



Metro Denver Homeless Initiative - Board Meeting July 11, 2019

Role	Board Member	Present	Absent
President	Benjamin Ryan	X	
Vice President	John Feeney-Coyle		Excused
Vice President	Elissa Hardy		Excused
Secretary/Treasurer	Claire Clurman		Excused
Board Member	Brenton Hutson	X	
Board Member	Karissa Johnson		Excused
Board Member	Renée Belisle	X	
Board Member	Lori Rosendahl	X Phone	
Board Member	Andrew Alsip	X	
Board Member	Patricia Hall	X	
Board Member	Cheryl Secorski	X	
Board Member	Alix Midgley		Excused
Vice President	Eugene Wade	X – Phone	
Board Member	Ken Hayes	X – Phone	
Board Member	Brian Arnold		Excused
Board Member	Jennifer Biess	X	
Board Member	Rachel Vaughn	X	
Board member	Mike Malloy	X	

Staff: Jackie Hernandez, Bethany Maynard-Moody, Megan Morales, Diane Howald, Mikah Wagner, Adam Starker, Matt Richard

I. Welcome and Introductions (Ben Ryan): Welcome to the MDHI team Adam Starker! Ben R. established that quorum has been met

II. Consent Agenda (Ben Ryan):

Jennifer B. makes motion to approve consent agenda, Andrew A. seconds

Discussion: On page 7 of the packet there was a typo in the Flex Fund section. There is a period where there should be a comma.

No opposed, no abstentions, motion to approve consent agenda carries

III. BoD Calendar (Matt Meyer): This month’s board packet includes a calendar broken down by quarter. In July – September the BoD will spend time discussing the CoC Notice of Funding Available (NOFA). There will be pre-identified topics for each board session including items like votes on the NOFA project rankings. Matt M. also hopes that the BoD will spend time discussing councils/committees each quarter. This quarter the BoD will receive a presentation on Regional Governing Council (RGC). The Stakeholder and Resource Council need to be formed. In September the BoD will focus on System Performance. The BoD will formulate discussions based on quarterly topics.



Ben R. mentions that the council topics during meetings are participatory, and it would be good to have materials to review beforehand. Matt M. assures the BoD that there will be a discussion in addition to a presentation. Last month RGC had two policies that they needed to approve. Those written policies will be in front of the board prior to the meeting's discussion. Ben R. asks the BoD to provide feedback on topics and acknowledges that discussion topics based on the calendar agenda may not always work as things come up throughout the year.

- IV. Governance - Board Recruitment Update (Ben R.):** John Feeney-Coyle has officially taken over this role but is not present today. There are 2 open positions, one for someone with lived experience. There have been 2 applicants and 2 more who are intending to apply. Hopefully next week we will have a pool of 4 applicants. The Governance Committee plans to recommend that if there are 2 qualified persons with lived experiences of homelessness who apply, the committee would recommend that the BoD accepts both. Hopefully by next Board meeting we can vote on the slate.

Rachel V. asked if the selection of the youth member separate. The Youth Action Board (YAB) is discussing how to nominate for a Co-Chair right now and it will be a separate seat.

There are also two open seats for board members on Regional Governing Council (RGC), which have similar board terms. Rebecca M. will talk a little more about RGC later, and Jennifer B. will spearhead that effort on the governance side of things.

- V. Continuum Activities - Committee Discussion (Matt M.):** MDHI has started to work on developing the Stakeholder Council, and hopefully this council will be established sometime in the fall. MDHI plans to start with 10-12 members and operating group of 6-8, under that council. We have the Youth Action Board already and other provider folks interested in participating. MDHI has not prioritized the Funders group, but in the next 2-4 weeks we plan to start working on that group. Claire Clurman and Matt M. began discussions this past Spring and deferred the conversations to post-budget approval. We have outreached folks with a background in finance and Human Resources. We hope that group will have about 4 members along with the new Director of Finance, Matt Meyer, and Claire Clurman – making for 7 total members.
- VI. Regional Governance Council (Rebecca Mayer):** Rebecca M. will now be leading Regional Governance Council (RGC) and will be working very closely with both Jennifer B. and Bethany Maynard-Moody. Bethany will remain the lead on Community Design Team (CDT). Regional Governance Council is governing council for OneHome but the vision is to expand the scope beyond OneHome in alignment with the current governance charter council and committee structure. The Community Design Team (CDT) will continue to provide OneHome recommendations to Regional Governance Council.

