| 2/7/2025 CoC Minutes |
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# Agenda details: Location Zoom, Time 8:30am. Vice Chari Bobbie Neilsen called meeting to order at 832am with quorum

## Attendance: Bobbie Neilsen, Paul Wright, Karla McClaren, Anna Edwards, Julie Eberbach, Tara Trenholm, Kristi Oyster, Shari West, Dawn Dillinger, Tracy Obert

Not in Attendance: Anika Kelley, Hope White

## Approval of Minutes 1.17.25- Tara Motioned, Micki seconded- vote needed

## New and Ongoing Business

## **New Business:**

Introduction – Anna Edwards- CoC Coordinator - round table introductions, welcome to the Board- Extensive Homeless Services and Grants-

[anna.edwards@wycoc.org](mailto:anna.edwards@wycoc.org)

Recap on Federal Funding Freeze- Lifted- funding should not be affected at this point- Business as Usual-Julie is cautiously optimistic- concern about approved in December 2024 Grants- continuing resolution pending ongoing Federal Regulatory requirements-ICA is in direct contact with HUD in discussion as this moves forward- continued discussion on logistics as it affects WY CoC.

**Ongoing Business:**

## HVRP Grant for Veterans - <https://nvtac.org/> **HVRP has been posted on grants.gov w/a due date of March 17, 2025.**

Anna reporting on Grant details- this is not a housing services grant- its workforce service grant- would rap around with SSVF- key is about relationships with SSVF, VA, and Veterans programs – Letter of Support form WY Workforce Services and the WY CO, $500,00 dollars available-logistics would be hard for new Grant applications - continued description of how the Grant works and how to respond to Grant Opportunities as it is very Ultra Specific on requirements- There is NO HVRP in Wyoming- Workforce is interested in writing a Letter of Support if asked-

* Executive Committee – Board Chair – call for Nominees/Volunteers – Bobbie is asking for Nominations, discussing on how the Board will develop a process on this asking for Ideas on the timeline- reviewing Governance Charter- Kristi asking if this is a Membership Announcement- expressing a desire for a strategic plan - \*Dawn asking about a Governance Committee- Karla, Bobbie, Micki and Anna- Committee’s meeting next week is Youth, Governance may be an extra meeting- Karla asking about Executive Committee- Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary- Karla giving recap on how this has worked in previous years and the need for current practices/policies
* Questions on 2/14/25 committee meetings and who is meeting- Youth and Governance?

**ESG- Karla**- New Cycle- 2023 finishing up. 1/1/25 New Contracts are going forward -concerns about how the new administration is going to affect everything.

**For Follow up-**

* WHC FB Page -Dawn deleted FB page on her account access- Do we want to create a New WYCoC FB page-
* WHC/CoC transfer of funds if they transfer ownership of WHC to a new Entity- Shari- if they get absorbed by the other entity – concerns about no communication on this as this has never been done before- Shari’s suggested a meeting with WHC- Bobbie, Shari, Wanda with current MOU for discussion.

(Written Request to Transfer Funds from WHC/CoC- Bobbie proposes a written request for the remainder of mutual funds to be transferred to WY CoC immediately-) suggested- but will depend on the outcome of the meeting between WHC and WYCoC-

## Call for Committee Reports - Committee meetings 2nd and 4th Fridays and any month there is a 5th Friday

## **Top Priorities**

## Youth- Tara, Kristy, Karla, update-

Julie/ Bobbie / Tara discussing YHDP grant, collaboration with Youth Providers going forward- Julie asking about the collaboration between CoC /YHDP/ Youth Outreach entities for reference on upcoming NOFO’s-

## Victim Services- Micki, Bobbie, Tara -

## Tribal Relations- Hope, Tracy, Wanda, Anika- concerns of timing for Annual Membership meeting to be held in Tribal Area- Tracy will talk with Hope- We all agreed that we still need to consider the disparity for Native Americans experiencing homelessness- Tracy mentioned continuing to hold fast on continuing to develop Trabal Relations as it pertains to what’s actually happening in Wyoming despite what if happening at the Federal Level- Shari expressed concerns about State Level Funding- but keeping a good relationship in the event that we as neighbors will need to be available for each other- Dawn expressed the NEED to talk with Hope to see if Tribal Entities are still interested in having our Annual Membership in their communities- Anna expressed that we do have options on logistical tactics to stay Within the Framework on a Federal, State and Local level and meet our priorities.

HMIS/DATA- Bobbie- discussing corrected DATA and resubmitting- Board Discussion- Bobbie will have that ready in a few weeks- suggested to resubmit SPM because of DATA Clean UP throughout the year-

PIT- Karla- portal closes 2/14/25

GAPS- Karla- surveys need to be submitted for most accurate information-

CE- Dawn- Focus Groups concerned about planning trips, gift cards etc- asking Julie for guidance- working towards changing over to MAPS to replace VISPDAT

Website- Dawn, Anika, Wanda- posted update on Membership meetings- need to update minutes to current- questions on March Membership Itinerary being updated to Website-

Onboarding/Membership- Paul

* Onboarding Packet for New Members –Kristi met with Paul- discussion on a PowerPoint for Onboarding- suggestion to record a conversation on “What is the CoC” and adding to PowerPoint presentation-further Discussion what might be available from Hud.

Gouvernance – Karla, Bobbie, Micki and Anna see above\*

CoC Membership Meeting – Dawn, Nika

* DV, Fair Housing, COC Trainings

## **Announcements and Events**

\*Zero Returns to Homelessness next Wednesday 2/12/25 at 1:30pm- (leaving incarceration into housing)

\*Wanda shared concern about local individual that suffered discrimination from a local store declined to hire him due to his “Mexican” heritage mentioned on his application via a phone call-

\*Kristy mentioned Danielle Bratton with Salvation Army in Cheyenne expressing interest in becoming a Board member- Tracy suggested having her fill out an application and forwarding that to the Board Members for review and bring to a vote. Julie suggested having Executive Team review Board Member Applications and then to main Board for Vote-

## **Quarterly Membership Meetings:**

**March 12. 2025- Agenda?**

* Training- Fair Housing-
* CoC 3 Top Priorities update
* NOFO Results
* PIT Recap
* Announce Annual General Membership meeting
* Announce Executive Committee Nominees?

**2025 Annual Retreat (In Person)** Clarification on Governance Charter referencing Annual Meeting Bobbie reported on the history of June Annual membership due to the end of fiscal year for the 501 c 3 for WHC- now is a good time to revisit when the annual meeting should be-

* Dates
* Location
* Agenda
  + Executive Committee nominees
  + Meet & greet with both Tribal Councils
  + Strategic planning

**General Membership meeting agenda (In Person)**

* Date
* Location
* Agenda
  + Executive Committee Election