



## CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2025

9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Elizabeth Stoddard		
Meeting Attendees:	<p>Darcy Capitano, Chris Palasky, Felicia Clay, Tim Beimers, Elizabeth Stoddard, Keigan Brown-Edwards, Maria Williams, Jordan Brinker, Eileen Mckeever, Katherine Beesaw, Casey Gordon, Tenisa Frye, Frieda Campos, Bill Weld-Wallis, Hanna Visser, Gordie Moeller, John Wynbeek, Stacy Datena, Raymond King, Thelma Ensink, Molly Perez, Zenaida Jimenez, Emily Schichtel, Alyssa Bryan, Gail Brusseau, Sam Westhouse, Amy Lloyd, Lindsey Reames, Latrice Harrison, Brian Kamstra, Joan Wallace, Colin Dick, Shelby Sichta, Ryan Verwys, Francine Kalnins, Brian Bruce, Maranda VanZegeren, Paul Smith, Kate Berens, Mark Fankhauser, Jacob Doorn, Annette Vandenberg, Tammy Vincet</p> <p>Staff: Courtney Myers-Leaton, Ronan Parmenter, Alyssa Anten, Brianne Robach, Robyn Van Dyke</p>		
Time Convened:	9:31am	Time Adjourned:	

<b>Approval of Agenda</b>			
Motion by:		Support from:	
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion			
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		<b>6/26/2025</b>	
Motion by:	Paul Smith	Support from:	Zenaida Jimenez
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion carries		
<b>FY 26 Proposed Federal Budget</b>		<b>Courtney Myers-Keaton</b>	
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gave context for the FY26 budget – Homelessness is rising, and data shows that it’s driven by the lack of affordable housing. Dollars allocated to CoC/Homelessness response system are primarily focused on Category 1 homelessness. At local level, outflow is stalled. Coordinated Entry committee continues to discuss this with partners but can’t move people fast enough to serve folks coming in.</li><li>Narrative in Congress opposes facts – Courtney gave facts around rent and wages. She also noted a shortage in Kent County and plans to make housing more affordable in the community. While currently facing significantly reduced budgets, there are not enough resources to meet demand. Hard conversations to come in the next few months.</li><li>Overview of things lost in the shift – Permanent Supportive Housing, YHDP, Housing Opportunity for People with AIDS (HOPWA), National Homelessness Data Analysis Project, technical assistance, homelessness and crisis response backbone, and Emergency Housing Vouchers.</li></ul>			



## CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2025

9:30-11:00am

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cuts will impact faith-based organizations and other non-profits serving vulnerable groups — 73% serving people with disabilities and older adults. As for just HUD funding: Medicaid, food assistance, and other budget cuts will compound the issue.</li><li>Overview of Federal Budget — Courtney reviewed phases 1-3 and urged members to advocate on behalf of funding our community.</li></ul>			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Send presentation to general membership</li><li>Distribute packets with local data, talking points, and contact information for local, state, and national legislators</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CoC Staff</li></ul>	
Responses to Local Survey		Courtney Myers-Keaton	
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Courtney shared an overview of a survey sent out in February/March about HUD funding and reviewed the impacts of funding cuts to both agencies and clients in our community. Seven agencies would be at risk of having to close permanently.</li></ul>			
		Person Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Share HUD Funding slideshow</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CoC Staff</li></ul>	
Break Out – Concerns/Solutions		Small Groups	
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sam Westhouse – Noted that without structure, everyone will be looking for private funding and encouraged that we stick with the system and structure that currently exists as much as possible. For frontline workers, volunteer work could cover staffing gaps.</li><li>Thelma — Mentioned getting community data of those impacted by the loss of HUD funding through corporate partners and engaging with their conversations on a national level</li><li>Gordie—Suggested that hospitals may be in a position of support and funding as they will see an increase in patients</li></ul>			
		Person Responsible	Deadline
Agency Updates			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lindsey Reames — RFP for project-based vouchers anticipated to come out the week of July 7; still will be issuing that RFP and plans to hold an informational session once published.</li></ul>			