



STEERING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2023

8:30-10:30

Facilitator:	Casey Gordon		
Meeting Attendees:	<p><u>Steering members present:</u> Alonda Trammell, Victoria Sluga, Nicole Hofert, Ryan Kilpatrick, Lindsey Reames, Victoria Arnold, Kate Berens, Skyler Boeve, Lauren VanKeulen, Gustavo Perez</p> <p><u>Steering members absent with notification:</u> Mark Contreras, Adrienne Goodstal, Charisse Mitchell, Jose Salinas, Karen Tjapkes, Holly Wilson, Elizabeth Stoddard, Ryan VerWys</p> <p><u>Steering members absent without notification:</u> Fran Dalton</p> <p><u>Community Members:</u> Wende Randall (ENTF), Zenaida Jimenez (Safe Haven), Arkady Renko, Crystal Kitten (AYA), Tammy Vincent (City of Grand Rapids)</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Courtney Myers-Keaton, Alyssa Anten, Ronan Parmenter</p>		
Time Convened:	8:38 am	Time Adjourned:	10:28 am

Approval of Agenda			
Motion by:	Kate Berens	Support from:	Skyler Boeve
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of Minutes		May 19, 2023	
Motion by:	Skyler Boeve	Support from:	Victoria Sluga
Discussion	Kate notes that she and Gustavo volunteered via email to join the workgroup, but both had missed the May meeting.		
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Public Comment on Any Agenda Item			
Discussion	None		
Approval of Consent Agenda			
Motion by:	Kate Berens	Support from:	Victoria Sluga
Discussion	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Petitions and Communications			
Discussion	Courtney shared that Family Promise is running out of ESG hotel funding and noted that summer is a critical time for families facing housing instability. Ongoing diversion efforts were discussed.		
Staffing and Funding Updates			
Discussion	Courtney noted that the CoC is waiting to officially transfer grants, and discussed funding to support HAP staff with ESG dollars. In the past, MSHDA ESG dollars have gone toward the covering the HCV list and staff time. Courtney emphasized that funding HAP intake is a critical component.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline



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CoC Program Competition Reallocation		
Discussion		
<p>ICCF plans to reallocate approximately \$38,000, and there was discussion around where to prioritize that funding. There are plans to bring this to the General Membership meeting for discussion to make a community decision. Courtney recommends prioritizing for HMIS funding, as \$23,000 of CoC funding goes solely to HMIS licenses.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Bring to General Membership meeting for discussion	CoC Staff	
YHDP Project Selection		
Discussion		
<p>Courtney overviewed the project applications that were selected in coordination with the YHDP.</p> <p>Victoria Sluga made a motion in support of the YHDP project recommendations made by the YAB and Funding Review Committee, with support from Kate Berens. Lauren Van Keulen and Skyler Boeve abstained due to conflict of interest. All in favor, motion passes.</p> <p>Lauren noted that AYA is looking for 1-2 duplexes to rent as part of AYA's selected TH-RRH project.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
MSHDA ESG 2023-2024 Allocation Priorities		
Discussion		
<p>Courtney gave an update on allocation priorities including Pine Rest Street Outreach program, RRH, and HAP staffing for intake and the HCV wait list. She noted that in the past there have been decisions to put something out for RFQ, but that funding will likely not be available with this allocation. Victoria Sluga noted that Pine Rest Street Outreach is not anticipating needing increases to the current award.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Send draft of MSHDA ESG for public comment when available	CoC Staff	
Nominating Committee Membership		
Discussion		
<p>The CoC is looking for a chair and an additional member for the Nominating Committee. These cannot be members of the Executive Committee. There was an overview of responsibilities and time frame. Skyler and Nicole expressed interest in the position.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Emergency Shelter Service Standards		
Discussion		
<p>There was an overview and discussion around the documents that were submitted to MSHDA ESG Exhibit 1. Courtney noted that these are community service standards to provide a shared understanding of best practices in the community.</p>		
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Prevention Service Standards		
Discussion		
There was an overview and discussion around the documents that were submitted to MSHDA ESG Exhibit 1. Courtney noted that because prevention is so wide, this document looks at all the definitions of prevention based on ESG standards.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Community Engagement and Street Outreach Initiative		
Discussion		
Kate gave an update on what the City of GR has been doing for the unhoused population or populations seeking stabilization services in the downtown area. A Facility, Services, and Enforcement response model was recommended. Courtney noted that the language is intentional on calling out behaviors, not individuals. Kate shared the City of GR entered a contract with Community Rebuilders to do geo-targeted Rapid Rehousing around the Rose Parks Circle area.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Send the final document to Steering Council when available	CoC Staff	
Other Matters from Steering Council Members		
Discussion		
Lindsey Reames shared that the Grand Rapids Housing Commission is transitioning to a new applicant portal. She noted changes to the screening criteria, and a commitment of 25% of vouchers set aside for those experiencing homelessness. Grand Rapids also received two slots for Americorps volunteers for September/October.		
Public Comment on Any Item		
Discussion		
Adjourn		
Motion by:		Support from: