

Interagency Council on Homelessness

Board Meeting

Minutes

June 22, 2023

1. Call to Order at 8:40am. In attendance was Shania Copeland, Jennifer Davenport, Jennifer Dulong, Linda James, Michael Kaigler, Stephanie Kaple, Jay Melder, Wayne Noha, Kerri Reid, Terry Tolbert, Michael Traynor, Phylicia Anderson, Kenneth Clark
2. Approval of Agenda, Board Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2023 held till next meeting due to quorum.
3. Mental Health & Homeless Services Committee update by Phylicia Anderson, Gateway. Provided the first draft of "Flow of Service" chart that will ideally help guide and get people experiencing homelessness to appropriate mental health care. Would like to create a small committee to work on the details of this chart and ensure that gaps in services are being noted. Committee would ideally include homeless service providers, mental health, law enforcement, EMT/medical, and other critical services within the process. Service Providers have been asked to complete a chart showing need in a one-week period to help create a baseline of needs and services.
4. Presentation by Ranking & Rating Committee; HUD CoC Competition Debriefing FY2022- Jennifer Dulong, Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Lead NOFO Applicant. See presentation included. Discussion of how to assist new project applicants to ensure that applicants can be ready within the quick turnaround time. Training options and option of hiring a grant writer to help with the process were discussed and how that process might look. CSAH stated they will research training and advised it will require a block of hours to provide an impactful training. Union Mission and Salvation Army both plan to apply for Rapid Rehousing should the funding be offered again, Kenneth Clark will talk to Earline Davis on how the Housing Authority could be make the placement process more effective for a Rapid Rehousing project.
5. Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee presented the Non-Discrimination Policy for review and acceptance by ICH Board. Motion made by Terry Tolbert to adopt the it as the supported policy of the ICH/CoC, Jay Melder seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

This does not require a member agency to adapt the same policy for their agency, it does set a standard level that the ICH/CoC hopes all will meet.

6. Encampment Policy was presented for review by ICH Board, next step will be City and County Managers meeting together to determine any needs for edits or revisions. Jay Melder suggested this might lead to the need for an Encampment Protocol Coordinator to help with potential movements. Discussion on distinguishing between public property, private property, and public spaces and how to create respond to encampments on each if/when needed.

7. Executive Director Report was presented by Stephanie Kaple including Standing Committee updates, see supplemental report.

Stephanie will be working on collecting individual agency plans for Severe Weather response to help create a master list of when services would be increased or decreased due to weather. Discussion around how those experiencing homelessness are integrated into storm shelters, transportation to and from. Concern was expressed that after last evacuation more individuals returned than had gone. Discussion on how a storm with direct and serious impacts could affect operations of partner agencies and ability to return. Need to explore challenges those experiencing homelessness face when applying for post storm assistance and how agencies deal with impacts including damage to facilities, loss of staff housing, and increased demand among other possibilities. This will be first step in many to create better preparedness to a variety of possible weather conditions as well as other possible challenges such as pandemics.

8. No additional remarks.

9. Meeting adjourned at 9:39am