

Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
at Metro Social Services
800 2nd Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37201

Present: Diane Kuhn, Megan Barry, Renee Pratt, Wendell Segroves,
Staff: Will Connelly, Judy Tackett, Karri Simpson, Deon Trotter

The meeting began at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were approved. Megan Barry made the motion; Wendell Segroves seconded. All approved.

Financial Report and Budget

Pam McEwen reported that while the budget appears to be over, the contract at Room in the Inn always spends more up front.

Project Homeless Connect has \$7,800.00 left for another event.

The NES and bus pass balance for How's Nashville is getting low. While the amount of bus passes should last throughout the year, there are only 181 NES vouchers remaining.

The current terms for the CDBG grant end next week on 1/25/15; if an extension is not given, these funds will be unavailable at that point. Will Connelly reported that he has spoken with Angie Hubbard, at MDHA, and expects for the terms of the grant to be extended. Pam McEwen stated that until the updated contract is in writing, these funds can't be spent after 1/25/15.

While not reflected in this month's report, approximately \$14,000 is expected from the Boulevard Bolt.

The budget committee met and originally has asked for a 3% overall cut. While this decision won't be made until June, if this passes these funds will be taken from the contracts through the Metro Homelessness Commission.

Will Connelly reported that the finance process is loosening it's qualifications regarding the How's Nashville funds in order to assist those residents being displaced from James Robertson Apartments. Megan Barry asked what is happening to replenish the How's Nashville fund? Will Connelly responded that while originally relying on donations from the kick-off of How's Nashville, focus and reliance has slowly transitioned to grant funding; however this isn't a specific strategy. With the launch of the Zero:2016 campaign there may be an opportunity to make another public appeal for donations.

Cold Weather Update

Since the last meeting, there have been two cold spells. Currently the bed capacity is being monitored; at this time no one has been turned away from Room in the Inn or the Nashville Rescue Mission. MTA cards have been distributed. While there has been progress made on a shelter that will accept individuals and their pets, a permanent setting has not been located. Metro Police and OEM have been very helpful, especially during the most recent cold fronts.

Director's Report

- **CABHI:** The grant was awarded to Park Center and they are subcontracting with Mental Health Co-op. Currently details of the work plan, process, and staffing are being worked on. The first person assisted by this grant is supposed to occur by February 1st.
- **James Robertson:** Renee Pratt reported that the major concern is around residents. Metro Social Services (MSS) delivered letters to each resident's door detailing assistance. MSS is responding to case management needs and setting up an office on site. Megan Barry wants to know what the role of the Commission and MSS is in this. Renee Pratt responded that MSS's role is to assist in locating housing and work with MDHA throughout this process. Discussion ensued around whether or not the Commission is the right forum for affordable housing policy.
- **Zero 2016:** The national campaign is launching at the end of this week including in Nashville and 68 other communities. Housing placement goals for veterans and those experiencing chronic homelessness will be set by March 1, 2015.
- **Hospital to Homes:** An ask was made for a multidisciplinary team to start a pilot project at General Hospital that can hopefully be duplicated at other hospitals throughout Nashville. Another phase, focused on medical respite, is being looked at in partnership with Room in the Inn, Neighborhood Health, and the National Health Care for the Homeless.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Megan Barry motioned to adjourn the meeting; Wendell Segroves seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

The next full Commission Meeting will be held on Friday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Howard Office Building.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Metro Social Services.