



Continuum of Care Membership Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 30, 2021
2:30 – 4:00PM

The following agenda items may not necessarily be considered in the order they appear.

Attendance (as indicated in the chat)

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| Dacey Werba, SARAH | Madeline Carrola, SARAH | Billy Mahone, SARAH |
| Tia Moen, HFC | Genevie Castilla, H4H | Kira Zylstra, ICF |
| David Huete, H4H | Breanna Jajairam, DHS | Chris Plauche, HFCC |
| Alberto Rodriguez, H4H | Rotella Galos, ECD | Sarah Dingivan, SALSA |
| Rex Brien, SAMMinistries | Nikisha Baker, SAMMinistries | Rosie Rodriguez, TRLA |
| Nina Gall, HMIS | Lizbeth Alvarez, SAAF | Drake Scallon, Prospera |
| Andrea Hofsetter, VHM | Cassandra Ruiz, RSA | Marisela Garcia, SAAF |
| Zachariah Woodard, SAHA | Harpreet Gill, SARAH | Janisa Harris, DHS |
| Joann Newell, WSA YES | Denis Barker, Maddalena House | Ziggy Keyes, ICF |

1. Call to Order – Nikisha Baker

- a. Nikisha Baker called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm.

2. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

3. Welcome Magdalena House and San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA) – Nikisha Baker

- a. Nikisha Baker welcomed the two new agencies to Membership Council.
- b. Sarah from SALSA gave a brief overview of their services and programs.
- c. Denise Barker gave a brief overview of the services and clients of Magdalena House.

4. Approve July 29, 2021, Minutes

Motion Zachariah Woodard Second Alberto Rodriguez Abstain Sarah Dingivan Approved Yes

5. Equal Access Training – Kira Zylstra & Madeline Carrola & Ziggy Keyes

- a. Kira Zylstra and Ziggy Keyes gave a presentation on Implementing HUD's Equal Access Rule.
 - i. HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity rules must be provided in all HUD assisted programs.
 - ii. There are no requirements for individuals to "prove" their gender identity. Providers must update their policies and procedures to reflect requirements.
 - iii. Ziggy Keyes discussed the definitions of Gender Identity, Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation, Transgender, and Transitioning.
 - iv. Among homeless LGBT youth (up to age 24) the average age of being homeless for the first time is 15 years old. In a recent study, nearly two thirds of homeless shelters failed to enroll a person properly once they identify as transgender. This is a few examples that Ziggy gave on why the equal access rule matters.
 - v. Ziggy Keyes went on to give examples of what discrimination looks like.
 - vi. Kira Zylstra provided the Committee with ways to implement anti-discrimination.
 - vii. <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/webinar-huds-equal-access-rule-what-it-is-whats-changed-and-what-you-need-to-know/>
- 6. CoC Board of Directors Meeting Report – Dacey Werba on Behalf of Nikisha Baker**



- a. Dacey Werba gave a brief overview on the Board of Directors Meeting from August 26, 2021. The meeting minutes from past meetings will be posted on SARA's website, and there will be an update given on committees later in the meeting.

7. Workgroup Reports

- a. Housing Identification Workgroup – Billy Mahone
 - i. Billy Mahone gave a reminder on when the Housing Identification workgroup is working on, and when they meet. He explained the landlord spotlight and how that will help with the Housing Surge. If you would like an invite or have questions, please email daceywerba@sarahomeless.org

8. CoC Committee Report – Madeline Carrola & Eboni Jett

- a. PIT Count Committee
 - i. PIT Methodology will be approved during the October meeting. There will be smaller zones, smaller teams, and one count.
 - ii. If any agency has anything they would like to donate to the PIT Supply Kits, please contact Billy Mahone. Centro donated sanitizing wipes.
 - iii. Volunteers will be recruited soon, and training will be required.
- b. Coordinated Entry and Outreach Advisory Committee Slate
 - i. Patricia Palomo discussed that the Committee is working on approving their HP standards.

9. CoC Lead Agency Updates – Madeline Carrola & Billy Mahone



- a. Housing Surge
 - i. Billy Mahone gave an update that there were 250 permanent housing Individuals housed since August 1st. This puts the community halfway to the goal of 500.

<https://sarahomeless.shinyapps.io/HousingSurgeTracker/>

- b. CoC Program NOFO
- c. Written Standards
- d. Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call

10. HMIS Lead Agency Updates – Nina Gall

- a. Nina Gall gave an update on staff changes, and code migration implementation and will be in compliance with the new 2022 standards. Their policies and procedures were also updated.

11. Membership Renewal Notice – Dacey Werba

- a. Dacey Werba let the Committee know that anyone that has not filled out their Membership Council Renewal will no longer have a voting seat at the next meeting, and to contact her if they have any questions on if their agency is in good standing.

12. Leadership Opportunities – Dacey Werba

- a. Housing Strategies Chair and Co-Chair

13. Items to Report to CoC Board of Directors

- a. There were no items discussed.

14. Next Membership Council Meeting

- a. November 18, 2021



15. Adjournment – Nikisha Baker

- a. Nikisha Baker Adjourned the meeting at 3:23 pm.