

# Detroit Continuum of Care | Board of Directors

Working to Equitably End Homelessness in Detroit, Highland Park, & Hamtramck

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*March, 4 2024 Continuum of Care Board Meeting*

***Welcome and Introductions:***

**Candace M. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.**

***Executive Committee Report & Announcements***

**Summary**

- The Governance Charter Review ad-hoc Committee (GCRC) has started recruitment and will begin commencing next Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - The following timeline is below for the process of GC revisions:
    - Feb-Mar: begin recruitment
    - Mar-May: Committee commences
    - May: Public comment will open to receive feedback on revisions from CoC
    - June: Committee review comments
    - July: Vote for approval for final GC at GM meeting
- If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Elise Grongstad, [elise@handetroit.org](mailto:elise@handetroit.org) or Chelsea Johnson, [chelsea@handetroit.org](mailto:chelsea@handetroit.org).

***Consent Agenda***

February Board Meeting Minutes

**Board Vote**

- The floor was open for questions. None were asked.
- Approval of the February CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Tasha G. and seconded by Dr. Gerald C. The vote passed.

***CAM Updates***

**Summary –**

- As you may know, Scott Jackson served as the manager for CoC Coordinated Entry. However, Scott's last day with HAND was Friday, March 1st. His efforts at HAND and within the CoC were greatly appreciated.
- In the interim, Tasha G. will be stepping in as the interim CAM Manager. Consequently, any projects previously overseen by Mr. Jackson will now be under Ms. Gray's supervision. Additionally, we will be posting a job listing for the CAM Manager position on [HAND's website](#) this Friday.
- HAND will also receive assistance from our HUD TA provider, ICF, and has reengaged with OrgCode, who previously served as the consultant for CAM Transition. They will primarily focus on project-related tasks, including developing policies and procedures. Furthermore, OrgCode will assist in refining the 2024 CAM work plan initially created by Scott and provide hands-on support to CAM implementers.

***Issue Brief Update***

**Summary –**

- Following the decision made during the special Board meeting held in December, it was decided that the CoC should seek legal counsel to address issues regarding the 2024 Board Elections. Moreover, HAND, serving as the CoC Lead Agency, was tasked with hiring the attorney. Subsequently, HAND has engaged the services of John Allen, who has been introduced to the Executive Committee.
  - Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, Mr. Allen was unable to attend this meeting. However, a meeting invitation will be sent to all Board Members, providing them with the opportunity to interact with the attorney and ask any questions they may have.

***CoC Competition***

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### Summary –

- The CoC Competition is held every year. This is a significant task that HAND and the CoC are tasked to do.
- Recently, HUD made funding announcements on the FY2023 awards on January 29, 2024.
  - Awards for project applications submitted last September
- The CoC was awarded a total of \$35,005,343 in renewal and new project funding.
  - A 9.3% increase (\$2,969,424) in funding from last year’s competition
- Most of this increase (\$2,168,634) is due to automatic increases in project budgets to the FY2023 Fair Market Rent (FMR) rate.
- All renewal projects were awarded and received an increase in their budgets due to adjustments made for Fair Market Rent (FMR) increases.
  - There are additional charts that break down the funding amounts for which projects were funded. Please see slides.
  - There was also an overview of projects that were not selected for funding. Please see slides.
- Regarding the 2023 Competition, there were areas in the application that impacted the score compared to the 2022 scores in the CoC Competition application.
- Some of the potential areas that were highlighted for improvement:
  - Coordination with educational entities
  - Provision of training on mainstream benefits
  - Evaluating CoC funded projects for Housing First alignment
  - Addressing the needs of people fleeing domestic violence
  - Ensuring providers have, and comply with, anti-discrimination policies
  - Promoting racial equity (identifying more specific strategies)
- Once the outcomes of the System Performance Measures, which happened last year in October are received, then more information will be presented to the Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact, Amanda Sternberg, at [amanda@handetroit.org](mailto:amanda@handetroit.org).

### Overview of the CoC Committees

#### Summary –

- This was Part 1 of an overview of the CoC Committees. The CoC comprises 9 Committees in total, with 8 out of 9 currently active. The following Committees presented:
  - Executive Committee (EC)
  - PSH Review (to be rescheduled for April)
  - Grievance Committee (GC)
  - Performance Evaluation (PE)
- For more details on the CoC Committees, please review the March Board Packet and accompanying slides.
- The PE Committee will follow up at the April Board meeting to request a vote on renewing the terms of expired Committee Members.

### CoC Board Chair Elections

#### Summary –

- The 2024 Board Chair Elections took place during this meeting. Initially, there were two candidates, Candace Morgan, and Sarah Rennie. However, Ms. Rennie had to withdraw from the elections due to health concerns. The CoC extends its best wishes to her.
- Each candidate had the opportunity to deliver a brief campaign speech.

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- Following the speeches, the Board received a link to a form to cast their ballot. The voting period concluded at 4:30 pm that day. The elections' results will be sent from HAND.

## *Public Comments*

Summary –

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**Candace M. closed the meeting at 4:30pm.** *The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, April 1st, 2024, from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*