
2.2.24 WY CoC

WY CoC Meeting Minutes

Approved on: 2.9.24

Wy Coc Board Chair, Tracy Obert called the 2.2.24 Board Meeting to order at 8:33am Friday morning., with quorum.

In Attendance is : Tracy Obert, Bobbie Neilsen, Wanda Koffler, Dawn Dillinger, Sharie West, Paul Wright, Anika Kelley, Allyson Stanton alternate for Tara Trenholm, Karla McClaren.

Not in Attendance: Tara Trenholm, Chandler Fox, Hope Wright.

Board Introductions, and Welcome to New Board Member Anika Kelley, and Alternate Allyson Stanton.

*Anika Kelly is new to Wyoming, has Lived Experience, joined the Homeless Advisory Committee to give a voice to the current issues Homeless in Wyoming face. Anika has experience in a variety of areas including live media streaming. Dawn and Anika will meet separately to go over the Acronyms List for a short Orientation.

*Allyson Stanton is Alternate Board member for Tara Trenholm, representing transitional living program with YES House, Youth Demographics 18-24.

Welcome to both.

Approval of Minutes 1.26.24, Paul Wright Motioned to Approve, Nika seconded, discussion on condensed minutes, Board Chair called for a vote- motion passed- minutes 1.26.24 approved.

Bobbie and Tracy will work on a Welcome New Board Member Form Letter as part of our onboarding package for New Board members.

Executive Team, Board Chair Tracy Obert, Vice Chair Bobbie Nielsen, Secretary Wanda Koffler met with Sandy Wilson, ICA 2.1.24 for an update on the Status of HMIS Lead for Wyoming being allowed to continue as full time in Wyoming through the month of February 2024 pending when HUD will execute the NOFO grant. Sandy will contact Stephanie with HUD Denver Field Office and open the conversation.

The Wy CoC Board would still like to address a policy on HMIS Participating Agencies to contribute to the use of HMIS beyond licensing fees- as it would open up funding that could go out to new projects around the State.

Shari/Karla/ Wanda- committee to write a request for ICA to provide a budget showing what the cost of HMIS for the WY CoC is, how expenditure affects total cost, the shortfall, etc. so we know going forward- and probably should include a quarterly report of expenses.

Quarterly Membership Meeting March 20, 2024 9am-11am.

Save the Date Flyer for Quarterly March Membership Meeting flyer- will be attached to an email with detailed information for meeting ID, Itinerary to go out to General Membership week of 2/5-9/24.

Discussion on the WY CoC obtaining a paid subscription for a Zoom Account- getting a quote and sending to CA, ICA for approval. Concerns about the CA still being held up in transfer from WHC to ICA, and an accounting of what's left in the planning grant. Karla is emailing Sabrina with WHC, Mollie with ICA with questions about remaining funds and who to send a quote to for Zoom Account.

Board Chair Tracy Obert announced that the National Alliance to End Homelessness accepted our invitation to present at the March Meeting- further discussion on Frontier States, National Conferences, and the struggle to get people to conferences from Rural Areas. The National Alliance is opening a category for Rural States Registration. Wyoming attendance this year is very important as Cynthia Lummis is on the housing committee with HUD for Wyoming. Conference to be held mid-July in Washington DC- we want to send a few Board members if possible.

ESG Update- Karla- contracts are in process- no update to report- further discussion on TANIF funding through DFS possibly able to offer grant type funding to homeless-Karla will research.

HMIS Committee Report- Bobbie-

Bobbie will remain fulltime for month of February pending planning grant execution- NOFO was awarded, we will have about &78,00 in planning grant- discussion on Board Members attending annual conferences- spending down current planning grant and who do we request funding from WHC ro ICA- as the CA transfer is still pending.

Further discussion on State wide DATA needed for accurate reflection of sheltered, unsheltered and service provided or needed for State DATA- building relationships with providers outside of HMIS is still very important to get an accurate census for Non Profits, Partnering Agencies, Local and State officials when applying for grant funds, or direct fund raising efforts indirectly affecting our homeless populations around the State.

The WY CoC agreed that reaching out for outside homeless counts around the State besides just HMIS users is the goal regardless of participation in WY CoC. Everyone is reaching out to leverage relationships to collect needed information for this year's DATA –

Action Item – Karla is reaching out to Brad Christianson for input concerning getting DATA from Jackson WY area as they responded poorly to Bobbie with a request for \$50,00 for homeless information affecting that area of the State.

CE Committee- Dawn- no update.

Membership and Outreach- Paul- no update

PIT Committee-Karla unsheltered count due in portal – Bobbie will update on the actual numbers- sheltered count due by the 7th- not having good responses from around the State- see HMIS report.

Homeless Advisory Committee- Tracy- everyone is working on a draft video of their personal lived experience of homelessness to be sent in by Wednesday Meeting 2.7.24 for review and editing

Website Committee- Dawn reports- Fox, Anika, Wanda are committee members- we will need to find a time to meet-

This week was all about PIT surveys.

Action Item for Next week- needing to find out if we have storage available on the website for secure files.

Announcements and Events:

www.cheyennedayofgiving.org fundraiser to benefit Comea House Cheyenne, WY 2/8/24

[Rendezvous – Wyoming Equality](#) August 7th-11th, 2024

<https://endhomelessness.org>

Please provide links and information for upcoming events you are aware of

Action Items for Next Week:

*Policy Committee? on HMIS Participating Agencies to contribute to the use of HMIS beyond licensing fees- opening up funding that could go out to new projects around the State.

*Shari/Karla/Wanda- Letter requesting for ICA to provide an itemization of expenses on invoicing Funds From WYCoC to ICA for HMIS showing shortfall- with a request for a Quarterly Report to be provided in writing to the WY CoC.

*Karla- researching TANIF Funding- Reach out to Brad Christianson, Response from WHC/ICA on planning grant current planning grant funds – topic is conference funding and a CoC Zoom Account.

*Tracy/Bobbie Welcome Letter for New Board Members

*Website Committee to find out about secure storage on Website for CoC Documents.

*Lived Experience Video Draft due 2.7.24