



May 14, 2020 - 2:00 - 4:00pm
Zoom call

Board Minutes

Attendees:

Due to Covid19 the meeting was held via video conference on zoom

John Feeney-Coyle, Elissa Hardy, Claire Clurman, Karissa Johnson, Jennifer Biess, Mike Malloy, Kelli Barker, Ved Price, Carla Respects Nothing, Brian Arnold, Rachel Vaughn, Karen Kreutzberg, Ben Ryan, Pat Hall, Eugene Wade, Andrew Alsip, Renee Belisle, Shelly McKittrick, Ken Hayes, Ayashe Cornelius

MDHII Staff:

Matt Meyer, Kelly Hellman, Diane Howald, Jamie Rife, Jackie Hernandez, Rebecca Mayer, Sae Hong

Administrative:

Ben called roll and thanked everyone for their flexibility to accommodate a Zoom call and called the meeting to order at 2:03

Consent Agenda:

Ben covered the consent agenda which included the financials.

Elissa provided an update on Governance which stated that most groups are continuing to meet or plan on meeting soon. MDHI has done a great job of engaging the YAB committee and engaging this group.

Vote -Ben motioned to approve consent agenda, Ved seconded, no opposed, motion passes by acclamation

Topics:

HMIS Monitoring Plan Approval

Rebecca referred to page 18 of the board packet to go over the HMIS Monitoring Approval Plan. She highlighted sections and discussed questions around scoring. Shelly asked if we are satisfied with Bitfocus as the vendor to which Rebecca replied that they are so much better, and that the customer experience is great as far as reporting and customer contact.

Vote: Motion to approve the HMIS Monitoring Plan, second by Ayashe, no opposed, Approved by acclamation

Updates:

Budget and Audit

Claire provided an update on the budget process and status to-date. We plan on submitting the FY21 budget for Board approval at the June Board Meeting.

Kelly presented the March Financials that included no surprises. Ved asked if any COVID19 issues were affecting the budget in any way. Kelly responded that it had not reduced funding and may increase funding due to Foundations wanting to help as well as additional ESG COVID related funding that we may get.

Board Officer Succession and Recruitment

John stated that we are focused on equity goals and people with particular professional backgrounds. The few applicants that we have are good candidates but we would like more to choose from. He asked the board to review their contacts and think about any of them that may be good candidates. The deadline may get extended if we have not received a enough applications. Ben stated that he has heard that a few people are interested in becoming a board officers. If you are interested, please let Ben or John know. Ben is happy to answer any questions and assures the board that they are all qualified.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Ben stated that a good chunk of the language in MDHI's conflict of Interest policy comes from the NOFA policy guidelines. We also plan to update this policy and go through the details before NOFA season. Karissa asked if we plan on having those with NOFA conflicts participating in the NOFA policy decisions, then cut them off at a certain point as the discussion progresses? Ben answered yes. Matt mentioned that there is a current bill on the House of Representatives that will put the current year on pause with no changes and just extend it another year. This bill is unlikely to be accepted by the Senate and that any new information is not likely to come out soon.

Equity Recommendations #3 Outcomes, Prioritization and Data

Ben introduced the next topic of the 3rd Equity recommendation. Karissa gave an overview of what this entails. Ben asked if the committee had looked at the laws and asked if we are steering clear of laws against discrimination. Karissa stating that we should target the system rather than focus on targeting race which will be a better way to approach the issue. She added that this should start with Coordinated Entry. Ved asked about the methods of data sharing and Karissa answered that she had consulted with Mark Dones. Who did not have all of the answers to the data question. She added that we will have a challenge getting the data from all of the agencies. Matt added that we should be more engaged with child welfare and other key feeder systems and that the onus is on us to address inequities on the pandemic and homelessness. Carla stated that in the native community, they have started the process of getting data in the form of 300 surveys and is willing to share this data. Matt said that he would reach out and reiterated that the native community has been hit hard. Karissa stated that the 3 equity recommendations are all dependent on each other in order for the overall program to be successful.

Ben asked of anyone had any questions on the 2 earlier recommendations which nobody did. He stated that the next steps are to empower staff and committees to act. This includes developing statements that the board can adopt as Governing policy. Matt shared an Ends Policy that he drafted. Karissa added that she thinks that Latinx should be included in the statement. Matt agreed and will add. Brian added that that the teeth will be in how we hold ourselves accountable. Ben added that perhaps we could include the 3 categories of activities. Matt will draft a new statement based on the discussion and asked that if anyone else has any additional comments that they are welcome to get in touch with him.

Ben encouraged everyone to keep up the good work and to reach out of anyone needed anything. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00

MISSION: *Leading and advancing collaboration to end homelessness in our region.*