

# Detroit Continuum of Care | Board of Directors

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

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*October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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**

### **Board Elections**

#### Summary

- Board Elections are opened for the year of 2023.
- The CoC Board has 4 vacant seats available for the election.
  - We have 2 seat available for member at large, 1 for community advocate and 2 for homeless service provider.
- You can nominate people who you think will be a good candidate as well. The nominations are due by October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. However, you can directly apply by clicking here, [CoC Board Application](#). There, you will also find all the details on how to apply and maintain your membership.
- The final applications are due November 4th and following that, each nominee will be asked to prepare a 2-5 minute “Campaign Speech” to introduce themselves to the CoC General Membership on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- We will then announce the elected members on November 18th and at the beginning of 2023, the board orientations series will begin
- If you are currently a board member who are unsure of their member status, then you can contact, Chelsea Johnson [chelsea@handetroit.org](mailto:chelsea@handetroit.org)

## **Consent Agenda**

September Board Meeting Minutes

### **Board Vote**

- The floor was opened for questions. None were asked.
- Approval of the September 2022 CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Amy B. and seconded by Eleanor B. The vote passed.

### **Vote Topic**

- Approval of NOFO Funding Recommendations was motioned by Sarah R. and seconded by Donna P. The vote passed.

## **Supplemental NOFO Funding Recommendations**

Subtopic

#### Summary –

- Application for funding under the Supplemental NOFO (SNOFO) have been accepted and reviewed. HAND will be presenting recommendations from the review committee on which projects to submit for funding.
- The amount of funding available from the SNOFO application is a little over \$33 million which is supposed to be dispersed over 3 years.
  - The sum of projects recommended for funding is \$14.9 million
  - The sum of projects not recommended for funding (did not pass the scoring threshold) is a little over \$2.2 million
- In the past few weeks, HAND, CoD, and individuals from the Detroit Advisory group created a guideline called Ranking Priorities to present to HUD on how each project will be prioritized and submitted for funding.

## **CAM Update**

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### Summary –

- Southwest Counseling Solutions will no longer be providing the CAM services in 2023
- Currently are mapping out the road for the transition for CAM
- Considering putting certain projects on hold to focus on the transition for Cam
- Currently seeking out a consultant if there are sufficient funds available
- Will develop a transition team that will also collaborate with the EC to gather resources
- A Request for Proposal must be developed to identify a new service provider for CAM

### CoC Planning Grant

#### Summary –

- HAND is the leading collaborative applicant for the CoC Planning Grant; this grant provides the funding to support activities that are within the CoC, General Membership, etc.
  - HAND must apply for this grant every year.
- HUD announced that there is an increase for the planning grant that will be used for additional resources to help support the CoC.
- The CoC Planning Grant will fund more staffing to support the leadership for committees and systems coordination.
- There are six activities that HAND is eligible to apply for which includes
  - Coordination (i.e., coordination with PHA's, mainstream resources),
  - Services area (i.e., determining the geographic area the CoC will serve which is already
  - CoC System (i.e., CoC Board, committees)
- HAND administered a survey to determine which staffing functions for the CoC should be prioritized from highest to least priority.
  - The positions with the highest to lowest ranking was Program Coordinator, CoC Coordinator, Systems Coordinator, Engagement Coordinator, CoC Manager, and lastly Youth Coordinator.
  - If the CoC Planning Grant is approved, then the funds will be applied to the 2024 calendar year.
    - As a result, 11.5 additional staff will be funded for the CoC and support their infrastructure.
  - The total amount of the CoC planning grant funds that can be used will be \$912,535

### Governance Charter Committee

#### Summary –

- Every year the Governance Charter Committee is developed to review or amend sections of the [Governance Charter document](#), which provides guidelines on how the CoC should operate in terms of CoC Board, General membership, voting rights, etc.
  - This committee then presents it to the general membership (who are eligible to vote) so the members can vote on it.
- The Governance Charter Committee has met since August and made edits to the Governance Charter document; they then presented it to HAND's external CoC team to receive feedback.
- The committee decided that the voting will be conducted virtually because of the upcoming 2023 Board Elections.

### Update on CSH Quality work with Detroit SH Providers and Discussion

#### Summary –

- CSH is a touchstone for new ideas and best practices, and an influential advocate for supportive housing.

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- They define supportive housing as a combination of affordable housing and supportive services to disadvantaged families and individuals (but not limited to the homeless populations).
- Some of the positive outcomes that results in quality practices are:
  - The improvement of the tenants physical and mental health
  - Increase income, and employment
  - Tenants will have social and community connections
- CSH has been engaging in observations for Supportive Housing in Detroit while also collaborating with other agencies, such as HAND.
  - They found that SH services funding has not kept with the needs of SH tenants and that SH agencies are being stretched which impacts their ability to expand and provide those needs.
- CSH provides different trainings that helps people understand more about topics such as, racial equity, planning for crisis, tenant leadership, etc.
- In addition to the transition and technical assistance, CSH hopes to engage with tenants to gather their feedback on how SH can improve their advocacy efforts.
  - Will also support SH agencies in budgeting services that align with best practices
- CSH was able to advocate \$6 million dollar from the state funds which will be administer by MSHDA.

### **Public Comments**

- The rules and suggestions of the public comments section, reintroduced from the November Board Meeting, were overviewed. The rules/ suggestions were explained:
  - Public comments will happen at the end of the meeting
  - Public comment will limit presentations to three minutes per person
  - Public comment is for the Board to learn about what's going on in the community. The Board may not be able to respond or resolve an issue.
  - If a commentor wants to discuss their issue further, they can move into a breakout room with facilitators from HAND, the CoD, CAM, and other system partners
  - Using abusive language and attacking other members at the board meeting is prohibited
- The floor was opened for public comments for 15 minutes. No questions or comments were made.

**Celia T. closed the meeting at 4:30pm.** *The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*