



STEERING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2023

8:30-10:30

Facilitator:	Casey Gordon		
Meeting Attendees:	<u>Steering members present:</u> Casey Gordon, Elizabeth Stoddard, Victoria Sluga, Victoria Arnold, Ryan VerWys, Alonda Trammell, Fran Dalton, Lindsey Reames, Ryan Kilpatrick, Charisse Mitchell, Holly Wilson, Lauren VanKeulen, Kate Berens, Karen Tjapkes, Mark Contreras, Gustavo Perez (joined at 9:00am) <u>Steering members absent with notification:</u> Jose Salinas, Nicole Hofert, Adrienne Goodstal <u>Steering members absent without notification:</u> <u>Community Members:</u> Bill Joure (Cherry Health), Greg Mustric (Woda Cooper), Nicole Beagle (MSHDA), Wende Randall (ENTF), Tasha Blackmon (Cherry Health) <u>Staff:</u> Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	8:36 am	Time Adjourned:	10:33 am

Approval of Agenda			
Motion by:	Ryan VerWys	Support from:	Lauren VanKeulen
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of Minutes		January 20, 2023	
Motion by:	Karen Tjapkes	Support from:	Ryan VerWys
Discussion			
Amendments	Ensure the correct year is referenced throughout		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Public Comment on Any Agenda Item			
Discussion			
None			
Approval of Consent Agenda			
Motion by:	Karen Tjapkes	Support from:	Kate Berens
Discussion	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Petitions and Communications			
Discussion			
None			
Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Presentation - Woda Cooper: Shea Ravines			
Discussion			
<p>Greg Mustric, of Woda Cooper, presented information on Shea Ravines, a proposed LIHTC project developed in conjunction with Cherry Health. The project would include 56 units with 20 dedicated for Permanent Supportive Housing with Community Rebuilders as the lead agency. Greg answered questions from members and requested a letter of support for this project.</p>			



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Ryan VerWys motioned and Alonda Trammell seconded that the Coalition provide a letter of support to Woda Cooper for their proposed Shea Ravines LIHTC project. All in favor, motion passes.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
RRH Service Standards		
Discussion		
<p>Brianne Robach shared that Coordinated Entry Committee requested a change to the RRH Service Standards policy to define 'safe' housing as housing that 'passes habitability and Housing Quality Standards'. Conversation around ensuring shared language understanding. Lindsey indicated that HUD inspections must incorporate the most stringent standards from federal, state, and local code. (Gustavo Perez joined the meeting)</p> <p>Charisse Mitchell motioned to send the policy back to CE Committee for further review with suggested language that housing passes "the applicable HUD-enforced housing quality standards". Lauren VanKeulen seconded. All in favor, motion passes.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Community Engagement		
Discussion		
<p>Courtney Myers-Keaton share update on conversations with partners around the best strategies to engage in community conversation increasing the understanding of homelessness and identifying concerns and solutions.</p>		
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Staffing & Funding Updates		
Discussion		
<p>Courtney provided an update on the status of oncoming staff positions. She anticipates that the Coordinated Entry Program Manager position will not be posted for a few months when there is greater understanding of the role and responsibilities; she offered to bring the initial vision for the position to the next meeting. She plans to shift the proposed YHDP Coordinator role to part-time due to existing partnerships.</p>		
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Preliminary PIT Count Data		
Discussion		
<p>Courtney presented preliminary data from the Point in Time (PIT) Count which occurred the night of January 25. Conversation around the factors that could impact the numbers including the warmer than average weather, robust outreach coordination, impacts from COVID, and newer projects contributing to the count.</p> <p>A more comprehensive report with disaggregated data will be submitted as a data report in consent agenda for next month's meeting.</p>		



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LSA Data Walkthrough		
Discussion		
<p>Courtney Myers-Keaton presented data from the FY2022 Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) report identifying areas with changes and/or negative trends from the last fiscal year. Discussion of factors impacting this data including the types of projects that entered data in FY22, COVID impacts, and the extremely low vacancy rate. Suggested area for further exploration include reasons for exits to non-permanent housing and strategies to increase the % of positive exits from shelter. Courtney offered to provide a CoC-training on how to use Stella.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Update		
Discussion		
<p>Courtney overviewed discussion at the recent YHDP convening with HUD TA providers. Youth in attendance were able to share feedback. Lauren VanKeulen encouraged all agencies who engage with youth to work with the leadership team and participate with work to have representation across community. The core team is working to draft the Coordinated Community Plan.</p> <p>(Holly Wilson left the meeting)</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Other Matters from Steering Council members		
Discussion		
<p>Elizabeth Stoddard invited folks to the Fair Housing Center's annual event on April 27 focusing on fair housing and social determinants of health.</p> <p>Lindsey Reames invited feedback on the Grand Rapids Housing Commission's Annual Plan which will include Moving To Work flexibilities. Documents are posted online; public hearing is on March 13.</p>		
Public Comment on Any Item		
Discussion		
None		
Adjourn		
Motion by:	Lindsey Reames	Support from: Lauren VanKeulen