
- Trespassing and Curfew laws – Initiative would open all outdoor city property (owned or leased) to camping, resting and other activities. No limits on how long you can be there. City Parks and City building would not be allowed to have open and close times.
- Creating Rights – Initiative purports to create rights to rest, shelter, eat, occupy a vehicle and expectation of privacy and safety w/in one’s person and property.
- Litigation – Says the City may sue and be sued to enforce the “Rights”
 - The intent is that
 - The city could sue private businesses for harassing the homeless
 - City would be subject to civil damages for violations
 - Governmental Immunity act wouldn’t apply
 - Suits against city could be §1983 claims
 - Any resident can enforce the ordinance by suit as well
- Private Business – the definition of public space is limited to city property so it looks as though private business could still have trespass laws enforced on private property
- Applicability – Initiative isn’t limited to those experiencing homelessness or those who commit acts out of necessity. Would allow anyone to set up camp in Civic Center Park for example.
- National Effort - Seeks to prohibit the enforcement of activities that are not currently illegal in Denver.

Presentation from Equity Group

Karissa Johnson from Denver’s Road Home presented data that was developed by the Equity Group after attending the Built for Zero conference. This data was pulled in July and is a general view of demographics (Denver Metro Area Population Race, (PIT)Homeless population race, OneHome system entries by race, % of youth surveyed in OneHome by Race, % Families surveyed in OneHome by race, Single adults surveyed in OneHome by race). In an equitable one home system percentages across should align (OH Surveyed, Housed, PIT, Metro Denver), data shows population of American Indian/Alaskan Native and Black or African American are under served. Still doing analysis on VI-SPDAT.

Potential recommendations for OneHome:

- A. Racially Equitable Housing Outcome Benchmarks
- B. Recommendations for staffing for CoC funded programs
- C. Client Advisory Board that is representative of community
- D. Equitable Housing Retention in OneHome looks like:
 - a. Recommendation that Move Strategy in OneHome prioritizes people of color
 - b. NOFA scores loses more point or get points for looking at recidivism of people of color

Would like to get recommendation out to community by the end of the year.

Brenton asked if we should make this a requirement of our CoC entities (Diversity Standards). Alix added that she feels we should keep this data alive and living on new HMIS dashboards. Claire wrapped up the discussion by stating this would be a great discussion for the next Stakeholder meeting.

DOLA/MDHI Emergency Solutions Grant RFP Timelines

MDHI is currently working on the grant application to DOLA for the next year of funding which begins in April. There is an RRH component for which MDHI will release an RFP in December. A small committee to review submission in January for board review in Feb. DHHS in Jefferson County turned back funds so MDHI sent mini RFP to other providers Jefferson County to utilize these funds within current grant year.

Jamie Rife makes a motion for the ability to approve by email the supplemental ESG RFP. Seconded by Melanie Lewis-Dickerson.

All approved, motion passes with Abstentions from Cheryl Secorski.

Board Matters and Updates:

- **Governance Committee Update:**

New structure 4 councils, 3 new councils - resource, System Performance council, Stakeholder advisory council. If interested in joining any of the councils, please contact Shelley McKittrick.

- **Board Member Responsibilities:**

Established Board Norms in Sept 2017 and updated November 2017, with new BOD members wanted to highlight a few things all agree to.

- Attendance, accountability and active participation are paramount.
- Board and staff have the opportunity to contribute to agenda and make “asks.”
- Acknowledge conflicts of interest and address these appropriately.
- Don’t talk over each other: raise your hand.
- Be informed and prepared: do your homework.
- If miss more than 3 (unexcused) meetings in a 12 month period By-Laws state you can be dismissed from BOD.
- Participate in one or more committees (6 hours per month) hoping to formalize this in the future, if not currently on committee, think about what ways you would like to be involved with one of the committees and communicate this to Shelley. Expectation when serving on BOD here to represent MDHI not individual organization associated with.

- **Resolution to Remove Erik Solivan from Board**

Brenton Hutson makes a motion to remove Erik Solivan from BOD for missing more than 3 meetings. Seconded by Melanie Lewis-Dickerson.

All approved, motion passes

- **Board Recruiting**

Need more applicants. 2 applications 3 board members transitioning off. Applications due in Oct, bring on new members in January. Email blurb for call for applicants (Claire to craft email and send to Will/Rebecca)

- **Updating Board Matrix**

Review matrix and update (ever had experience in area) send updates to Rebecca.

Open Forum for Stakeholder Comments and Community Announcements

- Brenton sent announcement for RRH that will begin accepting referrals next week through CE and begin service on Oct 22. Diane to send out recorded webinar in communications. Brenton also gave shout out to the huge improvement in HMIS help desk response.

- Brian updated that the renovation on the building is going well and is scheduled for a 11/21 open date. Goal is to have 20-25 living in house by the end of year. Referral process available on website readytoworkco.org/bridgehouse.org.
- Patricia announced that there will be a fundraiser on 10/19 for the Adams County Foundation.
- Diane reported that the PIT launch yesterday was huge success. Shout out to all for continue support. No representation from Douglas and Broomfield county, need extra support and encouragement