

CoC Board Meeting Minutes
March 9,2023
9:00 am
WTAMU Downtown Amarillo SBAC Conference Room 1st Floor

The meeting was called to order at 9am by President Steve Smart

Members Present: Steve Smart, Jason Riddlespurger, Joyce Knight, Juan Maldonado, Meg DeJong-Shier, Kay Pechin, Audra Rea, Virginia Williams-Trice, Susan Webb, Rachel Scott, Lilia Escajeda, Kraig Stockstill, Michael Johnson, Caressa Pena and Julie Cleveland,

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Jason Riddlespurger to approve the board meeting minutes of February 9, 2023, seconded by Kraig Stockstill and passed unanimously by board membership.

Jason also motioned to approve the general meeting minutes of February 9, 2023, seconded by Lilia Escajeda and passed unanimously by board membership.

Lead Agency Updates

Jason reported:

- Sarah Pagni with HUD offered to conduct a CoC Governance training for the Board. He wanted our thoughts. The training could be during a board meeting on an even month to allow for more time. The training would be done by Zoom. Discussion was held and those present liked the idea of training so that we use our time wisely and within HUD Guidelines. Jason will set up for next month's board meeting. Sara will join and discuss CoC for about 20 minutes.
- Jason discussed the PIT count numbers that will be presented in the General Membership Meeting.
- Jason reported that the monthly HMIS training normally held on the First Friday of each month will be rescheduled to April 14, 2023 due to Good Friday.
- Jason recommended that the CoC visit homelesstraining.com website and we can discuss at the next board meeting
- Jason announced that Caressa Pena is the new HMIS Administrator, replacing Amy Dixon.

Committee Reports

Monitor and Scoring-no report.

Grievance-no report

Point in Time-Jason will present the totals of the PIT count in the General Membership meeting later today

Ending Veteran Homelessness-Lois reports that she has plenty of VASH vouchers. She states the problem is getting verification from the applicants. She reports that 16 veterans were housed last month. She states there is a housing shortage few available units right now. She suggested someone from FSS, could be the Chair for the Homeless Youth Committee, and possibly someone from CPS or St. Francis could provide information.

HMIS Advisory- Virginia suggested that a member of the board attend the NHSDC Spring Conference. Jason reported that Caressa Pena and Vanessa Robinson are scheduled to attend. He stated that he will select 3 additional people to attend.

A Chair is still needed for the Coordinated Entry Committee. Virginia volunteered to be Chair.

Gap Analysis-nothing to report.

Education-nothing to report.

Policy and Procedure-Jason and Kraig are continuing to meet.

Shelter-Martha's Home has received funding for transgender who aren't comfortable staying in traditional shelters. There is money to put these individuals up in a hotel. More information coming.

Beans and Cornbread-There are no more funds to plan an event. Perhaps it is time to stop the event. AAF could possibly do something that is not a fundraiser. And could it possibly be paid through CDBG funds. Something that wouldn't involve fundraising. He will let us know. In order to receive matching funds, a plan should be put in place soon. Will AAF serve as the fiscal agent? Beans and Cornbread will not be continuing but something will replace it with another fundraiser.

Should the CoC become a 501c3? The pros and cons were discussed. It was suggested that the board discuss the implications with an attorney. Jason will discuss whether or not the City will have the capacity to handle the money. The item will be placed on a future agenda.

Juan motioned to adjourn, Jason seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Knight,
Secretary.