

Metropolitan Homelessness Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
April 13, 9:15 am.
Downtown Library

Present: Liz Allen Fey, Paula Foster, Mina Johnson, Wendell Segroves.
Staff: Judith Tackett

Liz Allen Fey called the meeting to order at 9:16 am

Approval of Minutes

Wendell Segroves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 21 executive committee meeting. Mina Johnson seconded the motion. All approved.

Full Commission Agenda review

Liz Allen Fey said the Commission was in a gap right now. She said she plans on framing the discussion on governance around what the Commission's role is. She said there was a CoC membership meeting on April 20, and she would invite the commissioners to participate in that community meeting on governance. Ms. Fey reported that Catholic Charities has voiced its interest in being an option as collaborative applicant. This gives the community three options with MDHA, Metro Social Services, and Catholic Charities.

At the April 20 meeting, all three organizations will be asked to answer three questions.

Ms. Fey said she planned to suggest to the Commission to skip its May-12 meeting and attend May's CoC meeting (on May 18) instead.

Discussion ensued about the agenda of the May CoC meeting, which will focus on voting on a new CoC Governance Charter document. Ms. Fey said the Commission should probably ask the CoC membership whether they do not want the MHC to be part of the restructuring of the governance. The executive committee members discussed that such a decision would mean the Commission would have to revisit its role in the community. Mina Johnson said she liked the idea for the Commission to get an opinion from the CoC members where they see the Homelessness Commission.

Ms. Fey said the Homelessness Commission as a body can make a recommendation, but since the Commission was created by ordinance, any change would have to be approved by the Metro Council likely with input from the Mayor.

Ms. Fey further stated that on the agenda for the full Commission was a presentation on Housing First and what that really means from a community perspective.

The meeting ended at 9:29 am