

The Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care

The Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care is committed to prevent and end the tragedy of homelessness among individuals and families.

Serving Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, McIntosh, Murray, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, and Pushmataha Counties.

The annual meeting of the Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care held Thursday, January 13, 2022 1:30 P.M. via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order by Linda Love, Chair. Introductions were made.

PATH - CREEKS reviewed the 4 counties the PATH Program is serving. Referrals can be made by e-mail or phone. There is a referral form.

SSVF – SSVF has a new program called Shallow Subsidies. The programs works with Veterans who need further support at the end of their SSVF eligibility. Community Service Council is providing Shallow Subsidies in 14 counties. Liz Adams is the contact person. KI BOIS SSVF is providing Shallow Subsidies in all 24 counties they serve. There is a Shallow Subsidies case manager position open in Muskogee. They are working on their NOFA application. They are still serving more than 100% of their normal capacity.

HMIS – Ashley Benz reported the SEO CoC served 1,000 more people than the other two CoC's she works with. Data is looking good. Contact Ashley with any questions or concerns.

ESG-CV2 Set Aside – SEO CoC was the only CoC to do a Set Aside project. Ada Homeless Services is serving as the fiscal agent for the project. Training dates have been set and will be sent out. The first training is February 23, 2022 and will be a Racial Equity refresher. Other topics include Engaging Vulnerable Populations in Program Design, and Developing a Strategy to Incorporate Racial Equity in Service Delivery Parts 1 and 2. The six month spending threshold is approaching. Agencies need to make sure they are spending their funds.

HUD Reports – Longitudinal Systems Analysis is due February 15, 2022. Lead Agency staff is working on responses to all flagged files. System Performance Measures are due February 28, 2022. Lead Agency staff will submit data after completion of the LSA. The due date for the Point in Time/Housing Inventory Count is yet to be released. The 2021 submitted reports were included in the meeting packet.

Point in Time Count – HUD has given the option to postpone the Count until the end of February due to the Omicron spike. The CoC completed an unsheltered count in 2021 and, in the 2021 Consolidated Application, committed to do an unsheltered count in 2022. Discussion followed regarding moving the Count date and doing an unsheltered count. Christie Baldrige motioned to a sheltered only count. LaQuita Thornley seconded. Motion carried. There was further discussion about moving the count. Tammy Randazzo made a motion to authorize the Executive Committee to make the decision after making some inquiries with HUD. Sarah Frye seconded. Motion carried.

PiT Forms – a review of the 2022 changes to the PiT forms was presented. The original Count date is January 27, 2022. This may change depending on the information received by the Executive Committee.

Participation in the CoC – A review was given of what constitutes active participation in the CoC. ESG participation letters must be requested by May 11, 2022.

Coordinated Entry System – The CES policies will need to be reviewed and updated later in the year.

CoC/ESG Policies/Governance Charter - The section on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Homelessness in the Governance Charter needs to be moved to the CoC/ESG policies. The coordinating appendix will be moved also. There is some random text at the bottom of page 5 of the Governance Charter that needs to be removed. Sarah Frye made a motion to approve all changes to the two documents. Christie Baldrige seconded. Motion carried.

Lead Agency/HMIS Lead Agency – There were no agencies willing to take on the lead role. A motion was made by Sarah Frye to retain KI BOIS Community Action as the lead agency and CDSA/Ashley Benz as the HMIS lead. Motion carried.

Election of Board Members – The Executive Committee still needs representation from persons with lived experience and Veterans. Charolette Sanders (Gospel Rescue Mission) volunteered to serve as the representative of persons with lived experience. Christie Baldrige made a motion to elect Charolette to the Executive Committee in said position. Sarah Frye seconded. Motion carried. Janci Jeanotte (VA) volunteered to represent Veterans. Christie Baldrige made a motion to elect Janci to the Executive Committee in said position. Tammy Randazzo seconded. Motion carried. The Executive Committee still needs a domestic violence representative.

Consolidated Application/Planning Grant – The applications were submitted in mid-November. Due to the continuously increasing mandates and requirements faced by the CoC, a .75 FTE was requested in the Planning Grant. The total requested was \$64,176.

Discussion – The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency has a Housing Assistance Program for home owners affected by COVID. Gospel Rescue Mission is providing day shelter with showers and food. They also have a resource center. The Grace Center is open, but the day shelter is closed.

Meeting adjourned.