

El Paso CoC Board Minutes

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Zoom

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM. Shelby McCue, Chair, welcomes all present.

Public comment – None

Consent Agenda

Minutes

Upon motion Bill Schlesinger, seconded by Melissa Lopez, to approve minutes from June and July. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion and Potential Action Items

Street Outreach

Camille Castillo, CoC Staff, discussed HB 1925. This new law is in effect starting September 1, 2021. HB 1925 makes camping in a public place without permission while using a tent, tarp, or blanket a Class C misdemeanor. Chris Bailey, Outreach Specialist for Project Vida, wants the CoC Board to deeply consider how we can advocate on behalf of the homeless with not only discussing with police department, but with civic leaders, to include conversations with lawyers about the possibility of developing a possible lawsuit. Shelby McCue recognizes the importance of street outreach programs is in favor of street outreach and their crucial role in helping them transition into the various programs that the CoC offers. Mr. McCue requested of CoC Staff to schedule a meeting with Chief Allen, to get EPPD prospective on enforcement. Discussion continued on the protection of constitutional rights. No formal action taken.

Executive Session

Expiring CoC Board Seats and Officer Election

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.