

Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition Board of Director's Quarterly Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2005

BOD Members Present:

Luella Sanders, Brad Schmidt, Randy Crandall, Gypsy Claar, Kim Pentico, Doug Wallace

Guests Present:

Amy Apitz – Kansas Housing Resource Center

Others Present:

Christy McMurphy (Ex Officio), Lisa Davis (KSHC Coordinator)

Comments from Kansas Housing Resources Corporation

Amy Apitz present to discuss concerns over FY 04 Balance of State Project Application review and ranking process. She stated there were questions over the role KSHC would take in providing technical assistance to project applicants and whether project applications effect the scoring of Exhibit 1. She stated that project applicants do not want feedback on their applications and that HUD's Federal office can be contacted for TA after the SuperNOFA was released, instead of the regional office. She also stated there were questions on whether KSHC would submit project applications over the pro rata share.

Review of last quarter's minutes

The minutes of October 14, 2004, were approved with only minor changes. James Glenn's last name should have two "n's" and both he and Lisa Davis should be added as guests. Doug Wallace motioned that minutes be accepted as amended and Kim Pentico seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Introductions and Updates

Gypsy Claar stated the People's Net almost had a lease signed. Luella declared that the Wichita conducted their point-in-time count on the 25th with increased collaboration from five agencies. She and Gypsy spoke about the recent death a gentleman who had been sleeping in his van, which has generated increased media attention. Kim Pentico issued invitations to the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence's reception on February 10th. Doug Wallace stated the Valeo would begin participating in the Dual Diagnosis training being offered through the KU Office of Mental Health Research and Training. He also spoke about developing partnerships with landlords, such as Cornerstone, to develop supportive housing. Brad Schmidt spoke about local efforts to open a shelter in Newton and spoke highly of a "Bridges to Poverty" presentation to address poverty, sponsored by the Peace Connection. Christy McMurphy stated SRS would be changing its name to Department of Human Services. Also, there will be \$100,000 from the Mental Health Block grant that can be used to match CoC project grants. She will put out an RFP in the spring. Randy Crandall stated that he is working on organizing a stand down in Topeka.

Report on the selection of KSHC new coordinator

Lisa Davis has been offered the coordinator position and will start before February 15th. There were 14 applicants. Two non-profits have responded to the RFP to "host" the coordinator:

Community Action, Inc. and Cornerstone, but housed at the Topeka Rescue Mission. The decision will be made within two weeks.

Report on HMIS meeting and implications

Kim Pentico attended an HMIS training in September. At the training, she relayed concerns over confidentially issues for domestic violence, mental health and HIV/AIDS,

Treasure's Report

Randy submitted treasures report. Currently, there is about \$17,000 in the KSHC account, reflecting quarterly payments from KHRC and KSHC and bills from the 2004 Summit.

Reports from subcommittees

Director's nominating Committee-BOD members were asked to forward nominations to Kim Pentico, keeping in mind the need to add representation of Western Kansas, HIV/AIDS. Motion was made by Kim Pentico and seconded by Brad Schmidt to accept James Glenn as a BOD member. Motion passed unanimously. Christy will also be resigning from the BOD, because SRS is provided funding for the KSHC coordinator position. Motion was made by Brad S. and seconded by Luella S. to change Christy McMurphy's status to ex officio. Motion passed unanimously.

Balance of State CoC Committee- Lisa reported that some regions have created new regional committees and some have chosen to expand local groups to include a regional focus. The point-in-time count is underway. Brochure on Accessing mainstream resources is being developed. Christy and Lisa will be meeting with the Community Capacity Building Team at SRS to get their support and participation in regional efforts.

Balance of State CoC Grant Review Committee-Luella, Christy and Doug agreed to serve on this committee. Lisa will develop draft materials on the project application processes for review and feedback.

Report on 04 CoC submissions, New chair for 05 CoC- The 04 BoS, Johnson, Douglas, Shawnee and Sedgwick County CoCs were funded. A new chair is needed for the BoS CoC Committee due to Christy's resignation from the BOD.

Fund raising Committee- KSHC will be submitting a concept paper to the Sunflower Foundation to get funding for capacity building activities, such as developing a strategic plan and hiring a fundraising consultant, John Pepperdine, who has suggested that we need a 5 year strategic plan. Christy has spoken with the self-help network about conducting a BOD retreat to do this. Motion was made by Luella and seconded by Gypsy to submit a concept paper to the Sunflower Foundation.

05 Summit Committee- The KSHC is looking at holding a 1-1/2 day summit in Hutchinson. Christy is attending the Homeless Task Force meeting in Hutchinson on Feb. 15th to discuss this with them. Christy is applying for TA money through Olmstead to secure Marie Williams as a speaker. She is a supported housing developer from Tennessee.

Public Awareness/Advocacy Committee- no report

New Business

2006 Housing Conference-KSHC had a phone consultation with Wendy Cook, the consultant who put together the Zarrow Symposium in Tulsa. Christy wrote and submitted a proposal to the Zarrow Foundation to fund a 2-year contract with Wendy Cook to organize a Zarrow

Symposium for 06 in Kansas. SRS has already pledged \$25,000 towards the Symposium. The BOD has a conference call with the Tulsa MHA tomorrow to discuss the above.

Bringing America Home Act- discussion on whether to join this effort, and other national advocacy efforts. Lisa will email information pertaining to the National Low Income Housing Coalition's campaign for the National Housing Trust Fund and the NLIHC and NAEH's advocacy efforts around the federal 06 proposed budget.

Up date from Lisa- Lisa will be checking into creating a check off on the Kansas Income Tax form for people to donate to KSHC. Discussed whether KSHC should be a member of Kansas NAHRO. Brad suggested that it might be more advantageous to present or have a booth at their conference.

KSHC Goals

Randy discussed 04 goals and changes and additions for 05.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be held on April 28 from 12:00 to 3:00 at:

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