



STEERING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2025

8:30am – 10:30am

Facilitator:	Lauren VanKeulen		
Meeting Attendees:	Lauren VanKeulen, Thelma Ensink, Casey Gordon, Nicole Hofert, Ryan VerWys, Tenisa Frye, Karen Tjapkes, Nelson Soto (VAB), Ray King (VAB), Alonda Trammell, Sam Westhouse, Brianne Jurs, Jazz McKinney, Christie White, Lisa Knight, Adrienne Goodstal, Lindsey Reames, Gustavo Perez, Ryan Kilpatrick, Kate Berens Community Members: Wende Randall, Robyn Van Dyke, Maranda VanZegeren Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Alyssa Anten, Ronan Parmenter, Evan Hile		
Time Convened:	8:34am	Time Adjourned:	10:19am

Approval of Agenda – <i>standing item</i>			
Motion by:	Ryan VerWys	Support from:	Tenisa Frye
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	Approved		
Approval of Minutes – <i>standing item</i>		April 18, 2025	
Motion by:	Adrienne Goodstal	Support from:	Alonda Trammell
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	Approved		
Approval of Consent Agenda – <i>standing item</i>			
Motion by:	Karen Tjapkes	Support from:	Adrienne Goodstal
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	Approved		
Public Comment on Any Agenda Item – <i>standing item</i>			
Discussion			
None			
CoC Director’s Report – <i>standing Item</i>			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We have surpassed the goal for 100 Housed in 100 Days, and a celebration is planned for June 18.- The CoC has joined the youth cohort for Built for Zero, and this will be a good way to segue the work we’ve done with chronic homelessness and apply it to youth. Participation is low in Youth Committee and this cohort might change the rhythm of meetings; further discussion will happen at Youth Committee.			



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- Ronan has accepted the position as CE Admin Associate, and the CoC is in the process of interviewing for a new admin coordinator. The CoC also just started EOS coaching.
- CoC staff attended several conferences in the past month and made some good contacts and connections. We will not present the CE document discussed last month, but will bring to a future Steering Council meeting.
- Outreach has been working to improve collaboration and coordination, and had a meeting two months ago facilitated by RDV Corp to figure out next steps. Providers are meeting to discuss a more highly coordinated housing-focused system for outreach and determine gaps. Method & Craft may be assisting with this as well.
- Scenario Planning – The CoC remains updated on the federal level, with no new information since the last update. Courtney recommended this committee continue advocacy efforts, and there was discussion around specific opportunities and how to best concentrate efforts. Courtney noted she could connect with Wende Randall (ENTF) on this.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send 100 in 100 Celebration invite to Steering Council and newsletter - Bring CE document to future Steering Council meeting - Connect with Wende around specific advocacy opportunities and efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ronan - CoC Staff - Courtney 	

Coordinated Entry – *standing item*

Discussion

The Coordinated Entry Committee requested Steering Council approve the policy document with changes as written, and this committee reviewed those edits. **Kate Berens motioned to approve this recommendation from Coordinated Entry, with support from Tenisa Frye; all in favor, motion passes.**

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

CoC Program Competition Debrief

Discussion

Courtney reviewed the scorecard from HUD on the CoC Program Competition, noting we scored 170 out of 200, which is significantly above median and an improvement on previous years for this community. Courtney noted areas to review for improvement for the next program competition.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

MSHDA Updates

Discussion

- MSHDA ESG Exhibit 1 and ESG NOFO – due June 6 – will be shared for public comment prior to submission
- MSHDA S2S (Steps 2 Stability) – due July 11 – recommendations for the application will be brought to Steering Council at a future date

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
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Any Other Matters by Steering Council Members		
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alonda noted Dwelling Place's board will be reviewing the CE process for PSH because vacancies have been very high. There was discussion around the timing, as well as challenges for populations who use PSH and the potential to go through the IDS process, with Ryan VerWys, Thelma, and Alonda interested in participating. Courtney and Brianne will connect on this further. - Thelma noted Degage is creating a template to get feedback on the resource count to assist in making strategic plans as a community. - Tenisa noted summer weather usually sees increases in unsheltered individuals; there was also a brief conversation around chronic families. 		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
- CE Process for PSH	- Courtney, Brianne	
Public Comment on Any Item		
Discussion		
Wende noted ENTF has been working with Catherine's on Medicaid advocacy and she shared a link to the Protect Medicaid landing page.		
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