

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

NOVEMBER 10, 2021 | 3:00-5:00PM

ZOOM MEETING (LINK WILL BE SHARED VIA EMAIL)

Board members present: J. Hieftje, A. Kraemer, J. Epps, J. Monahan, R. Weathers, A. Sobocinski, R. Smith, A. Patino, K. Montgomery, K. Hoener, K. Zynda, L. Day, D. Kelly, A. Carlisle, R. Kraut, M. Conkin, J. Little, T. Lee, P. Cornell-Allen

OCED staff present: M. Boydston, K. Kunes, T. Gillotti, J. Mogensen, L. Grant, S. Turner

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:00pm	1. Call to Order J. Hieftje called the meeting to order at 3:02
3:01pm	2. Welcome/Introductions
3:08pm	3. Public Comment None
3:13pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) R. Smith moved to approve. J. Mogensen seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried with no opposition.
3:15pm	5. Approval of Minutes (ACTION) J. Mogensen Moved to approve. A Patino seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.
3:17pm	6. Approval of WHA Operations Committee recommendation to amend CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Ranking Policy (ACTION) – <i>Morghan Williams Boydston and Andrew Kraemer, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i> J. Mogensen moved to discuss agenda item. J Monahan seconded A. Kraemer discussed CoC funding competition. Application closes next week. Projects are tiered and ranked to determine funding. This year all renewal projects will be approved. Funding has primarily been used to rank renewal projects higher since funding is used for ongoing units. Additional project type has been added so a new tier was added with HMIS projects at bottom. Vote to approve addition of new tier for HMIS projects. R. Smith moved to approve. The motion carried with no opposition.
3:22pm	7. Approval of Funding Review Team recommendations for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) CoC Funding Competition (ACTION) – <i>Andrew Kraemer, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i> Amanda moved to discuss agenda item. J. Epps seconded. Since previous agenda item was approved, discussion could occur on this item. Renewal and existing projects have data collected through HMIS and agencies

	which is used to develop rubric. Rubric is used to rank projects. Bonus projects determined through submission of letter of intent and then fill out application. Bonus projects included 3 permanent supportive housing projects, 1 DV RRH project, 1 HMIS expansion project. With current ranking rubric, the 3 supportive housing projects are ranked higher. DV RRH project was also selected. If community scores high enough, bonus projects will also be funded. Asked to approve 7 million R. Weather noted DV bonus project should be listed as \$278,694. A Kraemer will revise error. T. Gilloti discussed not only creating new projects, but finding continual, sustainable funding for ongoing supportive housing. Balance between new units and ongoing support. Comment for future conversations, does not need to be addressed today Motion carried with no opposition.
3:35pm	8. Contributions to the CoC Collaborative Application- <i>Andrew Kraemer, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i> A. Kraemer discussed collaborative application. Community scoring is based on collaborative community program. About 70 pages discussing community boards, covid responses, etc. Application discusses community projects in best light. Asked for any input or review by board members. App is due next Tuesday. A. Kraemer shared email and asked that anyone interested reach out to receive PDF and offer feedback. No further discussion
3:40pm	9. COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Updates – <i>Rhonda Weathers, SOS Community Services and Marla Conkin, Salvation Army</i> M Conkin discussed processing applications for CERA. Some applications have been moved to UP to address high numbers of applications. HAWC has processed 800, 619 approved, 198 denied – due to duplications All apps have been assigned through middle of September. 2 million spent, 3 million still available for funding R. Weathers - 62 submitted, 256 under review, 108 processed 128 denied (duplications) 550 approved 4 million spent
3:45pm	10. Domestic Violence Survivors Community Response Update - <i>Morgha Williams Boydston, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i> M. Boydston provided update on support for DV survivors Nicole Beverly of Enough imitative provided training to HAWC staff – 10 staff attended Marla added training was happening same time as current CoC meeting. Staff will be trained determine lethality of DV cases and safety planning with survivors. Coordinated entry process means more DV survivors will be seen through HAWC, can connect better with SHC and other DV shelters. Better coordination to determine if additional assistance is needed, previously not known whether accepted or extent of lethality

