

## **SICOCN Membership Meeting**

**Location: Lifeboat Alliance, Mt. Vernon, IL**

**Thursday, January 10, 2020**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Sue Castleman, SICOCN president, opened the meeting and welcomed all who were in attendance. The following people were present: Renee Kindle, Shawnee Development Council; Linda Bookwalter, SWAN; Sue Castleman, BCMW; Jen McArthy, Lifeboat Alliance; Camille Dorris, SICH; Monica Cruthird, SDC; Rebecca Sudduth, St. Louis VA; Angela Winter, WADI; Jessica Pauley, ERBA; Bridgett Holder, Family Counseling Center Inc.; Kim Herrin, Jackson County Housing; Robert Schroeder, Western Egyptian; Jennifer Harnish, BCMW; Wally King, Bethany Village; Becky Boren, Crosswalk; Andrea Stephen, The Women Center; Johna Schullian, ROE #21; Jennifer Orban, SHPA; Deb Little, MISI; Angel Wilson, Good Samaritan; Anna Margrum, The Women's Center; Shana Robinson, The Lighthouse Shelter.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the November 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Jenny McArthy made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Wally King, minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peggy Russell could not attend this meeting. She sent the report showing the balance on hand as of 10/31/19 was \$9,891.67. We received seven 2020 membership due fees. No November receipts. December receipts totaled \$400.00. November disbursements were for Uncle Joe's Restaurant for the Annual Planning Meeting \$400.00. No December disbursements. Total Disbursements \$400.00. January receipts were \$375.00. Balance on hand is \$10,266.67. Jennifer Harnish made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, second by Rob Schroeder, Treasurer's Report was approved.

A bill for the cookies for the Annual Planning Meeting for \$26.77 paid by BCMW. Linda Bookwalter made a motion to reimburse BCMW for the cookies. The notice for 2020 dues were sent out by Dorian.

Discussion to consider purchasing some items for street outreach. Designate up to a certain amount for each region. \$100 per region for the street outreach. You will have to submit a bill to be reimbursed. This is an incentive for homeless people in completing the homeless count form. Camille Dorris made a motion to approve the purchase/reimbursement of incentives for the homeless for the street outreach on point in time count day, second by Jennifer Harnish second, motion approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

**HMIS:** Deb Little stated the data quality report went out yesterday, if you didn't get it then it should be there today. Will follow up on Data Quality report. May hear from MISI on data quality. Completed all site visits, will send Linda summary and she will send to Continuum.

**Child/Youth Education:** Johna stated they received approval of their McKinney Vento grant. There are 4,500 students in the 27-county service area. The training received this past fall is now an on-line training and they will no longer be having that type of training in person. If you need to know who your homeless liaisons for your area, just let Johna know, she will give you the contact person.

**Public Education:** No report. Let Rob know if you want to put something on the website.

**Membership:** Nothing new. The contact list was sent around for updates of agencies. New agency in the Continuum that will be serving veterans. DHS – Ticorral Tolliver will present at next meeting.

**Program Evaluation:** Time for ESG and homeless prevention reports. They go to Peggy. These forms are to see who is spending their funds.

## **New Business:**

**PIT County 2020:** The 2020 Count will be Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Camille will be in touch about the letter and form to send out for the count. She will be sending the information to the Region Reps. We will also work to identify colleges and universities where homeless youth hang out. LeAnn Speiser will total the homeless count forms and provide a report. College vice president of student affairs would be a good contact.

**Collaborative Applicant:** Linda Bookwalter stated SWAN will no longer be Collaborative Applicant as of the end of June. Continuum Board of Directors recommend Deb Little of MISI to become Collaborative Applicant. She submitted a proposal and pending what HUD has to say, we will accept her proposal. Sue went over some of what the proposal was for this position. The cost will be coming out of the Planning Grant. Deb is aware of what goes on in the Continuum and they are willing to do the 25% match for grant. A motion to approve MISI, Deb Little, beginning in July pending HUD, second by Wally King, motion approved.

**Governance Charter:** We previously had a co-chair but we will no longer have co-chair. The Continuum do not work the way it used to work.

## **Old Business:**

**2019 NOFA:** We have not heard anything yet. Waiting to see HUD grant approval.

**Letters of Intent 2020 NOFA:** For people who want to put in HUD application, have your letter by March 5, 2020, the next Continuum meeting. NOFA looking at how serving the LBGQ.

How we are attacking employment is an additional change. We will have to wait to see how it comes out.

**Updates and Announcement:**

**SICH:** Camille stated they have two permanent supportive housing units in Harrisburg. The Rapid Rehousing through HUD, different program – HIV one opening in Murphysboro. Send referrals, they serve 24 lower counties. Anyone willing to relocate.

**BCMW:** They have openings in their PHRRH program. They serve Marion, Bond, Clinton and Washington counties.

**ESG:** Sue stated we need to get on the same page as far as what the ESG Rapid Rehousing Grantees are doing and become more uniform in what will we pay, eg. deposit, three months rent etc. March meeting, we need to talk about it and create language to standardize the process as a Continuum.

**Jackson County Housing:** They have mainstream voucher grant, 10 vouchers - \$43,000. They are receiving some applications.

Next meeting will be held on March 5, 2020 at BCMW Community Services in Centralia.

Jennifer Harnish made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Camille Dorris.