CSAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 20th, 2025

761 Wheaton Street, 3rd Floor Classroom & via Microsoft TEAMS

Attendees (In Person): Jimmy Smith (Chair), Jenn Dulong (CSAH ED), Holden Hayes, James Mitchell, Kamashia Nelson, Stacey Murray, Brianna Magoon, Brandon Macrae
Attendees (Teams): Jenny Gentry (Treasurer), Janice Sheffield, McKaylin Zukowski, Sharon Hill, Robert Haas, Jacqueline Awe

I. **Welcome, Call to order (Jimmy Smith, Chair)**

II. **Review and Approval of the minutes. (Jimmy Smith, Chair)**

a. **January meeting minutes**

Motion to approve: Jenny Gentry

Second: Jimmy Smith

All approved.

b. **Brief update on the Resolutions for City and County regarding CSAH legislative amendments and the Chatham/Savannah Interagency Council on Homelessness enabling ACT. (Jenn Dulong).** Jenn mentioned there was a chance the legislation may not pass until spring and the intention is to pass the resolutions to Jesse Petree, who needs the city and county to approve before pursuing it at a state level. The question was raised about when the reduction of the board would go into effect; this would become law on July 1, at which point retention would be discussed. This would also change the number of board meetings per year to seven.

III. **Financials (Jenny Gentry, Treasurer)**

a. **P&L and Balance Sheet**

Financials were reviewed. Our income is up by 68%. There is an increase in expense in employment due to salary adjustments and adding additional staff in 2025. The Balance Sheet is up $322,000 and Receivables are down. Horizon Homes were mentioned by **Jenn Dulong**, which was started in 2021-2022, and was transitioned into the HOME fund. We are trending in the right direction.

Motion to approve: Holden Hayes

Second: James Mitchell

All approved

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

a. Staffing updates (HMIS data quality analyst, Exec. Admin.)

Brandon Macrae, HMIS support, and Brianna Magoon, Executive Administrator, introduced themselves as the new members of CSAH.

b. CSAH collaborative applicant work

- **Point in Time Count recap & brief update**

  We will go over the PIT count more in depth at the PIT Presentation May 21st (Time and place TBD)

- **NOFO awards announcements, NOFO competitive process, R&R Committee**

  Of the 4.861 million available, we were awarded 4.6 million. **Jenn Dulong** explained that our COC competes with the rest of the country. Rating and ranking goes to the ICH board of directors and then HUD makes a recommendation at a federal level. They are looking at key indicators to see how the project operated. We are currently hands off unless someone wants help writing a letter of appeal. **Holden Hayes** summarized: we were responsible for recommending projects and our recommendation was that all projects get fully funded, but the rating and ranking committee itself was responsible for actually determining funding based on their rating and ranking.

c. Encampment Management Policy update

This is a policy that addresses all components about how our community engages with encampments and where the cost falls. The policy will be put in front of the city council and this is the first step before new local ordinances are adopted. House Bill 295 was explained, which is a piece of legislation that is moving forward that gives individuals the ability to sue local government if local ordinance is not followed regarding encampments.

d. Project Hope Water update

On the initial debut day, there were 16 people ready to go, but the hot water heater did not work as there was a leak in the propane. The goal is to have it running on Tuesdays/Thursdays at Union Mission Day Center. After 30 days, it will be moved to other sites throughout the community.

e. **Housing Update**

Dundee Cottages should be opening in Q2 of 2025/June. The concrete for the community center was poured last week. We applied for the SCAD Cares fund—we weren't approved, but we weren't declined. SCAD is designing the interior of our community center. They may fund us, they may not.

We are also seeking full funding for the Florence Street project for those 55 and over. It is a $780k project with four two bedroom units.

f. **SCAD grant discussion and Compass Project (Lived Experience work group update)**

SCAD is partnering with us to develop outdoor kiosks in key locations to help those experiencing homelessness find resources. There are people with lived experience working with these students to help them develop these kiosks.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm

Important dates:

- **ICH General Membership meeting February 24th, 9:00AM Coastal GA Center.**
- **SCAD/CSAH Final project presentation, March 11th @ 3:00PM SCAD Industrial Design Building**
- **CSAH Executive Committee Meeting, March 12th, 8:30AM via TEAMS**
- **CSAH board meeting: Thursday, March 20th, 761 Wheaton Street @ 4:00PM**
- **CSAH ANNUAL meeting and PIT presentation, Wednesday, May 21st (Time and place TBD)**