

## **NWCoC Board of Director Meeting**

February 16, 2023

### **Attendees:**

Present: Elena Guerra, Rita Ostman, Jennifer Dunham, Lori Anderson, Lori Wollman, Myranda Seopia, Maureen Hams, Cory Bushee, Matt Folstrom, Kayla Madigan, Laura Robertson, Karyn Novak, Shannon Lee, Margaret Treuer

Absent: Catie LeMay, Thomas Romano, Jean Roper, Sheril Schluter, Keiran Schokke

### **Approval of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 NWCoC Board of Director meeting minutes.**

M/ Rita Ostman; S/Jennifer Dunham to approve January 19<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Motion passed and carried.

### **2023 Special NOFO Competition Awards**

- On February 2, 2023, HUD announced \$315 million to assist individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness including households in rural areas.
- Minnesota received \$1,643,843 of the total funding.
- NWCoC received \$300,929 for two areas of focus, Rapid Re-Housing in Norman and Marshall counties and HMIS support.
- Congratulations to Tri-Valley Opportunity Council in receiving \$285,469 to support their new Rapid Re-Housing project!

William Snow, from HUD, indicated this week that the CoC NOFO announcements would be out shortly and additional awards for the Unsheltered/Rural NOFO in a few weeks' time.

### **Future NOFO processes**

Patty Beech Consulting will present ideas and recommendations to the P & E meeting, February 21<sup>st</sup> for their review.

For those who would like to join the Performance & Evaluation Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am via ZOOM, see invite listed below.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlcuCrpzMvHdY2Nfx34OS5V1DcR0rXQrCX>

### **NWCoC Coordinated Entry Grant**

Lori Anderson shared news of upcoming retirement in July, 2023. Thank-you to Lori for years of dedicated service.

A request is being made to HUD to transfer the NWCoC Coordinated Entry Grant from Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to NMF. Discussion included other alternatives, keeping position with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council or another agency to request taking on the project. The latter option would require HUD input and approval

M/ Laura Robertson; S/ Rita Ostman to make a request to HUD to transfer the NWCoC Coordinated Entry Grant from Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to NMF. Motion passed and carried.

### **NW MN Foundation Website Update**

On our NMF website some updates to the NWCoC page have been made. Noted: 2023 NWCoC calendar, members, committees and board. Also updated were the NWCoC Governance Charter, admin policies and CES policy. Moving forward, we will include the current years' board and general membership meeting minutes, archiving previous years-still accessible, to make website navigation easier and more user friendly. Future updates will include PIT/HIC 2023 information and NOFO information.

### **Point in Time Count 2023**

Thank you! ICA has started reviewing the data 2/15/2023, with the expectation of wrapping up the initial review by March 1. Reaching out individual CoC's with any inconsistencies that need to be addressed starting March 3.

### **Agency Updates and Upcoming Events**

- Beginning at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, NMF is hosting an event through which HUD will announce \$300,000 in grants for the NWCoC. This event will be occurring in Lake Bemidji and Lake Bronson conference rooms. Michele Smith, HUD Field Office Director, will be present to present funds. All are welcome to attend.
- March 8, Homeless Day on the Hill. Registration can be done [here](#). NMF is offering a stipend to help offset the cost of travel to agencies who plan on participating.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Native American Curriculum (NAC) for Behavioral Health Programs in Minnesota to be held at NWICDC. Contact Barbara for more information.
- May 8<sup>th</sup>, Peacemaker Resources Client Engagement seminar

Rita Ostman, Annishnaabe Legal Services: New attorney, Taylor Burdick, to be joining staff working with housing grant and landlord education.

Elena Guerra, Evergreen Youth and Family Services, to host Annual Gala, Play it Forward, on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Tickets to go on sale March 1, 2023, [here](#).

Lori Anderson: Evergreen Youth and Family Services recently hired new staff, Lynn, who will be working with youth.

Village of Hope update: A possible reopening of The Village of Hope center in April, 2023. New AmeriCorp housing navigator Mia has started at The Village of Hope site.

Cory asked about potential grant applications and offered NMF support for data and any other needs.

ICCC: Thief River Falls case manager, Debra is leaving for new employment in Washington. Best of wishes to her as she moves on.

M/ Maureen Hams; S/ Rita Ostman to adjourn meeting at 11:11am. Motion passed and carried.

