



All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary

November 1, 2017

Members Present:			Members Absent:
Meghan Deal	Catherine Lester	Nancy Backus	
Jean-Paul Yafali	Sheila Sebron	Sara Levin	
Steve Walker	Colleen Echohawk	Joe McDermott	
Andrew Lofton	John Chelminiak	Daniel Malone	
Gordon McHenry Jr.	Hamdi Abdulle		
Adrienne Quinn	Melinda Giovengo		

Agenda Item	Action Steps and Follow Up
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Public Comment

Shannon (Provider’s Consortium) – Shannon expressed her gratitude to the board for the discussion that despite that we are housing more people than ever, numbers of households entering homelessness continue to grow. She asked what it will take for our system to house double our current rate of people each month and called on the Board to look at policies and procedures of funders and the continuum to address this question.

Bill (Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness) – Bill asked for a better connection to faith communities in the Continuum’s response to homelessness. Bill shared that he could not find any information vehicle residents or single adults and veterans on the All Home website.

Director’s Report

For policy priorities in 2018, the Board chose to endorse legislative agendas created by partner organizations in lieu of creating a separate legislative agenda. The Board endorsed the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance (WLIHA) 2018 Policy Priorities and the Housing Development Consortium (HDC) 2018 Advocacy Agenda as included in the last [meeting packet](#).

The Board was asked for any additions to the legislative priorities and none were brought forward at this time.

Racial Equity

Included in the meeting packet, are a letter from the Provider’s Consortium on racial equity as well as a response letter from All Home director, Mark Putnam that outlines efforts currently underway.

Board members met to discuss the Provider Consortium letter and funding equity as stated in Strategy 4.2 in the Board’s Accountability for Strategic Plan Goals and action Steps document. Members were asked how they would like to proceed in response to the letter.

Questions/comments during the discussion included:

- Including people with lived experience in decision making is critical
- We need more transparency in processes and communication
- The City of Seattle Homeless RFP made our agency look at where inequity shows up in our programs/services at an operational level but what can we do at a system level to address this?
- We completed a youth of color needs assessment – why don’t we use this information?
- There is tremendous knowledge in communities of color, what are we doing to change our capacities to hear the voice of the community?

2018 Action Planning Preparation

Over the next few months, culminating in a summit in February 2018, the Board and other members of All Home governance will be engaging in action planning for 2018-2019. The Board was asked to share high opportunity/high impact areas to focus on for upcoming action planning:

- We need more resources to address the crisis
- There is a greater role for All Home in advocacy
- We need to find a way to act with urgency
- Affordable housing
- Not working in silos
- Diversion/flexible funding
- Big strategy to meet the need at scale
- Laser focus on a couple of things
- Cross-system collaboration
- Immediate/near-term/long-term distinction of actions
- Education and employment
- Alignment of all resources (for homelessness)
- Collective messaging that by and large our efforts are working and we just need additional resources to expand on what's working to address the crisis at scale

Members were asked about accountability in the context of being an All Home Coordinating Board member. Comments included:

- All Home doesn't have the authority or direct influence we need
- The system is still unclear, and having a clear system is key to how effective we can be
- How do we convince everyone in the decision making chain that we need radical change?
- We can't be accountable if we don't have or know our role/responsibility

Members were asked what's needed for action planning. Comments included:

- Data on inflow – understanding who is coming into the system
- What are the responsibilities of the board?
- Input from consumers
- Theory of change

Coordinated Entry for All

Hedda McLendon shared the following updates on CEA;

- Family shelter is coming out of CEA – Mary's Place will operate a phone line that families will need to call into every day
- Case-conferencing is looking to increase community input on what type of housing people should be referred to and for more transparency in the referral process
 - Daniel Malone asked: How does this include client choice? Is this method of case-conferencing too paternalistic?
- The CEA policy committee changed policy to allow case managers to accept referrals on behalf of a client
- Many concerns have come up about the housing triage tool and its ability to identify people in need of PSH

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 6th 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Solid Ground (1501 N 45th St, Seattle, WA 98103)