

CoC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting on June 29, 2016 at EMPLOY Milwaukee.

Present: Amy Lorenz, Nancy Monarrez, Joe Volk, Ken Schmidt, Steven Mahan, John Stibal, Tim Baack, Shannon Reed, Jim Mathy, Andi Elliott, Jim Eigenberger, Luke Radomski, Dena Hunt, Emily Kenney, John Hyatt, and Claire Johnson.

Absent: Ald. Jose Perez, Lieutenant Cassandra Libal, Clifton Crump, Mark Hilton, Kirstin Haglund, Gregory Williams, Peggy Romo West, Kent Lovern, Mike Hafemann, Greg Schramka, David Pifer, Ted Matkom, Gwat-Yong Lie (excused)

Abstained from voting: Joe Volk, Ken Schmidt, Emily Kenney, Ahong Xiong, Rafael Acevedo.
Facilitators: The City of Milwaukee, Lead Agency of the Continuum of Care

Ricardo Ybarra introduced and welcomed everyone to Employ Milwaukee. The meeting was located in the Hire Center. John began the meeting with introductions and review of the February meeting minutes from 2015. There was a motion to approve by Luke Radomski and a second approval by Jim Eigenberger. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. There was a review of the consent agenda and a motion to approve by Tim Baack and a second approval by Jim Mathy. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Guest Speakers: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Homelessness presented (WCAH). Both Joe Volk and Ken Schemidt represented the coalition. They stated that the coalition has been in place for about 18 months and have been giving updates on the work they are doing in Wisconsin. Today they come with an ask to the Milwaukee Continuum of Care. They stated that their coalition has a state-wide board but what is lacking on that board is a member from the Milwaukee Continuum of Care. Therefore, recently, County Supervisor Peggy Romo West has been invited and agreed to represent Milwaukee on the coalition's state-wide board. It has been a year since the coalition has last visited the Milwaukee Continuum of Care. They have been working at the state capital in various ways since that first initial meeting with the Milwaukee Continuum of Care. Joe stated that while at Community Advocates, he ran the Milwaukee CoC from 2002 until 2012. He stated that he has been able to get state legislators to work on the issues surrounding homelessness and has been meeting with the state legislators monthly. Recently there was an article on the front page of the State Journal that spoke to the work that the Wisconsin Coalition Against Homelessness is doing in Wisconsin. Ken shared the policy paper of their road map to end homelessness in the state. The WCAH is requesting that the City of Milwaukee match the County funding of \$300,000. This funding is to help the WCAH. The WCAH will be meeting with the City of Madison and the City of Wausau to see if there is potential funding for the coalition. It was requested to have this as an agenda item at the next meeting.

HMIS: Nancy stated that the Point In Time would be ramping up again. The Point In Time is a single snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in the local geographic area. This past PIT and in the coming PITs to come, Milwaukee utilizes the Street Outreach teams in partnership with MPD to survey the unsheltered experiencing homelessness. This PIT we are hoping to have 3 squad cards from MPD.

Nancy also presented on the Wisconsin Welcome Home Pilot program. A program targeted towards veterans and their widows. The program is to assist veterans and their widows with first month's rent and arrearages. So far the program has served 28 veterans. They can have income, live in transitional housing and/or have a HUD VASH voucher. The program has until sometime September to spend down the grant. The Board of Directors would like to see the total CH veteran number. The board also requested for the #s of vets that went to Housing First, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing. Rafael stated that the board will meet before September for the NOFA. The NOFA is said to be coming out any day now. The NOFA is stating that HUD is moving away from TH projects because TH is not as cost-effective as RRH or other program types. There is also need to formalize the CPD for the chronically homeless in Milwaukee. There is a prioritization and a single way of coordinating entry into PSH but it is not formalized. The Coordinated Entry leadership committee will be working on this in the coming months.

CoC Governance Charter: The CoC Governance Charter was presented. There has been many revisions and the document will continuously be a working document. The City stated that there is an at-large position that is vacant. There is a proposal to invite Dan McCarthy back to the Continuum. In 2012-2013, he was the CoC Chair and was then the Board chair for Cathedral Center. There is a lot of knowledge there. There was a request to see if his appointment to the Board of Directors would be approved. There was a motion by Jim Mathy and a second approval by Claire Johnson. The Board of Directors voted unanimously and Dan is now a part of the Board of Directors. There was motion to approve the CoC Governance Charter with amendments by Jim Mathy and a second approval by Amy Lorenz. There was a unanimous vote and the motion carried. The CoC Governance Charter was adopted.

Announcements: Jim stated that Milwaukee County is hoping to reallocate \$775,000 CDBG funds. The Milwaukee County Housing Division is hoping to use \$300,000 for a CoC warehouse for large items and other necessities that may be hard to house but useful when moving people into PSH. The proposal is moving the Milwaukee County Board for approval.

Meeting adjourned.