CSAH Board Meeting Minutes October 23rd, 2024

Attendees: Jimmy Smith (Chairman), Christopher Middleton, James Mitchell, Jen Davenport (Secretary), Jenn Dulong (CSAH ED), Jenny Gentry (Treasurer), Rabbi Robert Haas, Christina "Tina" Roberti, Michael Canady, Kamashia Nelson, Wanda Wesley, Tom Taylor, Holden Hayes, Miriam Munn, Elizabeth Setter, Kurtis Purtee, Sharon Hill, Major Shanita Young, Jacqueline Awe, James Smith, Kay Zukowski, Kishia Young, Keona Adams, Stacey Murray

Located at 761 Wheaton Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room & via Microsoft TEAMS

I. **Welcome, Call to order and Roll Call (Jimmy Smith, Chair) –** McKaylin began our board meeting with a prayer.

   a. Members of the Homeless Authority BOD

   b. Invocation

II. Review and Approval of the minutes. (Jen Davenport, Secretary)

   a. September meeting minutes - Motion to approve – Jenny Gentry/ seconded by James Mitchell/ minutes approved.

   b. **New member recommendations (Anita Smith-Dixon, Ex, Dir. CHSA) -** Jenn Davenport requested we move this to our next agenda until some additional information is available before going forward with new board members – agreed by all

III. Financials (Jenny Gentry, Treasurer)

   a. P&L and Balance Sheet - Motion to approve – Jenny Gentry/ seconded by Elizabeth Suger/ Financials approved.

IV. CSAH Executive Director's Report (Jenn Dulong)

   a. Interagency Council on Homelessness (CSAH Lead Agency & collaborative applicant)

      1. NOFO competition 2024/2025 Final Scores and Recommendations - Ms. Janice and McKaylin will ensure all documentation is uploaded to e-SNAPS by Friday, five days prior to HUD's deadline.

2. **Collaborative Application Due October 25th. (HUD Deadline 10/30) –** Jenn Dulong provided an overview of the Notice of Funding Collaborative Application process, emphasizing its importance for securing funding for local homeless service projects. She explained the evaluation process by the local rating and ranking committee, which ensures transparency and fairness, especially with the recent shift to in-person project presentations. Jenn also discussed the tools required by HUD for various project types, including a new bonus scoring tool, and highlighted the recent bonus funding awarded to the HMIS project.
3. **ICH/CoC 5 Year Strategic Plan presentation November 12th from 8:30AM-10:00AM Savannah Civic Center 3rd floor ballroom -** Jenn encouraged the board to join the 5-year Strategic Plan Presentation

b. Behavioral Health Innovation and Reform Commission workgroup recommendations – In the meeting Jenn also addressed challenges faced by the PATH outreach team, particularly new restrictions limiting their services to individuals with severe mental illness.

c. CSAH Housing

1. **Dundee Cottages update -** Jenn highlighted the significance of obtaining a position on the Innovation and Reform Commission to facilitate pilot programs, including the Dundee Cottage project, which is nearing completion. Dr. Read will assist in building out an MOU for the shared housing project with Mercer Medical Students. There will be a follow up on the SCAD investment grant for the Dundee Cottage project.
2. **1819 Florence where shared housing for unsheltered people with complex medical needs -** The temporary housing program for individuals with complex medical needs was discussed, focusing on transitioning them into permanent housing.
3. **Bridges to Stability Program in partnership with Chatham County Government, Family Promise, JC Lewis Health and Mercer Medical School**

d. **CSAH Outreach updates - –** Jenn concluded the meeting with a review of the successful outcomes of the Homeless Outreach Team program, which exceeded contract deliverables, while also addressing concerns about funding for outreach services in Savannah. Jenn will continue to advocate for flexibility in mental health service eligibility criteria.

e. **CSAH Resource Development updates**

1. **Grants submitted NOFO (HMIS and HMIS expansion, SSO/CE, CoC planning)**

2. **Fundraising, Marketing and website (New live pages)**

***Meeting adjourned- 4:50pm**

Next CSAH board meeting:

Thursday, November – 761 Wheaton Street, 3rd floor