

**CoC Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sharing Hope Ministry, 2300 SW 7<sup>th</sup>, Amarillo, TX 79106**

The Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Vice Chairman Kraig Stockstill.

**Members Present:** Kraig Stockstill, Joyce Knight, Jason Riddlespurger, Juan Maldonado, Audra Rea, Virginia Williams-Trice, Susan Webb, Rachel Scott, Kraig Stockstill, Michael Johnson, Julie Cleveland, Susan Webb, Shanna James, Lilia Escajeda    **Excused:** Steve Smart and Meg DeJong Shier  
August

**Also Present:** Caressa Pena

**Approval of Minutes:** Lilia made a motion to approve the minutes of the August board meeting, Juan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Lead Agency:**

Jason informed the board that the CoC NOFO scoring was complete, and Caressa will complete the CoC application within the week and get it sent in to HUD.

One concern is that we need to get the LGBTQ community more involved. Cultural diversity is necessary, and we need more minorities at the table.

Shanna has some contacts she will reach out to and inform them of our mission in hopes to get them more involved. A suggestion was made to have a general meeting solely dedicated to cultural diversity and minorities to get them involved.

We need to improve our involvement with all sectors of our community. We also need more homeless or formerly homeless involved in the CoC.

Michael suggested the best way to get more engagement with the homeless and look at the low to moderate income census tracks. Get with Habitat for Humanity and get them engaged. Juan will reach out to Habitat for Humanity and Michael will reach out to Prep Academy to see if we can get a representative. Kraig will reach out to Association of Neighborhood Leaders, and Shanna will reach out to Smile Big and ??tag.

Caressa sent out the **Inclusion and Nondiscrimination Policies** for the board to review for board approval. Shanna moved to approve, Lilia seconded, and the board passes to approve the Policies unanimously.

Virginia announced that she was hoping to go to the HMIS conference on October 23-25<sup>th</sup>.

**Gap Analysis committee:** no report other than Kay has moved and we are looking for a new chair.

**Ending Veterans homelessness:** No report.

**Education Committee:** The October Board meeting we will learn more about the CoC application. We will look for diverse training. Work on a plan for the year. Work with the Food Bank, Women's Coalition meet from 12:30 to 1:30 the second Friday of every month.

**Policy and Procedure:** Nothing new to report

**Discrimination Committee:** Meg has done the foundation work and will report next meeting.

**Grievance Committee:** nothing to report.

**Scoring, Ranking Committee:** report given in Lead agency report.

**Ending Youth Homelessness:** still needs a chair.

**HMIS Committee:** . Virginia announced that she was hoping to go to the HMIS conference on October 23-25<sup>th</sup>. If data is not in the grant application, HUD will count off heavily. HMIS provides the data we need. Very Important!

**Events:** Met with Steve regarding seed money. Nothing decided and no action to take place at this time. May need to reach out to agencies to help. Beans and Cornbread has run its course for now.

**Discussion Items:**

We need to be a higher perming board.  
We need to get application information to members.

New Business: Officer Jenkins presented Pilot for Homeless training for officers. Those interested can meet at 1pm, th floor at APD today-September 14<sup>th</sup>. What is needed for the homeless.  
Sgt. Higgins CIT diversion center is meeting Officer Jenkins to help him with the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Knight  
Secretary