



Board Minutes 2/28/2023

Attendees- Board members present: Julian Miller (Chair); Jimmy Smith, Toby Brown, (Secretary); Tim Blanco (Vice Chair); Tom Taylor, Nelle Bordeaux, Dr. Rena Douse, Jacqueline Awe, Jenny Gentry, Pastor Charles Roberson, Rabbi Robert Haas, Meg Heap, Kurtis Purtee, Jeff Rayno, Jen Davenport. Staff Present: Jenn Dulong (Executive Director); Kamashia Nelson (Housing/ CE Director); Erin Wessling (Marketing- W Projects).

I. Welcome (Julian Miller, Chair)

a. Invocation

b. Approval of minutes (December minutes emailed in advance) (vote required), **Motion to accept the minutes by Toby Brown, Second Tom Taylor- unanimously carried.**

c. Legislative update (SB 62) (Advocacy) (Julian and Jenn)

Brief Discussion on the potential effects of SB 62 and the creation of regulated sanitary camps on public land. While the bill “passed” through legislation- it has not been signed by the governor. Julian and Jenn were able to offer feedback during legislative committee sessions. Will keep the board updated.

II. CSAH current Financials (Janet Kniss, CSAH Treasurer) **report given by Jenn Dulong in the absence of the treasurer- all materials prepared in advance by Janet Kniss, board treasurer.**

a. New grant applications (Jenn Dulong)

Jenn updated the board on the following grants she’s applied for: United Way of the Coastal Empire, Chatham County Blueprint, Frueauff Foundation and Congressional Appropriations request for funding was completed for Senator Ossoff, Senator Warnock, and Congressman Carter (funding for the Cottages at Dundee for families and children experiencing homelessness).

III. Board succession plan discussion (Julian Miller, Toby Brown)

a. Chair elect- nomination and recommendation to participate on the Executive Committee Julian discussed Jimmy Smith’s participation on the executive committee as a potential candidate for the Office of “chairman” of the CSAH BOD.

The following motion was presented by Tim Blanco: Motion for Jimmy to begin participating in the executive committee meetings- second by Toby Brown – unanimously supported- motion carries.

- b. **Ad-hoc Committee Recommendation -Governance and Nomination Committee:**
A brief discussion was held regarding committee work on the following: Authority appointees, Bylaws, board member terms and a slate of new board members based on the number of members leaving the board due to term limits. The executive committee is moving forward with this work. Julian requested that Jen Davenport and Toby work together on the bylaws.

IV. CSAH Lead Agency - Interagency Council on Homelessness (Jenn Dulong)

- a. **ICH admin and board update (ICH Strategic Plan)** The RFP is now listed on the CSAH website- the ICH is moving forward with securing a Strategic Planning firm.
- b. **Point in time count (PIT) update (unofficial numbers)** CSAH had excellent community participation- used an app downloaded on the volunteer’s cell phones as the survey tool- used advanced community mapping to locate the unsheltered – awesome work by the team at CSAH in coordinating, training, and implementing the new process for accurate counting.
- c. **CSAH to host Cloudburst training scheduled for the general membership of the ICH/CoC- Equal Access Training** on HUD’s final ruling for equal access for homeless service providers- 60 slots available- training is being paid for out of COC planning dollars- \$6500.00.
- d. **Coordinated Entry update (Kamashia Nelson- new CE/Housing Director)** CSAH has worked to redevelop the housing application process- timelines for applications being processed has decreased by 50%- unprecedented number of people experiencing homelessness housed in 45 days.

IIV. Housing Development updates (Jenn Dulong)

- a. **Veteran’s Tiny Homes (12 new homes, Colonial Dames Garden update, Wesley Monumental volunteer project (March 12th), Home Depot update)** Jenn gave updates- great discussion.
- b. **Cottages at Dundee & Cove construction update update (Tom Taylor)** Tom reported how impressed he was with CHSA leading the development of the final 12 veteran tiny homes and the work of KJ Construction- everything is moving along on time.
- c. **Medically fragile shared housing opportunity (Cuyler Brownsville) partnership with Landbank Authority, CHSA and Savannah Housing Development team** Jenn

reported on this potential future project for medically fragile people experiencing homelessness.

IIIIV. CSAH Street Outreach (Jenn Dulong) In an effort to conserve the remaining time for the marketing presentation- Jenn moved to the next agenda items.

- a. PATH/H.O.T./UCM Outreach/Open Access/Day Centers**
- b. Camp engagements/ Downtown businesses/ squares**

IIIIV. Marketing Presentation – W Projects, Erin Wessling

- a. Fundraising materials – H.O.M.E – Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone**
Jenn briefly discussed the development of the HOME fund for current and future housing development projects for CSAH.
- b. Website redevelopment and launch** Erin walked the board through the webpage updates and redesign- board was extremely impressed.
- c. Social Media improvements and engagement** Erin reported a 400% increase in social media engagement.
- d. Give Change that Counts update/signage/relaunch/City support.** Erin briefly reported that we have the support of the city to move forward with a public sign campaign to educate the public on panhandling and give people an alternate way to “give change that counts”.