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June 5, 2023 Continuum of Care Board Meeting

<p><i>Welcome and Introductions:</i> Celia T. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.</p>
<p><i>Executive Committee Report & Announcements</i></p>
<p><i>Consent Agenda</i></p>
<p>May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The floor was open for questions. None were asked. • Approval of the May 2023 CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Candace M. and seconded by Dr. Gerald Curley . The vote passed.
<p><i>CAM Transition Updates</i></p> <p>Summary –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap: The General Membership (GM) had an opportunity to vote on the recommendation from the CAM RFQ Review Team to determine the new CAM Lead Agency on May 25th. The recommendation was to appoint HAND as the new CAM Lead Agency. Since HAND only applied for the CAM Lead and not the services, there were additional considerations that were presented to the GM. There was a recommendation from the CAM Transition Team (CTT) and RFQ Review Committee to build upon the application that the CoD already submitted and work collaboratively. The GM also authorized the CTT to work with HAND, CoD, And Wayne Metro to develop and finalize the provision of services for access and back office. • HAND and Cod have been meeting frequently to discuss budget negotiations which are expected to be finalized in the next couple of weeks, a joint implementation plan, and existing CTT subcommittees to be re-launched or if new committees will be formed. • In conclusion, HAND will serve as the Cam Lead Agency (will not provide services), Wayne Metro will subcontract with HAND to provide call center services, CoD will provide in person services, and Cod will partner with HAND to manage back-office services. • The CTT is now focusing on In-person access sites (locations, populations, etc.), making sure that we have those identified. There is also going to be discussion on CAM’s phone number and CAM’s brand (name, website). • Wayne Metro will act as a call center where residents will be able to call for referrals of services and if it is determined that they need emergency shelter then they will be directed to an access point. CoD will operate the in-person access sites designated by population (i.e. families, sign adults) and diversion will be done at these access sites to reduce phone call waits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will also be a mobile CAM Team for after-hours use.
<p><i>Strategic Planning Updates</i></p> <p>Summary –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CoD Housing and Revitalization Department, HAND, and the CoC have come together to establish shared goals, priorities, and actions to prevent and end homelessness in the City of Detroit and strongly recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. • The City has engaged Barbara Poppe and Associates (BPA), to provide expert guidance and support for the development of a 5-Year Strategic System Improvement Plan. • This Plan will serve as a roadmap to support the community in achieving the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clear and unified message and plan for how Detroit is working to end homelessness, with a leading focus on equity and justice. ○ Coordinated and improved system response to end homelessness. ○ Streamlined procedures, standards, and expectations between all homelessness funding sources and homelessness service providers.

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- More efficient and better coordinated use of federal and private funds.
- High quality services for those experiencing homelessness as measured by increased exits to permanent housing, shorter time experiencing homelessness, and increased overall household stability.
- The process will feature robust engagement with residents experiencing homelessness, community partners, advocates, and other stakeholders and be implemented in two phases.
 - Phase 1 will be Discovery, Research, and Priority Setting
 - Phase 2 will be Implementation Planning and Support (please visit the slides for more details on each phase).
- The purpose of the Strategic Plan Oversight Commission (SPOC) is to provide a time-limited focused structure and forum to ensure that the Strategic System Improvement Plan (the “Plan”) meets the goals and objectives of the project.
- The Plan will provide guidance, to prioritize uses of key resources, including but not limited to those provided by Federal, State, local and philanthropic sources of funding, to support efforts to prevent and end homelessness within Detroit.

FY2023 Continuum of Care New Project Funding Priorities)

Summary –

- There are two branches of the CoC Competition
 - National Competition: A competition that allows all CoC from across the country to apply for funding.
 - Local application: A competition where individual agencies compete locally for funding for their projects (new or renewal projects).
 - The CoC Competition has not been opened yet, so the amount of funding available is unknown. The anticipated release date of the competition is June or July.
- In March HAND staff developed draft renewal project evaluation and scoring criteria; HUD announced the FY2022 Awards
- In April the public comment period was released for renewal project evaluation and scoring criteria
 - The Value and Funding Committee (VFP) and Performance Evaluation Committee met to develop responses to public comments.
- In May, the VFP met weekly to develop new project priority recommendation and evaluation criteria.
- Today, the CoC Board will be asked to approve the FY 2023 CoC new project priorities and evaluation criteria. (Please review the slides for more) details on the timeline.
- The aim of new project recommendations is:
 - Increasing capacity and quality of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects
 - Increasing capacity of Rapid Rehousing programming.
 - Creating opportunities to fund new projects to meet the needs of people fleeing DV.
 - Creating opportunities to fund new projects to support CoC infrastructure.
- There are 5 recommendations for new project funding priorities and evaluation criteria which will be voted on: (please review June Board Packet for more details)
 - Types of New Projects
 - Supportive Service Costs
 - Order of Fund Allocation for CoC Bonus Projects
 - Order of Fund Allocation for DV Bonus Projects
 - New Project Evaluation Criteria

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- Once the votes are reviewed and all the recommendations are approved, this information will be presented to the CoC, specifically to currently funded agencies, within the next few weeks.

