

Southwest Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

Date and Time:	Thursday, February 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location:	WCA, 1400 S Saratoga Marshall MN and online/phone https://www.gotomeet.me/JustinVorbach You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3412 Access Code: 848-386-149
2017 Governing Board	Voting Members: UCAP, KCHRA, LSS, SAX, P5, SA Willmar, SMAHMC, SMOC (56%), SWMHC, Community Member (33%)
Chair & Vice Chair	Angela Larson (WCA), Anastasia Toth (SAW)

Minutes:

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Welcome and Introductions	Angela called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. In the room: Kim Schwich (SAX), Rita Beecroft and Julie Spenser (SWMHC), Paula Boehrs (SMOC), Kelcey Citrowski (SWMNPIC), Tom Balsley (DHS), Diana Anderson and Jodi Maertens (SWIF), Angela Larson (UCAP), Justin Vorbach (SW MN CoC) On phone/GoToMeeting: Gerogette Skindeliem (LSS), Gwen Chase (KCHRA), Craig Fladeboe (SMAMHC), Jennifer U'ren (Safe Avenues), Kayla C (P5).
Minutes & Agenda	January Minutes and February Agenda approved unanimously.
Announcements / Follow Up	<u>QUICK SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project Performance & Review Committee: RAFAH APR due this month ➤ Worthington Community Concerns: Reevaluating whether to continue Community Connect event. ➤ UCAP Homeless and Hunger Task Force: Meeting this afternoon. Preparing for MN DHS and MHFA NOFAs in February and March. ➤ Mental Health Consortium Governing Board: A new employee has been hired to work with Craig on the HUD grants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ending Veteran Homelessness: The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness has recognized the SW MN CoC as having achieved an end to Veteran Homelessness. Justin working with MN Assistance Council for Veterans and MN Department of Veterans Affairs to prepare to announce this officially. ❖ "MN: Types of Housing and How They are Funded," February 13, 1:30 – 3:30, Online. See Justin's email sent January 30, 2:03 p.m. ❖ Homeless Day on the Hill, March 14. Gwen and Georgette are hoping to go to advocated regarding homelessness and homeless youth in the Willmar Area. Justin and Angela are hoping to go to represent homelessness in the Marshall Area. ❖ Loss of ACA: If the Affordable Care Act were to go away, our region will be affected. You can read about the impact of the loss of the ACA to our region at www.mn.gov/dhs/aca-repeal/ ❖ Corporation for Supportive Housing Conference. May 24-26 in Denver. Early discounted registration ends FEB 15. See www.csh.org for details. \$525. ❖ HMIS Governing Board seeks one "end user" and one "at large" board member. Begins April 1. See Justin's email sent FEB 8 at 4:49 p.m. ❖ Minnesota Homeless Response System Technical Assistance Grant for statewide research. ❖ Housinglink.org development efforts. Justin has been emailing landlords and property managers who post on Craigslist and encouraging them to use www.housinglink.org. ❖ Reminder that this website is available: http://mn.hb101.org/

VOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>ACES Documents</u>: After discussion, Georgette moved that these be approved, and Gwen seconded. Approved unanimously. There is a concern that this system may lengthen homeless time. When a unit comes open, the top person on the priority list to fill that opening will be considered. Justin, the referring agency rep and the receiving agency rep, will talk as soon as possible to facilitate the match. The system will be a work in progress with ongoing efforts to improve the system. ❖ <u>Sign on to Keith Ellison's Take Action?</u>: Justin will send a ballot to governing board members to vote yes or no. [Vote later came in as a yes]. ❖ <u>Web Domain Name</u>: Justin will send a ballot to governing board members with four choices to vote on. [www.swmnhousinghelp.org was chosen via ballot]. ❖ <u>Digital Chalk</u>: There is an online video training site whereby new CoC member employees could watch videos related to homelessness in our region, coordinated entry, housing first, etc. It could be free to us or it could cost up to \$2400 / year. This item was tabled until we know more about the cost. Justin will follow up.
HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point in Time questions / feedback? Data due by WED February 14 • Jacki Richter is our HUD grant contact, Marcia Kolb is her supervisor, and Michele Smith is her supervisor. • HUD Exchange Equal Access Self-Assessment Plan. Justin will send to regional shelter providers. It is only required for HUD funded shelters. • Our 2016 Application Score (more detailed info at our March Meeting). We scored 158.75. National Average was 154. We got all tier one and tier two funded. One third to one fourth of tier two grants not funded nationally. Justin will look more in detail to our score and share any further insights in March.
The Opportunity Gap in SW MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Anderson is the Southwest Initiative Foundation President / CEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation based on research by Beth Mattingly at the University of New Hampshire's Carsey School of Public Policy. These data were presented at the DEC 15 2016 Grow Your Own Summit at SMSU. The research/report are here: https://swifoundation.org/carsey-report/
Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting. March 9, Willmar. On the agenda: some voting on how to spend the ACES Grant. Ali Keir from Institute for Community Alliances, Annual approval of Governance Charter/P&P/Ranking, Open Your Heart Grants, The Link News.