

El Paso CoC Board Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

UMC (Closed Meeting)

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM.

EdRicardo Gandara moved agenda item 2 to the first item on the agenda.

Addressing Veteran Homelessness – Functional Zero Initiative – Co-Captains of Built for Zero (BFZ), Camille Castillo and Cynthia Gonzalez, in partnership with the VA, Arlene Floyd, presented to the CoC Board a proposal requesting that the CoC Board to have all CoC funded PSH/RRH programs prioritize Veterans for the purpose of meeting functional zero by the end of the year. Upon the motion of Bill Schlesinger, the CoC board approve prioritizing Veterans population for all homeless resources for the next 5 months, seconded by Bill Sparks. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Opportunity Center MOU Completion Letter – CoC Board members discussed current status of the Opportunity Center in regards to being compliant according the HMIS Participation Standards, costs associated with a data migration, expectations of a data migration and overall impact that the lack of data from the Opportunity Center has impacted the community. Upon the motion of Bill Schlesinger that the CoC Board Chair be authorized to sign a letter to the Opportunity Center informing them of their current state of non-compliance of their current ineligibility to apply for any Continuum of Care funds until they come into compliance, seconded by Shelby McCue. All were in favor. Motion passes

ESG – Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs – Camille Castillo provided CoC Board background on the administration of the ESG application process through the state and required forms from the CoC Lead. Also presented to the CoC Board a memorandum from the Planning Committee Chair, Shadecie Walker. The memo detailed the consensus of that Planning Committee that all components of ESG (street outreach, emergency shelter, Prevention and rapid rehousing) have a focus on youth. CoC Board expressed the need for discussions at the Planning Committee level take place earlier in the year. Upon the motion Bill Schlesinger to hold any applicant to the minimal standards of the HMIS Participation Standards and the CoC Board strongly recommends eligible applications for youth of ages 13-24, seconded by Monica Gamboa. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Board Business – CoC Board discussed the resignation of Robin Rollins. Also discussed the CoC Interim Rule that the Board must be representative of the subpopulation of homeless persons that exist within the geographic area, and include a homeless or formerly homeless person. Upon the motion of Bill Sparks accept the resignation of Robin Rollins with regret and appreciation for Robin's work, seconded by Bill Schlesinger. All were in favor. Motion passes. The CoC Board discussed replacing seat from the application pool from November 2018. Upon the motion of Bill Schlesinger to approve Benjamin Miranda, Family Endeavors, for the vacant CoC Board seat, seconded by Shelby McCue. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Minutes - Upon the motion of Bill Schlesinger, seconded by Bill Sparks to approve the minutes of March and April. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Monica Gamoboa discussed with the CoC Board the Medicaid 1115 Waiver. It was reported that HHSC has received federal approval of a waiver that allows the state to expand Medicaid managed care while preserving hospital funding, provides incentive payments for health care improvements and directs more funding to hospitals that serve large numbers of uninsured patients. Monica is asking the CoC Board, that if interested to participate on a panel that will focus on barriers that the homeless face. No action taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 PM.