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

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March 2023 Continuum of Care Board Meeting

Welcome and Introductions:

Erica G. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.

Executive Committee Report & Announcements

Summary –

- There was an electronic vote that was sent out to the CoC Board asking to postpone the CoC Chair Elections to March. The vote passed.

Consent Agenda

January Board Meeting Minutes

Board Vote

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

CAM Updates

Summary –

- The CTT started implementing the CAM shelter prioritization process for access to manage the shelter bed availability.
- There is a shelter access planning group that’s meeting on a weekly basis to review and prepare the final policy for the pilot which will go to the Board.
- They are also working on a proposed structure for CAM governance Committee as well as a workplan and guiding document for the committee.

Governance Charter

Summary-

- The Governance Charter Revision process is upon us. In the past, the timeline for this process typically unfolded with the introduction of proposed changes in January, followed by sharing the GC for public comments in March, and concluding with the vote in May. However, given the influence of the Strategic Plan, we must consider any potential adjustments to the structure of our GC.
- The proposed timeline as follows:
 - Feb-Mar: Review Committee Recruitment
 - Mar- May: GC Review Committee commence
 - June: Review Committee review public comments
 - July: GM will vote on approved revisions
- More details about recruitment will come soon. If you have additional questions or would like to request more information about upcoming committee recruitment, please reach out to either Chelsea Johnson at chelsea@handetroit.org, or Elise Grongstad at elise@handetroit.org.

Strategic Plan Updates

Summary –

- Due to the unique situation regarding the CoC Board elections, they reviewed the issue brief, CoC Values and principles, and did an overview of the Board agreement.
- Formal Issue Brief was released Monday, January 29th, 2024, to both CoC Board and General Membership

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- Intention of Issue Brief was to provide both context and additional information to both bodies
- Key items covered in Issue Brief include:
 - Summary and steps taken to date
 - Overview of existing Governance Charter language
 - Principles of our work, Housing First and Detroit CoC Vision
 - Advice received & next steps.
- It was emphasized that we must continue to work towards our mission and values of the CoC. The CoC values and principals includes housing first which is a recovery-oriented, evidence-based philosophy that recognizes housing is a basic human right, and that people are better equipped to make progress in their lives if they have a safe, stable place to live.
 - As system leaders, the CoC Board is held to the same standards and must be certain that policy and programming are not designed in exclusionary or discriminatory ways.
- The CoC vision is a collective response to prevent and end homelessness, grounded in racial equity, where the system is led by people who have experienced homelessness (PWLEH) and who reflect the community.
- They also went over the Board member agreement and emphasized key points from it:
 - “Commit to listen, value and utilize the experience and contribution of people who are or have experienced homelessness as equal partners in ending homelessness.
 - Cooperate with and respect the opinions of fellow Board members, and leave personal prejudices out of all board discussions, as well as supporting actions of the Board even when the Board member personally did not support the action taken.
 - Putting the interest of the CoC (system) above your organization and personal interests
 - Show respect and courteous conduct in all CoC meetings.”

Public Comments

Summary –

- The floor for public comments was open; however, their comments were said before the public comments officially open.

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