

Metropolitan Homelessness Commission
Meeting of January 13, 2017

Present: Liz Allen Fey, chair; Renee Pratt, Kirby Davis, Steven Samra, Erik Cole, Freddie O'Connell, Mina Johnson, Wendell Segroves, Charles Strobel, Norman Humber, Paula Foster, Tom Turner, Angie Hubbard, Angie Thompson, Michael Gooch sitting in for Sgt. Ricky Bearden, Marvin Cox.

Staff: Judith Tackett Deon Trotter, Lesley Head, Jessica Ivey, Troy Jenkins, Lisa Ricketts (MSS Finance Director), Mark Murray (Metro Legal)

Welcome and Roll Call

Liz Allen Fey welcomed everyone and took roll call.

Minutes

Wendell Segroves made a motion to approve minutes from November 4, 2016. Steven Samra seconded the motion. All approved.

Financials

Lisa Ricketts reported that everything was in line with the budget as of the end of December. Per Renee Pratt, budget info will be released next week.

Liz Allen Fey - TA Cloudburst – help to address what is the best structure for us moving forward? It is time for us to figure out what Nashville needs in terms of coordinated system of care that moves toward housing. Executive Committee asked Judith Tackett to step in as Interim Director for a 6-month period. Executive Committee recommends meeting monthly; Judith Tackett to send out dates (first Friday monthly). A motion was made to increase the meeting schedule to 10 meetings a year; all approved.

TN State Plan to end homelessness was released. Liz Allen Fey encourages all to read the plan. Steven Samra was involved in the development of the plan and he reports that it is aligned with our local planning efforts. The plan is online and available through website. Angie Thompson – Is there any funding attached to this plan? Put that issue on the agenda in Feb and ask for rep from TDMHSAS to attend.

Judith Tackett – Looking at where we left off with Veterans workgroup and ending Veterans homelessness; where do we move forward to look at community data and

measuring outcomes. Judith Tackett is exploring to put a workgroup together on this issue.

Community Cold Weather Response Plan – MSS operates the overflow shelter; Renee Pratt reports that no one was turned away. Mina Johnson comment: overwhelmed with job to help. Coordinate a meeting for council members on the Cold Weather Plan. How were these temperatures arrived at? Main partners are those that provide shelter and outreach. The group determined and agreed to 25-degrees. Liz Allen Fey, questioning what's the best practice around cold weather planning; encourages to continue revisiting cold weather planning in the summer. Liz Allen Fey recommends putting the Cold Weather response on the June agenda.

Update on governance: Freddie O'Connell

Education on the Hearth Act. What would it look like in Nashville if we were able to prevent/end homelessness? How do you help prevent, interrupt and get individuals into housing. Looking forward to continuing to work with TA/Cloudburst.

Dec 17, 2017 – Homeless Memorial

Liz Allen Fey thanks everyone who had a role in that. Liz Allen Fey read the names of individuals who've passed away since the memorial.

Public Input Session

Sean Muldoon @ OSD – what is the plan when it gets hot?

Steve Reiter – disappointed to hear that no one is accountable for the plan. He did not know about the open of the shelter at East Park Community Center.

John Zirker – thank you for not getting up and leaving when the community speaks. Normally we don't feel like our input makes any difference.

Howard Allen – You need to come down to RITI b/c they did more. You need to come down to RITI so you know what you're talking about. It's good to know who your enemy is so you can win the battle. It's really twisted. We haven't completed nothing in 17 years. It's really sad.

Barry Hobbes – I am formerly homeless. Progress has been made but no real progress has been made. RITI, OTN and Homeless underground should get together. Nobody should be homeless and it makes no sense. We live in the greatest nation on the earth. The next 4 years should be very interesting to say the least.

Liz Allen Fey: Commission, what did you hear?

Erik Cole: I'm frustrated. This is our year. Those comments mean a lot and I take them to heart. We have made progress, but there's a lot of work to do.

Meeting adjourned.