



MDHI Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2017

Role	Board Member	Present	Absent
President	Melanie Lewis Dickerson		X (excused)
Vice President (Org)	Brenton Hutson	X	
Vice President (CoC)	Shelley McKittrick	X	
Treasurer	Bob Munroe	X	
Board Member	Andrew Alsip	X	
Board Member	Benjamin Ryan	X	
Board Member	Brian Ngo-Smith	X	
Board Member	Claire Clurman		X (excused)
Board Member	Daphne McCabe	X (Phone)	
Board Member	Erik Soliván		X (excused)
Board Member	Jamie Rife	X	
Board Member	Lori Rosendahl		X (excused)
Board Member	Maryjane Carr	X	
Board Member	Patricia Hall	X	
Board Member	Stevi Gray	X	
Board Member	Cheryl Secorski	X	
Board Member	Alix Midgley	X (Phone)	
Board Member	Eugene Wade	X	
Board Member	Malinda Anderson	X	
Board Member	Ken Hayes	X	

Guests attending: Laura Ware, Bayaud, Brian Zugschwert, Beverly Cisse, Mandy May, Shawn Hayes, CCH; Ian Cohn, Courtney Fischer, Leslie Burwell, VOA

Staff attending: Will Connelly, Rebecca Mayer, Joe Baker, Justin Russell, Ian Fletcher, Diane Howald

Administrative:

Welcome and Introductions

Shelley McKittrick welcomed the staff and board to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mission Moment

Shelley thanked Diane Howald for her leadership in coordinating the 2018 Point in Time, and thanked the entire MDHI staff for their efforts to coordinate the PIT.

Consent Agenda Motion

Shelley entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Brian Ngo-Smith motioned, Andrew Alsip seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenton Hutson made a motion to delay the Executive Director evaluation until the March board meeting. Brian Ngo-Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Deep Dives:

Employment Committee Updates

Laura Ware provided an update from the employment committee. She explained the history and achievements of the committee over the past several years. Committee was formed because of a need to find employment interface to homeless services and agencies. Each of the seven counties had their own priorities and challenges. Their work was to improve the employment outcomes on the HUD CoC NOFA application. Given their directive, they have identified ways for employers around the seven-county region to integrate those with offender backgrounds into employment outcomes. Courtney Fischer shared that they have implemented a comprehensive work-ready program and have implemented this model with one of CCH's employment initiatives. She talked about the case work done with each participant and established interview technique through a luncheon model. They worked with Home Depot at these trainings and have found these to be successful to find long term employment solutions. They seek employers with a wide range of job openings and skill needs.

Laura shared that their work is to complement the work done to end homelessness. The new focus of the Employment Committee is to create a focused training around training for a 'Peer Professional Track', so further work with peers in the housing, employment specialization, and leverage peer knowledge. They hope to sponsor 6 trainings per year with employers to find long term employment.

Shelley asked if an organization could request involvement in the committee or have a participant get involved. Laura answered that they will connect after the board meeting.

HMIS Vendor Transition

Will Connelly gave a status update about the state of the new vendor selection. He shared that the DOLA money should arrive in the next 60 days. Will shared that Denver county will take a bit longer as they try to determine which department we will need to contract with. He shared that in the next 30-60 days, we should be ready to sign the contract.

Rebecca Mayer shared that the statewide HMIS governance has the meeting dates published and invites board and guests to make recommendations to the agenda. She shared that they need recommendations for people to staff the HMIS transition subcommittee.

PIT Update

Diane Howald shared that volunteer recruitment went well, over 200 volunteers recruited. Diane said this was our best year for incentives recruitment and drive. MDHI received over 20,000 in incentives donations via in-kind and cash. Many of the regional magnet events

Over 1400 surveys completed on mobile – many of the paper surveys are still coming in. Most of the feedback about the mobile survey has been positive. The launch event in October helped the community get involved and better support the count. Each of the county debriefs will be completed by early March.

Shelley shared that over 80-150 people were housed through motel vouchers that night in Aurora. Diane shared that the events in Thornton and elsewhere were a positive force in communities which have historically not been as involved. Diane shared that agency staff and board members participated at greater levels than usual. VOA shared more than a dozen staff to support various sites throughout the community.

Laura Ware asked if the showers were a draw at some of the magnet events. Diane said she thought they helped but she hasn't heard specifically. Alix shared that the showers were a huge draw in Adams county. Pat Hall said that the media coverage was quite a bit more robust than in previous years. Diane shared that the media asked for a lot more than staff could answer or cover on short notice.

Diane shared that the next steps are getting more PIT feedback, receiving the rest of the surveys, and finalizing the contract with the data entry consultant.

Shelley shared that the mapping platform caused some challenges with the application. An update in the final week caused an issue but will be a lesson learned for next year.

Will shared that we are already being asked about the final numbers and report due date. Diane shared that the numbers will be submitted to HUD in late spring.

Board Matters:

Wrap up, Open Forum, and Dates to Remember:

Cheryl Secorski shared an announcement that HUD has released a NOFA for the YHDP. 11 communities will split the total award of 43 million dollars, with 1 million dollars minimum per community award. MDHI applied last year and the community application will be similar to last year.

Pat Hall asked if the amount is only 1 million. Cheryl explained that a complex formula determines the split between the communities.

Shelley shared that tomorrow is the last day to apply for the reduced rate for the Housing First Partners Conference. Will shared that there is a pre-conference session is focused on employment.

Meeting Adjourned