



Metro Denver Homeless Initiative - Board Meeting
March 12, 2020 - 2:00 - 4:00pm
Zoom call

Board Minutes

Attendees:

Due to Covid19 Office Closing preparation, the meeting was held via zoom

John Feeney-Coyle, Elissa Hardy, Claire Clurman, Karissa Johnson, Jennifer Biess, Mike Malloy, Alix Midgley, Kelli Barker, Ved Price, Carla Respects Nothing, Brian Arnold, Rachel Vaughn, Karen Kreutzberg, Kristen Toombs, Ben Ryan, Pat Hall, Eugene Wade, Andrew Alsip, Renee Belisle

MDHII Staff:

Matt Meyer, Kelly Hellman, Diane Howald, Jamie Rife, Jackie Hernandez

Administrative:

Ben called roll and thanked everyone for their flexibility to accommodate a Zoom call and called the meeting to order at 2:04

Ben stated that due to the complexity of the scheduled Equity and Accessibility discussion, we will table that as it is too difficult to have that discussion over the phone. We will continue with that subject once we are able to meet in person once again.

Claire provided an update on the Executive Director evaluation and congratulated Matt on his 1-year anniversary. The Executive committee has met with a consultant regarding Matt's evaluation but as of yet there is nothing to report.

Consent Agenda:

Ben covered the consent agenda minus the financials which will be voted on separately. Matt added that a piece on Covid19 was inadvertently left out of the Executive Director report. MDHI has cancelled all in person committee meetings going forward and as necessary, will conduct Zoom calls when needed. We have upped our Zoom licenses to be able to accommodate the anticipated increase in calls. HUD and CDC guidance will be disseminated out to the network as information becomes available. Matt added that he has weekly calls with Denver Public Health as a lot of planning for the homeless community will be needed. Kristen asked at what level are these meetings being conducted and Matt responded that it is at the City and County level. Matt added that we may soon have all of the MDHI staff working from home. Kristen added that the information and planning decisions are fast moving and will forward new information as she gets it. Kelli asked if guidance was driven by the county level and Matt answered that it is driven by Public Health Departments. Claire asked if there were links on our website and Jamie said that MDHI is getting information out via blogs, twitter and Facebook.

Vote -Ben motioned to approve consent agenda minus the Financials, Alix seconded, no opposed, motion passes by acclamation

Topics:

Updates- Governance & Continuum Activities

Board Officer Succession:

John provided his ideas for next steps for Board succession and recruitment. John would like for the whole board to be involved in recruiting new members. We also need to keep in mind the number of members who are service providers. Brian asked for thoughts on how we create more diversity. John responded that we each should look at our individual contacts for people we already know. Ved asked if we would want board members who do not necessarily agree on all of our viewpoints regarding homelessness. John answered with yes, we would welcome all viewpoints in order to be a well-rounded board. Ben added that we wouldn't ask potential new members about their political viewpoints and would want diversity. Karissa added that we would be open to radical and different perspectives. John listed industries that we currently see as gaps on the board that include; Law enforcement, Business leaders, Government sector individuals, and members of the faith community. Matt also added landlords or real estate developers. Pat added that she may have someone in mind that works for Adams county. John stated that the new board applications are on the MDHI website. John added that some of the officer's terms are ending in a couple of months. Ben will stay on to support the incoming chair and to serve as his/her backup. We will amend the bylaws to reflect this. Brian asked about the time commitment for the executive committee. Ben stated that it involves working with Matt on agenda's and issues that arise, which amount to a couple of calls per month. The monthly executive calls are usually 90 minutes in length. John stated that as the Vice-Chair, he deals with overseeing the governance committee and supports the nuts and bolts of the organization such as recruitment, changes to the Bylaws etc. Elissa said that her commitment includes EC calls and working on the councils and committee groups. Claire added that her commitment includes oversight to the Finance Committee, reviewing the 990 and annual audit and overall financials policies. As a group, the executive committee's commitment is about 8-10 hours a month.

John sent around the bylaws to change Article 5 (pg 14) to reflect that past chair would stay around to assist the new chair in transition and to serve as backup chair.

Vote – John Motion to approve the change to the bylaws Article 5 to reflect that the past chair stay on to assist the new chair and to serve as his/her backup moved by Alix, Midgley, second by Mike Malloy, approved by acclamation

Board Committee Assignments – Elissa asked that everyone look over the committee assignments and to let her know if anyone has any questions.

January Financials

Vote - John motioned to approve the January Financials, second by Claire, approved by acclamation

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:13

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