

MHC/CoC Governance Workgroup

October 24, 2017

9:30a – 11:30a

Present: Sean Muldoon, Rachel Hester, Catherine Knowles, Wendell Segroves, Renee Pratt, Paula Foster, Mina Johnson, Daryl Murray, Erik Cole

Staff: Jason Bobo (Metro Legal Counsel), Judith Tackett

Minutes – add Paula Foster. With addition, minutes approved

Planning for the presentations to the CoC and MHC

- Review of presentation created by Sean Muldoon, Judith Tackett, and Liz Allen Fey
- Presentation will occur at the Metro Homelessness Commission (MHC) meeting on November 3rd, at the CoC Governance meeting on November 8th, and at the full CoC membership meeting on November 16th.
- These presentations will be meant to provide information for the memberships to consider and think through, not a vote at this time. A final presentation for vote will occur at a later date.

Presentation Slide Review:

Homelessness Continuum of Care Planning Council (Proposed name of new planning council)

- **Where We've Been** – Suggestions to include the conversations and assessment with Focus Strategies, point out that this has been a collaborative effort between the MHC and the CoC, provide link to the meeting minutes on the slide. Reminder of the purpose of this transition is to unify and end homelessness and there's a place for everyone in the room at the table.
- **Recommendations** – provide example of the planning council model (Ryan White Council) to explain the process of The Planning Council, potentially provide a handout or referencing information.
 - **Slide 1:** Clarify that what is being changed is the current governance model. That MHC is not going away, but integrated in the new model.
 - **Discussion Slide 2:** Language for bullet point 1 on the 2nd slide. Is someone on the planning council an automatic member of the CoC? What happens with a commissioner who's on the planning council? Rachel Hester suggested taking out the first bullet and provide an organizational chart. Sean Muldoon suggested adding a line for the first bullet that states: the CoC and its membership remains the same.
 - Move information in the parentheses to a slide of its own and add a bullet of what happens to the Commission.
 - Paula Foster suggested a bullet emphasizing that the membership body will still be part of the decision making.
 - **Slide 3:** Clarify that three of the appointed are members of the Metro Council and appointed by the vice mayor.

- Daryl Murray expressed concern that perception may be that the CoC membership is losing some control of the governance because half of the Planning Council is appointed by the mayor/vice mayor. Sean Muldoon stressed that the mayor would be looking to the Planning Council to help make recommendations of who to appoint and that the Charter identifies the constituency of what needs to be represented.
- Organization Chart Slide Discussion – Show the connection between the Planning Council and MDHA (Collaborative Applicant) and Metro Homelessness Commission staff (MSS).

Review of Timeline (Presentation Slides)

- November presentation to MHC and CoC – let people know what we’re proposing.
- December begin drafting ordinance, present to key stakeholders (individuals experiencing homelessness and at-risk), emergency rooms, corrections. Be sure there is representation of individuals not normally taking part in the discussions and meetings.
 - Rachel (RITI) requested being part of conversations with hospitals because of their relationships with the hospitals.
 - Mina Johnson to clarify that we would not be amending the charter that established the MHC.
- January – CoC vote to support intent – need to clarify the presentation bullet point for what the vote actually intends. Add MHC vote of intent. Add that the charter amendments finalized.
- February – draft needs to be sent out prior to the meetings to review for a vote. CoC can do a vote on the draft charter amendments to be presented to the Metro Council. Ensure there isn’t any other major item on the CoC agenda.
- Discussion regarding the timeline for the collaborative applicant being parallel to this timeline/process – likely voting on the collaborative applicant around March or April.
- Discussion about Transition Board – What happens to the board membership currently in place?
 - The transition board comes into place around the same time that a new board would need to be voted on, so the two coincide.
- New board cannot be named until May because the ordinance will take approximately 6 weeks to pass through Metro Council.

Presentation will be re-sent for one more review before the MHC presentation on November 3rd.

Other issues

- If this happens, are we now a quasi-government entity and what does that mean? Is the current CoC board under the sunshine law?
 - Concern about why the CoC is under this law. Does that really mean that every time two people from the board get together they have to make a public announcement?
 - Jason Bobo from Metro legal counsel stated that the CoC was likely already under these requirements because of the funding from HUD and that these questions and concerns will be ironed out and discussed as the two governance structures merge. Metro legal is researching what this all means for the individuals on the governance board.

- There will be proper education moving forward to ensure everyone knows what the expectations will be.
- Judy Tackett requested that individuals recommend potential facilitator. Specifically looking for someone outside the current structure. Also, provide questions for the facilitator to help him guide the conversation.

Next steps and adjournment

- Suggestion by Sean Muldoon to schedule the next meeting to provide necessary public notice. Will cancel if there is no further discussion required.
- Tentative next meeting: December 5th – 9:30a – 11:30a – location to be announced as MSS board room won't be available in December.