Bethany presents updates on RGC and CDT from January 2019 – June 2019 and discusses next steps in 2019. Brenton H. asks if there is one-pager that describes coordinated entry because there is a lot of interest on the criminal justice side of things. MDHI does not have a



one-pager. Eugene M. who works with at the City of Denver and Ken H. agree they would like to send it out to their networks. Cheryl S. asks if OneHome has access points and what the BoD can do to help support/build these out. Rebecca M. mentions that MDHI is planning to have some design meetings with partners, and MDHI recruited an intern who is going to start digging into that work in suburban areas. RGC can bring support recommendations to the BoD.

Bethany M. describes some of HUD's defined access points. She describes the centralized vs. decentralized models. Decentralized means that participants access the system at certain defined hot spots like call centers, emergency shelters, street outreach. There is also an option for a single physical location. Right now, our community is using a no wrong door approach. Brenton H. asks why 2-1-1 stopped doing assessments. The contract with 2-1-1 was for a mobile assessor and the contract ended. Cheryl S. adds that it was hard to reconnect with the folks that were assessed by the 2-1-1 mobile assessor. Mike M. comments that people do not understand the system. If we can get the information out there, we will improve performance.

Jackie Hernandez updates the group on the Rapid Re-Housing and Rapid Resolution and Homelessness Prevention Affinity groups. The main purpose of the groups is to build on best-practices and foster a peer learning environment to ensure that we align our service delivery when possible.

Mikah Wagner provides updates related to the Youth Action Board (YAB). YAB has put together their mission and vision. They elected co-chairs. The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project was submitted. Megan M. reminds the BoD that if you want to attend in person or talk through an initiative that they will talk to the YAB ahead of time. Renee B. mentions Aurora public schools is a good place to research and mirror some of their innovative strategies to help kids that are at-risk.

- VII. Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) Updates (Matt M., Rebecca M.):** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is due Sept 30, 2019. We will send the scoring tool out by e-mail vote and will not changing criteria from last year's NOFA. In this year's NOFA there is a new focus on employment. The NOFA also clearly articulates a reallocation strategy. MDHI and the BoD need to figure out how do we do this over the course of the year, and currently, we do not have policy on how to do that. One thing that is distressing is the amount of money that we leave on the table and gets recaptured by HUD. They doubled the points for System Performance Measures. Last year's applicants were worried about cluster of high performing programs and if is there a real difference between 92% and 93% (for example). There is another 50 million available for Domestic Violence (DV) bonus. Last year funding was for 3 categories: Coordinated Entry (supportive services only), Rapid Re-Housing, Transitional Housing and only allowed for one applicant. This year, as long as your planned project is over \$25,000, there can be more than one applicant. Tier 1 is larger this year. There is a bonus opportunity for new projects, expansion of existing projects, and for new



DV projects. HUD is offering 18-month first grant terms to new recipients, as opposed to 12 months. This will allow new grants a ramping up period.

Brenton H. mentions that in the past, evaluation of programs like Rapid Re-Housing for example, was included in the process and asks how that will be incorporated into the process this year. MDHI has implemented the monitoring plan and is in the process of gathering 2nd quarter data. MDHI will review the spend down and take that into consideration along with contract compliance. MDHI does not want to incorporate new terms to the ranking this year, but will pilot them the year before. That gives MDHI and the BoD an opportunity to get feedback from providers. Pat H. agrees that there should a review to make sure recipients are following guidelines and to be able to reallocate if needed. Self-monitoring is another option. For example, if a project voluntarily offers up funds for reallocation then they will not be penalized. The scoring tool will come out in the next two weeks for an e-mail vote.

Brenton H. motions to approve the NOFA scoring tool in an e-mail vote, Rachel V. seconds

Discussion: Ben R. acknowledges that it is beneficial to ask questions reminds the BoD to “reply all”. Rachel V. asks if there is a way to share important documents. Rebecca M. mentions the NOFA page on the MDHI website. The BoD can always e-mail Rebecca or Matt directly. Rachel V. mentions a Board portal called “base camp” that might be worth looking into.

No opposed, one abstention, motion to approve the NOFA scoring tool in an e-mail vote carries.

The BoD members sign the conflict of interest form.

VIII. Stakeholder Comments and Community Announcements:

Cheryl S. informs the BoD of a new nonprofit organization in the community called Back on My Feet. It is a running group. They officially launch next Friday and partnering with Denver Rescue Mission. They offer free gear and running challenges to persons experiencing homelessness.

Matt M. updates the BoD on Point-In-Time. The county-level issues have been resolved and we are back on track. There will be some shifts but nothing directionally different.

MDHI has been working hard to get shelter data into HMIS. In the first two weeks of the launch, over 1,000 folks were enrolled. There has been lots of positive feedback from the community.