GLHRN Board Minutes

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

9AM Women’s Shelter City Rescue Mission

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am.

**Introductions**:

Attendees:

Sharon Dade (VOA), Joel Murr (ICHD), Katrina Urista (CoL), Julie Shaltry (VOA), Jessica Lamson (MMRS), Meaghan Redd (GLHRN), Mark Criss (City Rescue Mission), Gabe Biber (Haven House), Rich Howard (BBBS), Susan Cancro (Advent House), Erin Roberts (EVE), Stephanie Oles (MSHDA), Doris Witherspoon (CoL), Cindi Borgman (CMH), Jenny Leaf (Loaves & Fishes), Liza Rios (LSSCM)

**Approval of March and April minutes**

Copies were distributed. One change to each of the minutes.

March – take out “whether or not Susan Agreed”

April – correct spelling of the word had

Motion to approve March minutes from Jessica.

Susan Seconds

All in favor.

None Opposed.

Jenny moves to approve the April minutes

Erin seconds

All in favor.

None opposed.

**Additions to the Agenda**

Stephanie Oles has two items.

1. Progress on HUD LGBTQ draft policy

2. Update on transition from VOA to Holy Cross with CoC

*Transition from VOA to Holy Cross*

Through Stephanie MSHDA requested to review Holy Cross governance documents. The City of Lansing would like those as well.

Sharon summarized the tentative plan for VOA to transition their Lansing based emergency shelter and homeless services to Holy Cross.

Holy Cross is expected to make a definitive decision by mid-August, then mid-August thru October will be the transition period.

Staff are likely to remain with the primary services here in Lansing.

They bill Medicaid and the PSH will go along with Holy Cross.

Homeless services include: Emergency shelter, new hope, kitchen, hotel, PSH programs, the HARA (CE) and ability benefits.

Sparrow, ICHD & VOA have a partnership for medical and potentially the dental programs.

VOA is interested in holding on to the Veterans programs.

MSHDA requires the CoC to approve changes in Coordinated Entry agent.

The VOA will continue to submit applications for grants (MSHDA, HUD, City) then make an amendment later once everything is settled.

Sharon will recommend to the VOA that they remain a member of the GLHRN and Holy Cross becomes a member.

Sharon’s intention is to stay with Lansing services.

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Huge thank you to Toni Young for leading this committee.

During the Strategic Planning Committee meetings and network surveys, work was done regarding a name change, revised mission statement, and collaborative values amongst other items. Final suggestions submitted to the Board for a name change and mission statement:

Capital Area Homeless Collaborative

Mid Michigan Homeless Coalition

Mission:

We partner to prevent homelessness

Partnering to prevent and end homelessness.

Values:

Prevention

Self sufficiency

Prioritizing resources

Collaborative solutions

Discussion:

Mark doesn’t think Mid Michigan is an option – due to Midland and Saginaw not really being part of our CoC but being in Mid Michigan

Gabriel suggested either Capital Area or Mid Michigan could would work and collaborative is better than coalition. He also proposed the mission statement, “We partner to prevent and end homelessness.”

*Susan made a motion to move committee reports to a written submission for this month in order to continue this valuable conversation. Membership, CQI, Veterans Stand Down, City of Lansing, Move Up Voucher will all be submitted to Meaghan via email.*

*Cindy Seconds.*

*All in favor.*

*None opposed.*

Rich suggested “Capital Region Homeless Collaborative.”

Also values work that some of us are doing regionally.

Jessica made a motion to change the name of the Continuum of Care from Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution Network to Capital Region Housing Collaborative and to change the mission statement to “We partner to prevent and end homelessness.”

All in favor, except Doris

Doris, opposed.

Motion Passes.

Values, please review and get back to Coordinator with any other recommendations.

**Finance Committee**

The checking account needs to be updated annually when the Executive Board members change. Sharon (Chair) and Jessica (Vice Chair) need to be added to the account as the signers and owners.

Erin makes the motion to have the Vice Chair and Chair as the owners and signers of the MSU FCU Checking account for the GLHRN

Doris second.

All in favor, Jessica Lamson, Sharon Dade, Elizabeth Rios, Erin Roberts, Susan Cancro, Jenny Leaf, Doris Witherspoon, Mark Criss, Cindi Borgman, Except Katrina Urista

Katrina opposes.

Motion passes.

Jessica made a motion to create a Board Resolution to amend the by-laws to ensure that the Chair and Vice Chair are continuously the signers and owners on the bank account.

Jessica makes the motion

Julie seconds

Discussion

The by-laws can only be amended in October and must be posted for 60 days.

Motion withdrawn.

**LGBTQ Policy Update**

S. Dade recognized Jennifer McMahon (CFC) for her hard work meeting with focus groups and drafting the initial policy for the board review. The board had some robust initial discussion valuing that the language was too specific in detailing procedures. The board tabled the discussion to continue to review and refine the language to better reflect where existing policies are sufficient and where we need to value the HUD rules and our own procedural work to ensure appropriate service.

Stephanie Oles provided an extension on the deadline (we have to have to MSHDA no later than July 1, 2018). This will be an action item on the June 2018 board meeting agenda and the board may call an additional special meeting to refine the policy prior to the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am

**Action Items:**

* Sharon will ask Holy Cross for governance documents requested by MSHDA and the City of Lansing
* Committee reports from Membership, CQI, Veterans Stand Down, City of Lansing, Move Up Vouchers, and Veterans will be emailed to Meaghan.
* Board needs to review the values, please get any new recommendations to Meaghan
* Reminder to amend by-laws at October meeting, submit Notification to Network.
* Schedule special LGBTQ Policy meeting for further discussion