3:55pm	11. Hustle for Housing Walk & Rally-<i>Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)</i> Dan Kelly discussed Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week next week November is homeless awareness month Coalition against homelessness doing several events Doing walk in community, speakers will be Dan and Amanda Please share flyers with teams, opportunities to engage media and state level At liberty plaza, 2 mile walk at 10 am Reach out if there are any questions
3:57pm	12. Shelter Updates, Individuals – <i>Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)</i> D. Kelly provided shelter updates on individuals. Winter programs are operational as of Monday. Weather has still been warm but 34 guests at winter shelter program - 15% higher than 2019-2020; did not compare to covid numbers due to high need Will continue to monitor and update if upward trend continues, hard to tell at this point New day shelter at ypsi freight house, weekends still having events Word is getting out, please share flyers with clients Stay warm or get referrals, reach out if you would like to be a part Changes to case management – rapid engagement around vouchers, always been done but doubling down – if apply now vouchers are automatically being approved, this may not be the case long term Covid safety protocols still in place, vaccines push – currently at 70% want to get to 80% Still testing masks distancing Using incentives to encourage vaccinations, higher than Michigan average – still distrust in community Emergency support offsite still available General community warm shelter during day contact hawc; At night go to delonis and will triage
4:04pm	13. Shelter Updates, Families a. <i>Marla Conkin, Salvation Army</i> Family shelter continues to be an issue Hotels not available due to game seasons Some families displaced to wayne and Belleville due to lack of hotels in Washtenaw Reaching out to hotels, new relationship with A2 hotels hopefully better relationship as previous hotel stopped working with them All case management and diversion support services Staff turnover, Gabriela left – hiring and restructuring duties on family shelter team to meet needs b. <i>Rhonda Weathers, SOS Community Services</i> Scattered site shelters are full, hard to move people into private rentals People coming into shelter are getting vouchers, pushing to get people with vouchers and sign leases

	New positions and restructuring of staff duties Marla added they applied for DHHS funding for hotels, covid relief funding still available until next Sept Weathers noted funding took significant hit, were hoping to expand programs – funder said new shelter in Lenawee has affected regional funding and taken funding from this area, continue with existing shelters but unable to expand currently c. <i>Ellen Schulmeister, IHN at Alpha House</i> Not present – no update provided.
4:15pm	14. Human Services Funding Resolution-CoC Board Executive Committee A. Carlisle presented – In light of end of coordinated funding grant, delay in new human services partnership, emergency shelters efp funding cuts – CoC board discussed need to push BOC to get human service partnership underway – stop delay in funding availability Carlisle put together draft resolution, shared via email during meeting for discussion R. Heiftje asked if vote needed to happen today, Amanda confirmed would like vote today to pass along to council and board asap Heiftje asked if anyone had concerns with moving forward, not previously on agenda Amanda moved to add agenda item, Jim seconded Amanda read resolve to group - resolve urges BOC and A2 city council to extend funding for next year Jan Little asked question – could put exact date rather than just saying one year? Amanda confirmed will add date Aubrey Patino asked if it would be reasonable to put respond by date, if timeline could be discussed and clear with members John discussed how it could be added but elected bodies may not adhere to respond by date Marla discussed adding info about impact on immediate need of funding extension – example: HAWC would need to lay off 2 people, other agencies likely have similar issue Amanda will add, executive committee can add more details on specific impacts or could use meeting to discuss John said board could approve the resolve cause and then move to executive committee to add whereas clauses, general approval of idea and specific approval of resolve cause – then folks can send Amanda additional info on what to add

Jim Mogensen added that it would make sense to follow John's suggestions, programs likely to disappear without immediate funding – BOC likely doesn't fully understand impact of funding

Dan added impact clauses are really important, specifics about staff and what they do
Example - Shelter partnership is medical with Packard

Tish lee had question about funding levels, asked about 1 yr extension. During past 6 months of 2021 have been at different transitional level – will resolve ask for immediate funding to be 1yr at level of transitional funding? Or say extend for another 6 months of transitional and encourage another year?

Amanda asked for additional comment from group

Ruth added might make sense to suggest a minimum level of funding

John added to please send suggestions to executive committee for whereas clauses

Jim discussed budgets, City of Ann Arbor budget ends in July – if ask for another year would straddle 2 budget cycles – funding is necessary for next year, but may be pushback from city

Amanda added that point made sense but if do not ask for a full year then unlikely to get 1 yr

John discussed how resolution may not result in exact impact wanted, but will hopefully push things along and get more clarity on timelines

Asked for final vote on resolve clause and move to executive committee for whereas clauses

No further discussion, motion carried with no opposition, Teresa abstained as staff on project

4:35pm

15. Board Member Updates/Issues

Jim discussed affordable housing as capital funding – successful completion of solo projects, additional funding available for emergency grants – envisioned as responding to emergent needs, some money 1000s available for training or other smaller needs, agency would need to accept funding

John requested that folks on board consider moving to a chair position if interested
Due to schedule change at ford school will likely be unable to attend coc meetings or be late.

Renee added they have new position too and may not be available for meetings either

Reach out to Renee or John about responsibilities and to discuss moving into chair role

4:40pm

16. Public Comment

5:00pm

17. Adjournment

John adjourned at 3:52 pm