

Amarillo CoC Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

City Hall Room 105

601 S. Buchanan St.

Amarillo, TX 79101

9:00 AM

Meeting was brought to order at 9:07 am by Kraig Stockhill and a quorum was established.

Members in attendance: Julie McCarty, Shanna James, Michael Johnson, Juan Maldonado, Michelle Shields, Kraig Stockstill, Susan Webb, Virginia Trice Williams, Jason Riddlespurger.

Others Present: Samantha Hernandez and Shaira Gonzalez

A motion was made by Jason Riddlespurger to approve the minutes of the December board meeting and was seconded by Juan Maldonado. Motion to approve December minutes was passed.

Lead Agency Report:

Jason informed the CoC that previous technical assistance from Sara with HUD was asked to be reassigned. Patrick Witmore from Homebase will be providing our technical assistance. Homebase will have experts with HMIS that will work with Caressa one-on-one to help clean up data.

Kraig added that as a low performing CoC we will need technical assistance to increase our performance.

Community Reports/Committee Updates:

Kraig stated that all committees do not have a Chair except for HMIS which is currently Chaired by Virginia Trice Williams.

Policy Revisions:

Meg was not present to speak on updates for the ADEI statement.

PIT Count:

Shanna has ordered 800 'I Count' stickers that all PIT volunteers will hand out to surveyed individuals. The board participated in splitting the cost of \$170.00.

It was asked what other donations are needed for the PIT Count and when will volunteer times be available for PIT. Samantha Hernandez mentioned that all donations are still welcome, and the list of acceptable donations is available on the PIT Volunteer flyer. Times for volunteers will be sent out before Friday 26th.

Beans and Cornbread:

Not discussed.

Education Training & Outreach:

Shanna James will be getting with Caressa Pena to help with training. Focusing on Diversity & Equality route for the upcoming meeting in March.

Decriminalization:

Meg was not present. No additional updates.

Facebook Page:

Shanna spoke on unfollowing and un-liking the old CoC Facebook page and going to the new CoC Facebook page to like and follow. The old Facebook page is not deactivated, but the new page is up and running. Facebook is a social network intended for information sharing with other agencies. Please invite people to this page.

Shelters:

The shelter committee met previously but as attendance dwindled meetings stopped. The recommendation is to meet once a month or every other month. Decision makers should attend the committee meetings. Cenikor was present and would like to be a part of the committee. Michelle Shields would like to take charge on the committee and will be working with Virginia to navigate through CoC issues and get the Shelter Committee started back up.

There were concerns about the way the information would be distributed amongst everyone. Virginia suggested using Google Drive to share information learned and shared during meetings.

Policy Revisions:

Kraig has reviewed to ensure policies are inclusive. But will table revisions until additional technical assistance from Homebase provides additional guidance.

Other Business:

Ad HOC Application- it is being completed with the help of Caressa Pena. As a CoC, we are working to raise the points we can obtain through the application to prevent leaving money on the table. The CoC should be supporting the Lead Agency to get more funding.

If you have already completed your CoC Board Membership application, please redo the application through the Google Drive Doc. If you are interested in serving the CoC Board, please contact Shanna.

If you are part of the Resource Fair event at the GSRC Friday 26th, please respond back to Shanna with confirmation of your attendance. Michelle Shields asked if there would be availability for confidential areas to screen individuals and Shanna responded that there would be rooms.

Virgina Trice Williams spoke on an event that will be happening this weekend for Safety, Security and Compassionate Care Narcan safety a collaboration with Health Services. Shanna would assist in getting the word out as her department receives several requests.

Reminder to reach out to Shanna to arrange how she will collect CoC members funds for the 'I Count' stickers.

Action Task: Creating Scan QR codes to automatically make a spreadsheet that will have all the applications, Scan QR codes for members to check in, and load minutes/agendas.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM

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