

SD Housing for the Homeless (SDHHC) Quarterly Meeting  
1pm to 5:30 Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Capitol Lake Visitors Center, Pierre SD  
Minutes prepared by Joseph Tielke

**AGENDA**

- Welcome, Announcements, Attendance –1 PM
- CoCOverview & Activity Report –1:15
- Cultural Considerations on Treating Trauma; Tanya Grassel-Krietlow–2:30
- Emergency Solutions Grant –3:15
- Coordinated Entry Evaluation Overview, Augustana Research Institute-3:30
- Emergency Management & Continuity of Operations; Randy Hartmann –4:00
- Committee Reports & Town Hall –5:00
- Adjourn –5:30 PM

**Meeting Notes:**

SDHHC Quarterly Member meeting was held in person in Pierre South Dakota. Attendance was taken through sign-ins.

**Welcome and Announcements – Joseph Tielke**

Meeting began with an introduction of attendees and an ice breaker. CoC Admin Joseph Tielke presented slides on the background of the Consortium's responsibilities and the role of the general membership, the committees, the Policy Advisory Committee and the Youth Advisory Board. An overview was given of the current funding breakdown for CoC and YHDP projects

**CoC Competition Info- Joseph Tielke**

The 2023 Priority Listing was presented to the General Membership and an overview was given on the HUD COC concepts of *Annual Renewal Demand, Tier 1, Tier 2 and bonus funding*.

An overview of the CoC grant eligible activities was given and Joseph solicited new applications for the 2024 competition. Agencies were encouraged to brainstorm what kind of project they could initiate to meet the needs of their community. Information was shared on eligible recipients, activities and project types.

Mr. Tielke then presented on the SD-500 Written Standards. The guiding principles of Housing First, Person-Centered, Strength-Based, and Data-driven were explained. Then there was a review of federal mandates for HUD funded projects. This review covered HEARTH Section 404 Prohibition of Family Separation, restrictions for faith-based organizations and HUD's Equal Access rule. It was shared that a Quarterly Meeting in December is not planned for 2024 and instead the March meeting will be a combined event with mandatory training for projects. The CoC is seeking 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to complete this effort.

A brief presentation was then given on the CoC Consolidated Application which is due on September 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a section of the application which Mr. Tielke is concerned about and that is regarding PLE participation. SD-500 has many projects that employ former program participants and internal surveys have indicated that the General Membership consistently have PLE participation. But there is no PLE workgroup and the Consolidated Application is requesting specific information on the degree of participation we have from PLEs. Mr Tielke urged all in attendance to submit letters approving the CoC application and reminded those in attendance they could be completed anonymously.

Mr. Tielke concluded his presentation with updates on the Point in Time Count and the Legislative Day. The 2024 PIT-HIC is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The latest information we have at this time indicates that the HIC will be an HMIS export. So projects will be able to complete their forms earlier than the day of the count. Legislative Day is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> and all YAB and PAC members are encouraged to attend. This is a day of education and advocacy at the State Capitol. Prior to that date Mr. Tielke will send out letter templates for project staff to customize for their own district representative that educates them on the CoC and the state of homelessness in South Dakota.

### **Cultural Considerations of Trauma Informed Care**

Tanya Grassel-Krietlow with the South Dakota Network against Family Violence and Sexual Assault presented for 45 minutes; please see slide deck for details.

### **CES Report – Stephanie Marshall**

CES Administrator Stephanie Marshall reminded those in attendance that CES policies and procedures were guided by the CES Committee and encouraged participation from new members.

Suzanne Smith of Augustana Research Institute provided a summary look at her findings from the independent evaluation effort that began in February. See the attached slide presentation for more details

### **ESG Report- Denise Albertson**

Denise Albertson gave an overview of the traditional ESG timeline. There are 3 traditional grants in play currently:

1. the 2021 grant which expires 9/23/23, 89% expended
2. 2022 grant expires on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2024, 27% expended to date
3. 2023 grant. Grant agreements go out soon. 21 agencies requested \$1.3m from the available \$639,874

The ESG-CV award expires at the end of September except for HMIS and Admin expenses. We are currently at 85% expended.

### **Emergency Management Overview and Continuity of Operations Plans**

Randy Hartman with the Office of Emergency Management provided foundational knowledge on disaster response and how projects can participate in local planning for disasters. CoC Admin Joseph Tielke urged projects to look closely at how they could be affected by disasters and to plan accordingly. All in attendance were encouraged to participate in their local disaster planning efforts.

### **Town Hall**

Open conversation was had for agencies to provide updates on their communities.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30**

**Next Quarterly Meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Chamberlain Americinn**