

Manchester

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MCoC General Assembly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday, September 21, 2023 9 AM – 10:30 AM

Location

<https://thehome.zoom.us/j/95308443516?pwd=VmM0V2MyOEh4RIBIK3J3UXdwempsZz09>

Attendees: Matthew McCall, Sarah Jones, Caitlin Cormier, Leslie Mendenhall, Stephanie Savard, Adrienne Beloin, Jen Bryden, Kristie McKenney, Matt Bouchie, Erica Diamond, Katie Tovar Paciulan, Peter Janelle, Meghan Shea, Joshua Grant, Kelsey Sanborn, Lindsey Lussier, Erica Brooks, Daniel Amato, Jocelyne Pinsonneault, Larry Nice, Andrea May, Germano Martins, Kristine Hall, Chertina Walker, Kristi Schott, Meghan Morrow Raftery

9:00 Meeting begins

Topic 1: Introduction and Vote on Minutes

A motion to vote on the committee roles was hosted.

Topic 2: NOFO Updates

Meg Shea and Erica Diamond, Director of Contract Compliance, from FIT came to discuss the NOFO. Applicant for MCoC and they have hired consultants to help with the project. The timeline of deadlines was released earlier this week.

- FIT has submitted everything to HUD
- Follow up email from Meg will be sent to all members.
- FIT is looking to explore delegating this responsibility of NOFO to another partnering agency.
- Keep an eye out for public postings and be aware of the red highlighted deadlines.

FIT will send out a document where they will provide information on who is eligible to apply and what expenses are eligible. The funding amounts provided in this document are still approximate and could change.

There are four types of projects eligible this year:

- Renewal projects
- New bonus projects
- New reallocation funding projects

- New domestic violence bonus projects.

Changes from previous NOFO: Revisited.

- The amount for the planning grant increased, from 3% to 5% or \$50,000, whichever is higher.
- There are two new line items: rural costs to promote helping homelessness in rural populations and VAWA.
 - 10% of funds for current projects can be shifted to VAWA or rural costs.
- New help for applying for individuals with speech or hearing difficulties.
- New definition of homelessness to include individuals fleeing domestic violence.
 - When reviewing internal policies and applications, include language related to this new definition.
- YHDP updates – only applies to those who initially got funding in 2016.

Priorities include:

- Ending homelessness for all persons.
- Using a housing first approach.
- Reducing unsheltered homelessness.
- Improving system performance.
- Partnering with housing, health, and service agencies.

They are also looking to increase access for LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Topic 3. Date Committee

Peter discussed the desire to have a data committee be established, this would be to provide a more in depth look into the data that is collected.

- Peter will report more on this group with Matt B and what it entails.
- This group will be looking for members to join from partnering agencies.

Topic 4: Subcommittee Updates

- **Coordinated Entry** – Lindsey stated that this group has moved to having one case conferencing meeting per month. Between the meetings, if agencies need referrals they can email Lauren and Lindsay. Lauren will send out an updated calendar invite with the once-a-month meeting. Adrienne asked if they are putting out statistics, which is not something they are currently doing. They can have a conversation about how to do this. There isn't a lot of availability for housing currently, which led to the decrease in meetings. This is still being conducted monthly with an email if a unit is open and a referral is needed.
- **Veterans** – They have initiated the "50 in 5" where from July 1, 2023 to Veterans Day (November 11, 2023), they want 50 vets across the state to become housed in an effort to end veteran homelessness. In July, they are already at 8 move ins. Their next meeting is in August and will be combined with the BoS because they are a lot of the same providers in those subcommittee groups. If you have a veteran who has been moved in recently and it hasn't been updated in HMIS, let Katie know.

- **Community Care Team** – Matt B shared that this committee is actively helping members of the community, Matt was able to share the shifts that staff are working.
- **Youth** – Not available at this time. Matt discussed the importance of reestablishing this group.
- **Zero Suicide Homelessness Coalition** – Not available at this time. Discussion of this group belonging to Manchester Mental Health.

9:50 AM Meeting Concludes

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023 9 AM – 10:30 AM

Minutes Prepared By:

Autumn Nall – The Home for Little Wanderers

MCoC Clerk