

Metropolitan Homelessness Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Sept. 12, 2017 – 8:30-9:30 am
At offices of Metro Social Services

Present: Liz Allen Fey, Renee Pratt, Wendell Segroves, Paula Foster, Mina Johnson
Staff: Judith Tackett, Jessica Ivey

Called meeting to order at 8:34 am

Minutes:

Wendell Segroves made a motion to approve the minutes from Sept. 1, Mina Johnson seconded the motion. All approved.

Governance:

The executive committee prepared for the MHC/CoC Governance Workgroup meeting, which was following this meeting. Liz Allen Fey said a unified board should likely be renamed and she will propose calling it a Planning Council because that is more of the function that it would need.

There was some discussion about the role of the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission staff under a new leadership board. Most of the discussion focused on the need to clarify the relationship between MSS and MHC and the fact that the MHC director reports to Renee Pratt for day-to-day activities, but also reports to the Commission chair, Liz Allen Fey and the Mayor's Office on strategic and big picture issues.

Further discussion focused on the role of planning and coordination that MHC plays while MSS provides direct services.

Paula Foster brought up the confusion in the community, which mostly happened at the meeting when Renee Pratt announced that Metro Social Services was pulling out from being a candidate for collaborative applicant. But then Judith Tackett followed still with a presentation on why the Homelessness Commission would be a good candidate. This created confusion in the community.

The executive committee agreed that we need to address that confusion heads on.

October 6 Retreat:

The executive committee determined that the following things should be covered:

- MHC Role
- MSS Role
- Interrelationship

Judith Tackett said she would like to get an independent facilitator to help talk about the Commission (board) role versus the staff role because there is still confusion. Liz Allen Fey explained the difference between a working board and a governance board. Basically, small organizations tend to have a working board because they don't have enough staff. Larger

organizations have a governing board, which is what the Commission should be and how it should function. But that involves training people on their role.

The executive committee also would like to see Judith Tackett to give a report on housing first principles.

Announcements

Paula Foster said she was approached by MTA to provide training for the new annual bus pass program. She sought input whether the executive committee would see this as a conflict of interest if her organization would take on that training. The executive committee said they did not see a conflict of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.