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1.26.24  
**WY CoC Meeting Minutes**

Approved on: 2.2.24

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Board Chair Tracy Obert called a meeting to order on Friday, January 29, 2024 at 8:32am with a quorum.

In attendance: Tracy Obert, Bobbie Neilsen, Paul Wright, Tara Trenholm, Karla McClaren, Shari West, Hope White, Chandler Fox (they/them) , Wanda Koffler, Dawn Dillinger

Not in attendance: everyone in attendance.

Tracy Obert called for a motion for Approval of the minutes from 1.19.24, Paul Wright motioned, Tara Trenholm seconded- no discussion- motion passed- minutes approved.

Tracy/ Karla will work on the letter to Stephanie with HUD and send it out for board Approval next week.

Tracy/Hope to get together and discuss the letter from Cynthia Lummis, this next week.

Dawn finished her Acronym chart and met with New Board Members Chandler Fox and Hope White for a meet and great.

Board Chair Tracy Obert called for a motion to vote on New Board member Application, Anika Kelley, discussion followed. Motion to Approve made by Wanda Koffler, Fox seconded, motion passed we need to send an invite to Anika Kelley for our next Board meeting on 2.2.24

We currently have 11 board members, our charter allows 15, discussion on strategies to fill the 4 open board seats for the Wy CoC.

Board Chair Tracy Obert mentioned that Laurissa Miech with WCDA resigned from the Board, discussion on inviting someone else from WCDA to take her place- Tracy/Karla will reach out.

Tiana Reick with Riverton Rescue Mission, project declined our invitation to present to the WY CoC board due to scheduling conflicts. Karla will reach out to see if they are still interested in presenting to the Board, Shari requested contact information for the Riverton Rescue Mission to introduce herself and offer to help.

#### Quarterly Membership Meeting in Mid-March 2024

Scheduled Date is 3/20/24 from 9am-11am via Zoom with several presenters to start the meeting if needed.

Presenters must provide copy of digital presentation and topic, with understanding it will be published and shred upon request.

Itinerary :

Opening Presenter WY CoC, where are we now, what we've learned.

Presenter #2\_\_\_\_\_

Presenter #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Q&A

Flyer for Save the Date-Fox-

ESG Update- No Update at this Time-Karla

Welcome New Board Member Hope White and Board Introductions.

Hope White, Deputy Director of Eastern Shoshone Housing Authority. Dual Tribal Enrollments re: Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshoni.

Extensive Experience with Grant Writing, Management and HUD.

Welcome to the WY CoC Board.

To make sure everyone has Hope White's correct email it is as follows: [hope.white@es-ha.com](mailto:hope.white@es-ha.com)

**HMIS committee Report – Bobbie**- LAS reports submitted on time 1.24.26, now at System Performance Measures- 2022 reports haven't been release we need to compare DATA from 2023 by 2/1/24 and decide if we will resubmit- Board will need to vote.

**PIT- 1.24.24**- portal will be open until 2.16.24 but the last day to survey is 1.31.24.

**Sandy Wilson, ICA/ HMIS** – discussion on HMIS Funding short fall affecting HMIS Lead Bobbie Nielsen hours dedicated to the WY CoC, going from full time to part time until we can meet the short fall in the budget- Discussion on New MOU between WY CoC and HMIS/ ICA reflecting scope of duties, expectations, Sandy will have updated MOU draft to Board by next meeting 2.2.24 for review.

Continued discussion on Participating Agencies paying a percentage with a cap of the grants received toward future HMIS Funding- no meetings scheduled.

NOFO Announcement has yet to be made for the 2024 funding year.

WY CoC Board expressed how imperative it is we have our HMIS Lead Bobbie Nielsen back to full time ASAP. We will still have HMIS support through the help desk and Bobbie will be able to prioritize her time and response as needed. Effective Date is 2.1.24 for Bobbie going to part time for the WY CoC and other assigned CoC work with another State contracted with ICA.

Bobbie does have a Bookings App that we can book time with her if needed going forward, manage expectations as it might not be immediate, rather scheduled out a few days. Sandy expressed availability to assist when needed and to reach out.

**CE Committee Report- Dawn** – Discussed approved MOU, MAP replacing VISPDAT and field testing for comparison.

**Membership and Outreach- Paul**- no meeting due to lack of attendance.

**Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC) – Tracy** – cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

**Website Committee- Dawn** – URL is updated- Laurissa resigned – Dawn edited the website a bit- we invited Fox to be on the committee- Wanda would like to invite Anika also- we need to schedule a date for the committee meetings.

**Events and Announcements-**

Rocksprings Pride is having coffee at the library 1.27.24 from 9:30am to 10:30am

Texas Road House in Cheyenne is having a fundraiser 2.8.24 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm to benefit the COMEA House.

Wyoming Equality Rendezvous – registration open 8.7.24

**Q&A –**

Further Discussion between Bobbie Neilsen, Hope White, Tracy Obert, Dawn Dillinger, Wanda Koffler on Rural/Fronteering of Wyoming, the Homeless Epidemic on the Reservations and how crucial we come together on behalf of ALL Wyoming Residents and help HUD Understand what our people face compared to Urban America.

Continued Collaboration between the WY CoC and WY Tribal Communities will be crucial in meeting the needs of our Native American Citizens – sharing knowledge, experience and creating a format to present at future events on behalf of Wyoming addressing Homelessness and how it has changed in our Wyoming communities to communicate to our Local, County, State and Federal Agencies.

(condensed 192 pages, 31084 word transcript to 3 page, 930 word minutes)