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March 6, 2023 Continuum of Care Board Meeting

Welcome and Introductions:

Celia T. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.

Executive Committee Report & Announcements

Consent Agenda

February Board Meeting Minutes

Board Vote

- The floor was opened for questions. None were asked.
- Approval of the February 2022 CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Donna P and seconded by Taura B . The vote passed.

Secretary Seat Elections

Summary –

- The Secretary Seat for the Executive Committee was held. Erica George was the only candidate running. She was given an opportunity to share why she was running for the seat. There was a poll given during the meeting and the results showed that Erica George won the seat. Congratulations Erica George!

CAM Transition Updates

Summary –

- There were updates shared about the CAM Transition regarding the subcommittees from the CAM Transition Team (CTT):
 - The Project Management and Strategy subcommittee is working with HUD TA (ICF) in addition to CSH and OrgCode to provide additional capacity and expertise.
 - The RFQ Subcommittee vetted options to allow multiple agencies apply for various CAM components (back and front office operations)
 - Based on the vote of the CTT regarding the options is developing the RFQ draft
 - The Data and Technology subcommittee worked with CTT to identify HAND as the agency to assume the Salesforce contract; CHS will serve as back up if HAND is unable to move forward.
 - Hand will have a meeting with their Board to ask if they are in support of Hand assuming the contract. If they are not in support, then Community and Home Support agreed to serve as a backup in the event if HAND cannot.
- CTT is working with various decision points such as the structure, services, assessment tool, technology, etc. Their focus is heavily surrounded on the services that includes the front and back-office functions.
- The CTT has been discussing if they expect the new agency to provide all services currently provided by CAM or some services be provided by other agencies. If they do decide to divide the services, then they will need to decide which services the new agency will provide.
 - The CAM RFQ subcommittee recommended to allow the services to be divided up between the selected agencies.
- There were notes shared about how the decision was to allow back and front office functions to be provided by different organizations. Please refer to slides for more details.
- There were 3 options that were brought to the CTT in terms of how an agency may be able to apply for various pieces of CAM.
 - Option 1: doesn't have a fiduciary; the lead agency would apply to provide all of the direct services for CAM
 - Option 2: requires a fiduciary which will hold the CAM SSO grant and will subcontract whoever is identified in the RFQ to provide back and front office functions

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- Option 3: a combination of option 1 and 2.
- The CTT decided to go with Option 3.
- There was a timeline shared on the progress with the RFQ; the RFQ is expected to be released on March 10th. Please review slides to see more details on the timeline.
- If you are interested in volunteering to review the RFQ proposals, please reach out to Amanda Sternberg, amanda@handetroit.org.

LIHTC Letter of Support Policy (Action Item- VOTE)

Summary –

- The Low-Income Housing Tax Review (LIHTC) committee was created to review PSH and Development Projects. They also determine if projects will receive a Letter of Support for their MSHDA LIHTC applications.
- They have reviewed some of the policies and noticed there were some changes they wanted to implement in the Letter of Support. They came to the Board to ask for approval of those changes and authority to update the Policy without having to go to the Board. Both votes passed.

Vote Topic

- Approval of LIHTC Letter of Support Policy was motioned by Amy B. seconded by Erica G. The vote passed.
- Approval of giving the Review Committee authority to update the Policy based on MSHDA and/or City of Detroit funding and application changes was motioned by Desiree A. and seconded by Donna P. The vote passed.

High Level Overview of the 2023 CoC Competition Timeline

Summary –

- There was a high-level overview of what the CoC Competition timeline will look like for 2023. HAND was designated as the collaborative applicant by the CoC which means that HAND will lead, facilitate, and staff all aspects related to the CoC competition, including writing the CoC application.
- The local application process let individual agencies will apply for renewal project funding and for new project funding
 - The CoC Board decides which projects to submit to HUD for funding
 - HUD makes the final funding decisions
- The National Application Process is a competitive application that the Detroit CoC submits to HUD for funding. Depending on how much we score on the application determines how much funding the CoC will receive.
- There are slightly different processes for renewal projects versus new projects such as, the evaluation criteria and reviewing process.
 - Majority of the projects in the CoC are renewals; 75% are PSH projects.
- The amount of funding is unknown until the release of the NOFO.
- It is anticipated that the NOFO will be released in July with a 90 day open competition period but it is still unknown.
- A tentative timeline was shared regarding the CoC Competition which will be starting next month. Please see slides for more details.
- The CoC is required to rank all the projects because HUD cannot guarantee that all the projects will be funded. The Project Priority Ranking scale is used to score those projects. It is divided in two rankings:
 - Tier 1: Projects placed into Tier 1 highly likely to be selected by HUD for funding
 - Tier 2: Projects in Tier 2 at risk of not being selected by HUD for funding
- The score that is received on the National application determines if the Tier 2 projects will be funded
- The score on the 2022 National competition that was submitted last fall has not been received yet.

Building the Partnership between the Detroit Advisors Group and CoC Board

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Summary –

- The role of the Detroit Advisors Group is to partner and drive the decisions with the CoC and the City of Detroit related to the homeless response system to ensure safe, stable, and permanent housing for all including black and brown, LGBTQ persons. In addition, the Detroit Advisors Group will help educate the community and breakdown the requirements and stigmas tied to persons experiencing homelessness.
- The advisors group formed in 2020 of local advocates in the CoC and Detroit (all with lived experience of homelessness). The CoC decided in mid-2021 to continue the work of the advisors beyond the Housing Justice Roadmap and integrate to local system efforts.
- Some of the work that the advisors did was held elections for Community Advocate Seats for the CoC Board, participated in various funding review processes, helped facilitate focus groups for shelter clients to inform the CAM Transition, etc.
- Some of their goals are to help create jobs for PWLEH to drive systems work, promote a system that is culturally congruent and trauma- responsive, recruit and train new committee members, etc.
- The DAG Detroit Advisors Group (DAG) is excited to partner with the CoC Board in the work of co-creating tangible solutions to the issues that face our system.
 - This gives the CoC Board the opportunity to actionize its commitment to centering the system around the voices of people with lived experience of homelessness.
- Some of the concerns that has been elevated in the DAG was shelter accountability, affordable housing and housing stock, and HCV issues.
- The DAG vision for the ongoing partnership with the CoC is an opportunity to tangibly live into the vision of power redistribution and tangibly valuing and centering the expertise of lived experience.
 - They We will begin by taking stock of what skills, knowledge, experience, passions, resources, connections, and partnerships that we can bring to the table to facilitate solutions through a process we're calling "Tool Building".

Celia T. closed the meeting at 4:30pm. *The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, May 2nd, 2022 from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*