Vote Topic

- The approval of the recommended FY2023 new project funding priorities and evaluation criteria are motioned by Chioke T. and seconded by Regina H. The results of the vote will be communicated within a few weeks.

Domestic Violence RRH Grant Transfer Recommendation

Summary –

- The CoC Board is asked to approve the recommendation to transfer the CoC Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing grant currently held by ACCESS to Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan.
- Background: In early 2023, HAND and ACCESS mutually agreed to transfer ACCESS' CoC Domestic Violence RRH grant to another provider given challenges ACCESS was facing with ramping up the project.
 - NOTE: No clients are currently being served by these funds, nor have staff been hired by these funds, therefore there are no individuals at risk of losing housing or employment with this transfer.
- In April, HAND released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for these funds. An informational webinar was held in May.
- One application was received by Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan (NLSM).
- Their application was reviewed and scored; the application scored 86.6%
- The review committee recommends the grant be transferred to NLSM.
- NLSM has implemented RRH programming for several years.
- The agency currently receives other CoC DV funding and has experience serving the target population.
- The agency has experience implementing a Comparable Database, which is often necessary for agencies receiving funding to serve people fleeing DV.
- Overall, NLSM demonstrated a readiness to “hit the ground running” with getting this programming underway as expediently as possible, which was something the review committee was looking for.
- If the recommendation is approved, HAND will work with ACCESS, NLSM, and HUD on the next steps in the grant transfer.
 - NOTE: HUD has recently communicated a moratorium on grant transfers. If this moratorium is not lifted in the coming weeks, we will need to pursue a different course of action, such as reallocating this project in this year's competition. If this becomes necessary, no final decisions will be made without CoC board approval.
- The approval of the Domestic violence Grant transfer recommendation was motioned by Desiree A. and seconded by Regina H. The vote passed.

System Performance Measures (SPM)

Summary –

- The SPM report is a regulatory report that provides a summary and year-to-year comparison of system wide counts, averages, and medians related to seven areas of performance.
- HUD places particular emphasis on three of the measures: length of time persons remains homeless (Measure 1a), successful placement in and retention of housing (Measure 7) and returns to homelessness (Measure 2).
- SPMs provide CoCs with a look at their overall system functioning.
- Used to help both HUD and our CoC gauge the progress on measures and the data is used to guide decision-making processes
- FY 2022 (October 2021-September 2022) SPMs Submitted to HUD February 2023

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- There are 7 measures in place to reduce the number of people becoming homeless and to help them become quickly and stably homed. (Please review slides for more details on each measure)
 - Measure #1a: Length of Stay (Days)
 - Measure #1b: Length of Stay (*includes time homeless prior to program entry*)
 - Measure #2: Exits to PH and Returns to Homelessness
 - Measure #3: Changes in Homeless Counts
 - Measure #4: Employment and Income Growth for CoC Programs
 - Measure #5: First Time Homeless
 - *Measure #6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons served in Category 3 (Not Reported On)*
 - Measure #7: Housing Outcomes
- The next steps for the SPM committee is to review SPM dashboard data quarterly, evaluate specific measures at project level during competition, and to complete audits reports quarterly.

FY2022 CoC Application Scoring Debrief

Summary –

- There was an overview on the scoring of the CoC competition last year.
- There was 400+ agencies around the world that competed in the national CoC competition.
- The higher we score on the application, the more likely to receive projects placed into Tier 2.
- The CoC application was submitted in September 2022, and the score was received in April 2023.
- The Continuum of Care Application Scoring is divided up into two Tiers.
 - Tier 1
 - Projects placed into Tier 1 highly likely to be selected by HUD for funding
 - 2022 application: Tier 1 contained only renewal projects
 - Tier 2
 - Projects in Tier 2 are at risk of not being selected by HUD for funding.
 - 2022 application: Tier 2 contained two renewal projects and all new projects.
 - Both renewal projects were funded; 1 of the 4 new projects were funded
- There were 200 points total in the FY2022 CoC Competition which was divided into.
 - Narrative Points: Points associated with application questions requiring a written, narrative response.
 - Data Driven Points: Points awarded based on performance improvement in PIT and SPM measures.
 - *HUD does not fully disclose details on how the CoC earns (or loses) points. Therefore, the total points earned are our best estimate based on the limited information HUD provides.
- Please review slides on more details of the scores regarding each category below:
 - CoC Coordination and Engagement
 - Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking
 - Homeless Management Information System
 - Point in Time Count

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- Coordination with Housing and Healthcare
- System Performance

Public Comments

Summary

- The floor was open for public comments. No comments were made.

Celia T. closed the meeting at 4:30pm. The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, July 10, 2023 from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.