



STEERING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2025

8:30am - 10:30am

Facilitator:	Elizabeth Stoddard		
Meeting Attendees:	Elizabeth Stoddard, Becki Postma, Chris Palusky, Thelma Ensink, Tenisa Frye, Lauren VanKeulen, Lindsey Reames, Christina White, Adrienne Goodstal, Casey Gordon, Ryan VerWys, Paul Smith, Sam Westhouse, Stacy Datena, Wende Randall, Alonda Trammell, Jazz McKinney, Kate Berens, Monique Carter, Maranda VanZegeren, Tenise Clipper, Ryan Kilpatrick, Mark Contreras Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Alyssa Anten, Brianne Robach, Robyn Van Dyke, Ronan Parmenter		
Time Convened:	8:32 AM	Time Adjourned:	10:39 AM

Approval of Agenda			
Motion by:	Adrienne Goodstal	Support from:	Paul Smith
Discussion			
Amendments	- Moving Director's Report and Federal Update note to top of minutes.		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes		
Approval of Minutes		November 21, 2025	
Motion by:	Ryan VerWys	Support from:	Thelma Ensink
Discussion			
Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fixed wording about Executive Committee and CHC 2.0 roadmap- Fixed wording about staff member role during CHC 2.0 demo- Corrected who made the motion for the ad hoc council- Fixed few sentences about financials regarding CHC 2.0		
Conclusion	All in favor with edits made, motion passes		
Approval of Consent Agenda			
Motion by:	Adrienne Goodstal	Support from:	Lindsey Reames
Discussion			
Amendments	- Moving Family Promise item to #10		
Conclusion	All in favor with edits made, motion passes		
Director's Report			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Alyssa Anten will be transitioning to the Program Manager position at the CoC. The HMIS Administrator role is now open.- Becki Postma is now Courtney's direct supervisor.- Quarterly rocks session will be taking place on January 13th, 2026.- Preparing for PIT Count by putting together bags.- Toured Haven for Hope, a transitional campus in San Antonio, TX.<ul style="list-style-type: none">o 22 acres with a community service and resource center.o Has family, single, and youth shelter.o Offers transitional housing and emergency services.			



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○ Surrounded by PSH and other housing projects.		
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Federal Update		
Discussion		
<u>NOFO Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although rescinded, there remains a lot unknown. A NOFO with modifications is still planning to be released, but there's a lot in flux with quick turnaround. Expect lots of conversations in the future. - Another hearing will take place today at 10 AM. - There are funding delays and no grant agreements for FY25 funds. Will need to work on contingency plans for delays so prepare for advocacy. 		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
CoC Program Competition and Related Policies (Ranking, Reallocation, etc.)		
Discussion		
<u>Local Ranking Policy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed in FY23 - Acts as a precedent for ranking applications for renewals, infrastructure, etc. There is a need for a formal policy as guidance. - Courtney discussed our non-competitively ranked, renewal, and new projects are listed due to the recent NOFO. Will be looking at edits and considering revisions in January. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Folks asked if these updates would be ready by January's Steering. There is some caution about making edits until we know what's happening. ○ There's a need to be ready before the next NOFO drops, potentially make some changes before it releases. 		
<u>Reallocation Policy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courtney discussed voluntary and involuntary reallocation and what they both look like. - Potentially choosing different project types to receive funding. - Creating editable thresholds to prepare for trends. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May help projects know what's expected from them. - Funding Review Committee should weigh in on this conversation, thresholds, and project trends. - There was conversation about understanding why there would be preference towards an organization that is shifting its programs and voluntarily reallocating to a different program type like PSH to Outreach. It seems like we're working within HUD's pre-identified, allowable points. Will need to look at the fairness of it. - Conversation about what a worst-case scenario would look like that could trigger reallocation of funds versus a warning. There is a scale that can depend on what's available during the year. 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a need to create something that is enforceable, but there's also a concern about the capacity to monitor projects. Originally Craig helped. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What does it take to implement this? What supports are necessary? 		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Share documents in Google Docs with both policies.	CoC	12/23/2025
CHC 2.0 – Follow-up on action items		
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No communication yet back about CHC 2.0 - Due to upcoming budget concerns in the next year, there is concern about implementing CHC 2.0 in the next six months. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Six months seems to be a reasonable amount of time with all the background work happening. - Folks would like clear communication about the work happening on the developer's side as there are still some technical elements needing to be tweaked. They would also prefer to have more eyes on the program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Too many unresolved questions and would like to be included more in the process. - It would be very useful for the bi-directional API to be fixed. - Consensus to revisit this in 6 months when API is functional and there are less unknowns. It would be beneficial to have agencies get familiar with the program. - Create a specific list of items the CoC feels like they are missing or needed to make a decision about CHC 2.0. If there are missing items, document those in writing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Although some gaps have been identified, CHC 2.0 would be valuable when in an ideal position. o There was a document about what we needed to see, but will need to create an updated and more formal version. - Caution about putting staff time and effort into a tool we don't own. - There is a need to identify why we are saying no right now. Is it funding? NOFO? Restrictions or eligibility? - Perhaps draft something from Executive to ensure people are on board. <p>**Motion to pause consideration (but not conversation) of CHC 2.0 implementation for next 6 months, with Executive Committee to draft communication on the internal and external barriers to implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion by: Casey Gordon, support by: Thelma Ensink - All in favor, motion passes 		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Committee Updates and Rosters		
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will no longer include YAB updates as they will come through AYA instead. - Family Functional Zero needs to meet for future considerations. 		



