

Detroit Continuum of Care | Board of Directors

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

April 2022 Continuum of Care Board Meeting

(Meeting packet can be accessed by [clicking here](#); Meeting Slides by [clicking here](#))

Welcome and Introductions:

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

Executive Committee Report & Announcements

Summary –

In Memory of Sharyn Johnson

- Recently, Sharyn Johnson passed away. Sharyn was a member of the CoC Board and she was an employee at Coalition on Temporary Shelter. A moment of silence was held to honor her memory and contribution to the homeless service system in Detroit.

Summary –

CDBG Update

The city updated members on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process. The Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA) will be released on April 6th. Applicants should apply through Oracle, but information about the grant will also be posted on the city's website. Members were instructed to private message Terra Linzner in the chat, and her email is linznert@detroitmi.gov.

CoC Committee Recruitment

- Board members are reminded to fill out the Google form below to inform us on their preferences for joining a CoC committee.
- [COC Board Committee Interest Form \(google.com\)](#)

Summary –

YHDP Update

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Consent Agenda

March Board Meeting Minutes

Board Vote

- The floor was opened for questions. None were asked.
- Approval of the March CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Donna and seconded by Tamara. The vote passed.

Advancing Equity

CAM Updates

Summary –

- CAM will be returning to in-person operations on Monday, April 18th, starting off at the HRC, and operating in a hybrid manner. Hours will remain the same. More information can be found on the CAM website, and via email if you subscribe to CAM's listserv.

Racial Equity with C4 Innovations Update

Summary –

- Participants are still needed to complete Detroit CoC's team for the State's Racial Equity Initiative in partnership with C4 Innovations. A diverse group is needed, so folks of different races, gender identities, and job positions are encouraged to participate.

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- There is a commitment of 8 to 10 hours each month, for 15 months.

Board Meeting Structure and Norms

Summary –

- Due to a previous decision made at a board meeting, the CoC has started a workgroup with the task of rethinking board meeting structure. This group meets on an ad hoc basis, with various participants from the CoC.
- A major task of this group has been rethinking the public comment, its place in the board meeting space, and its structure. hanging public comment- recommends pc happens at GM; 3-minute speeches per person; then update on issues that came to light during the GM meeting during the next month's BM; topics can be forwarded to the EC as well
- Opened up for questions and comments related to this agenda topic. The following questions were asked of the group:
 - How do we hear from the community and providers at our meetings? Should this happen at General Membership of Board Meetings?
 - Without worrying about group speak- one person makes decision for others for fear of retaliation; anonymous submission
 - Breakout room for folk who don't want to share publicly; physical room/ meeting; phonecalls
 - Board scheduling intentional meetings to garner feedback on meetings and system happenings
 - Publicizing CoC meetings- community education, flyers in shelters, social media, QR codes
 - How does the CoC increase transparency with areas where we are struggling?
 - How we get out of the weeds and address problems systematically?
 - What would our meetings look like if they were different? What do people want this space want to look like?
- Developing board norms in the coming months
 - Email shani.campbell@detroitmi.gov

Committees

Values and Funding Priorities Committee Recruitment

Summary –

- The purpose of the Values and Finding Priorities Committee is to establish community values, decide how resources are used, rank HUD CoC programs for the annual CoC Competition, and host two subcommittees. Because of tasks being shared between the VFP and the ESG Planning committees, resulting in work being doubled, the committees are going through a revisioning process that will result in a new subcommittee of the VFP with combined tasks of the canceled ESG Planning committee and the VFP committee. Therefore, committee recruitment for the new VFP subcommittee will look a bit different this year. There will be a vote during the May Board Meeting on the subcommittee's proposed revised structure. Members in the newly structured subcommittee must be members of the CoC Board unless non-Board members approve a person's participation. Board Members then voted on the continued participation of Joy Flood and Tasha Gray on the VFP committee as non-CoC Board members.
- **Approval of the continued participation of Joy Flood on the VFPC as a non-Board Member was motioned by Celia and seconded by Donna. The vote passed.**
- **Approval of the continued participation of Tasha Gray on the VFPC as a non-Board Member was motioned by Donna and seconded by Eleanor. The vote passed.**
- The next steps of this subcommittee recruitment and restructuring process is to fill open VFP committee seats within the next few months. To participate, members can temporarily attend meetings from either April until the end of the fiscal year in July, or until the new subcommittee forms, around September. Meetings are held once or twice a month, for 1.5-2 hours each.

Executive Committee Recruitment

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Summary –

- Since Celia Thomas's election to Board President left the CoC Board Vice Chairperson position open. Candace Morgan was the only person who showed interest soon enough to be voted on during this meeting.
- **Approval of Candace Morgan as the CoC Vice Chairperson was motioned by Terra and seconded by Dr. G. The vote passed and Candace Morgan was elected to be Vice Chair of the CoC.**
- Celia will be sending out an email reminding folks that the secretary position is open, and ask that everyone interested respond by the deadline indicated. There will be a vote on the new Secretary for the CoC Board during the May meeting.

Funding

CoC Competition Debrief

Summary –

- For the 2021 fiscal year, HUD made funding decisions mid-March for programs submitted in November. Our CoC was awarded almost \$31 million. The largest to smallest amount of funding was rewarded to the programs in this order: PSH, RRH, TH, TH-RRH, CE-SSO, HMIS, and CoC Planning.
- Getting new agencies starting DV Bonus programs
- The following tasks are being carried out because of a loss of funds:
 - HAND working with NLSM to operate project given reduction in funding
 - HAND working with Freedom House to explore other funding options
 - Losses in tier 2 totaled 2 million in 2021, which indicates the possibility of having to make tough decisions on funding renewal over new projects and vice versa. Historically, ranking policies have prioritized PSH projects over TH projects.
- Next steps in this process include waiting for the CoC Competition application score. Once the score is provided, additional analysis will be available. Evaluation criteria for renewal and new project applications will be voted on in the next Board Meeting.

Data

Systems Performance Measure Analysis

Summary –

- SPM looks at seven areas of performances. HUD places emphasis on three measures- length of time of homelessness, returns to homelessness, and successful placement and/ or retention of housing.
- Impacts of a decreased metric one, the length of stay for clients, included the following:
 - Longer waiting time for work authorization for asylum seekers/ refugees
 - Shelters amending their policies to allow clients to stay for longer than their typical 90-day timeframe
- Impacts of an unchanged metric two, the rate of clients who returned to homelessness, included the following:
 - Cleaning up the data associated with the metric
- Impacts of a declined metric three, the number of sheltered people experiencing homelessness which uses PIT data, included the following:
- Impacts of a declined metric four, a client's source of employment/ income, included the following:
 - A possible lack of updating SSI income annually for all clients
- Clients who became homeless for the first time was metric five, and that stayed the same
- Placement of clients from street outreach and/ or service providers into successful permanent housing, metric seven, increased due to the following factors:
 - Data cleanup