



## All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary

August 7, 2019

Members Present:		Members Absent:
Gordon McHenry Jr.	Sara Levin	Melinda Giovengo
Sheila Sebron	Jason Johnson	Leo Flor
Andrew Lofton	Tess Colby	Meghan Deal
Colleen Echohawk	Nancy Backus	Daniel Malone
Joe McDermott	Hamdi Abdulle	
Okesha Brandon	Keith Scully	

### Agenda Item

### Action Steps and Follow Up

#### Public Comment

Alyson Moon - As of mid-July, providers received notification that, with the exception of a small amount of funding for youth and young adult headed households, the Centralized Diversion Fund has been spent and providers are no longer able to submit new requests for flexible financial assistance to help households with diversion solutions. Mary's Place believes that this Centralized Diversion Fund is a critical resource in our community that must remain available. From December 2018 to mid-July, the fund was able to assist over 300 King County households in ending their experience of homelessness. During that same time, Mary's Place supported an additional 233 families in moving from homelessness to housing through Diversion, showing how effective diversion can be when fully funded. Moving households out of homelessness should be the priority of this community, and the Centralized Diversion Fund proved successful in achieving this goal. Without additional money to continue this Centralized Diversion Fund, we believe that the impact will be a decrease in exits from our homeless service system and lengthened experiences of homelessness for many neighbors in our community. King County has invested in diversion, noting that it plays a critical role in the crisis response system, and training many front line staff in the practice of diversion. Without funding available through the Centralized Diversion Fund, these trained staff do not have the tools needed to successfully support diversion solutions for those they are working to serve. Mary's Place would like to bring this pressing issue to the attention of the board and request that you all have a continued conversation about avenues for long-term, sustainable funding for this critical resource.

Bill Kirlin-Hackett - I have not seen the project scope of work for HUD technical assistance (TA) under the Encampment and Unsheltered TA initiative led by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), and the National Alliance to End Homelessness – focused on the unsheltered population residing in vehicles - circulated among those with expertise. Given our role is vehicle residency (VR) advocacy and doing the Seattle Scofflaw Mitigation Project, it is a necessity that those of us gathered around VR responses be at the table(s) that will occur.

Gordon McHenry - On behalf of Solid Ground, I would also like to voice my support for replenishment of the Centralized Diversion Fund.

Emily Harris-Shears - As the project grant manager of the Centralized Diversion Fund at Building Changes, I would also like to voice the importance of ongoing support and funding for the Fund.

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**Welcome and Introductions**

Gordon welcomed the newest Coordinating Board member, Tess Colby, representing the City of Seattle Mayor's Office. Tess is taking the seat previously occupied by Steve Walker from the City of Seattle's Office of Housing. Gordon acknowledged Steve for his service on the Board and his achievements while at the Office of Housing.

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**Homeless System Redesign**

Jason Johnson shared the latest update on the work to date by the City of Seattle, King County and All Home to develop a new regional authority for homelessness response. The updates were included in the [meeting materials](#).

Marc Dones from the National Innovation Service (NIS), a consultant team helping with the system change, shared that questions or comments on the updates and process can be directed to the NIS team. Marc also shared that anyone interested in hearing a read-out of the community engagement feedback to date should contact NIS directly.

Kira walked through the CoC responsibilities and decision timeline PowerPoint slides that were included in the [meeting materials](#). Following this refresher, Triina led Board members in an exercise to illustrate how decisions are made in the current CoC governance configuration and to brainstorm what could change in the proposed future state.

Board members shared the following reflections:

***Current Challenges***

- Analysis paralysis
- No clear resource to act on decisions
- No authority of who implements decisions
- Fragmented decision-making and action/implementation
- No directive/action

***Desires for relationship to future Executive Board***

- Clear line of responsibilities
- Clear role delineation
- Relationship to funding
- Closer to information
- Clarity on who will implement
- Clear directive/relationship with implementer

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**FY2019 Continuum of Care NOFA Overview**

Board members with a conflict of interest (Gordon McHenry Jr., Hamdi Abdulle and Colleen Echohawk) recused themselves, per the [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), ahead of this agenda item.

Kira grounded the conversation in:

- The score-based rank order process
- The values and priorities as approved by the Board (as included in the [meeting materials](#))
- Decision-making factors (as included in the [meeting materials](#))

Kate and Eileen shared an overview of the Rank Order Recommendation as it currently stands.

Next steps:

- The Domestic Violence Bonus interviews will occur on Friday 8/9
  - Permanent Housing Bonus site visits and interviews will occur on 8/15 and 8/16
  - Conversations with YAB and CAC are happening the week of 8/12
  - The committee reconvenes to review outcomes of those discussions on 8/19
  - Kira will arrange for calls with non-recused Board members for review of recommendations prior to the 8/26 meeting
  - The Board will take their final vote on 8/26
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