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Nominating Committee

- Potential need for reform in the new year, being appointed for a 2-year term?
- Erin was a recommitment, with Paul and Jazz being appointed by Steering Committee.
- Paul Smith is willing to continue to serve and wants more voices in the room.
- Nominating Committee seats will be voted by General Membership, with three members from General Membership.

****Motion to appoint Paul Smith for Nominating:**

- Moved by Kate Berens, seconded by Tenisa Frye.
- All in favor, motion passes.

BFZ

- Joining with youth cohort
- Determining quality data infrastructure for youth/counting every youth whose experiencing homelessness. There are questions about adjacent systems and how youth in those systems are appropriately connected to HMIS.
 - o A need to accurately track inflow and outflow.
 - o Youth Solutions Council will have their work integrated into this.
 - o Infrastructure hoping to be redefined in the new year.
- Youth Solutions Council up and running. We went over the results from the State of Youth Homelessness event.
- Identifying priorities and aligning with them.

Coordinated Entry Committee

- As discussed in October
- Discussed MSHDA's HCV Prioritization Process
- Back in the fall, a work group was created to update the priority process to ensure we weren't screening people out to perceived barriers. As a result, the work group developed two prioritization pools to present to CE:
 - o Households chronically homelessness.
 - o Households who have returned to homelessness after in a long-term resource.
 - o CE recommended splitting these buckets 50/50 when there's a pool
 - o Allocate one voucher to chronic if there's an uneven split.

****Motion to approve the MSHDA HCV Prioritization process with the changes accepted, understanding that it will regularly go under review and consideration as needed. In the event that there is an odd number of vouchers will go to chronic.**

- Moved by: Ray King, seconded by Lauren VanKeulen.
- All in favor motion passes

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Hold Nomination Committee elections in the February General Membership	CoC	



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Tabled motion on ad hoc law enforcement advisory council from November 12 meeting			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lauren VanKeulen is willing to retract the motion as long as there’s action taken in the next month.- The city of GR has a committee of elected officials and community members. Currently, there isn’t law enforcement in there but they do frequently attend those meetings. We could potentially be doing the same.- The homelessness outreach team’s law enforcement liaison meets weekly to talk about the homelessness response.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Add to January’s Executive agenda		CoC	
EOS Update			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EOS rocks are due January 13th- There is discussion with Executive about modeling a strategic plan to utilize those rocks.- Will need to redevelop one-year goals from the end of 2026 to Summer 2026.- Governance models and CoC structure plan has been drafted.- CCCP goals in six months.- Wanting to achieve quality data for youth.- Finalize plans for reaching chronic functional zero.- Strategic plan has been drafted and is available for comment.- Discussed the CoC’s rocks.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Year-end celebration/annual report			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shared General Membership’s 2025 successes.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Put annual report on January’s agenda			
Any other matters by Steering Committee Member(s)			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Public Comment on Any Agenda Item			
Discussion			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Adjourn			



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Motion by:	Elizabeth Stoddard	Support from:	
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