

El Paso CoC Board Minutes

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Zoom

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM. Chair, Shelby McCue, welcomes all present.

Public comment – None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Ben Miranda, seconded by Deborah Zuloaga to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion and Potential Action Items

1. Consider and take action on proposed MOU with the City of El Paso on CoC Board participation

CoC Board discussed designated seats for the City and County. The Chair explained that with respect for the City and because there is an overlap of funding responsibilities with the City, the CoC Board will propose on providing an ex-officio position on the Board, but also asking for a reciprocal seat on the City's decision making body, so that the CoC Board can participate on each other's board. MOU was drafted and sent to CoC Board Members. The Chair explained that the MOU stipulates that the CoC Board will create an ex-officio position for the City on the El Paso CoC Board and the City will create an ex-officio position allowing participation of CoC designee in City staff deliberations regarding homeless funds such as ESG, HHSP and CDBG, funds which are designated for homeless services. Each entity will designate one individual as the ex-officio representative, but that representation is not one that is delegable, no substitution will be allowed.

Next steps are for the Chair to schedule a meeting with Nicole Ferrini to have an informal discussion regarding the MOU that is being proposed. The Chair stated that each entity will be responsible for selecting who will be the selected to fill the ex-officio positions.

Motion by Deborah Zuloaga, seconded by Ben Miranda, to allow the Chair, Shelby McCue, Carol Bohle and another CoC Board member to present this proposal to the City for further action. All in favor. Motion passes.

Board Member stated that this action is a great step in developing a long-term relationship with the City that allows us to do the best for the community and those experiencing homelessness.

2. Data Use Agreement THDSN

The Chair provided background on when discussions first started on this state-wide initiative and discussed concerns about signing an open-ended indemnity agreement to respect to data that we will be uploading to Texas Homeless Network.

The Chair explained the repercussions if the agency is negligent in how the data is shared, and there was impending litigation in the event that the agency is brought into a suit. The Chair also stated that after many meetings and discussions, the way that the CoC board can mitigate this risk is to procure an additional amount of cyber security. Carol discussed procuring the additional insurance.

Motion by Bill Schlesinger, seconded by Ben Miranda, that the CoC Board recommend that El Paso Coalition for the Homeless sign the contract, pending acquisition of an additional million-dollar cyber security insurance policy. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Chair, Shelby McCue, closed Meeting at 4:35 PM