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Tacoma / Lakewood / Pierce County Continuum of Care
In Partnership with Pierce County Human Services

Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members Present

Amanda DeShazo, Aff. Housing Consortium
James Pogue, Comprehensive Life Resources
Dr. Abigail Hikida, MD, Veterans Admin
Audrey Goulart, Sexual Assault Center
Benjamin Feldbush, Comprehensive Life Resources
Cacey Hanauer, Tacoma Housing Authority
Delmar Algee, Catholic Community Services
Dr. Eric Jackson, Bethlehem Baptist Church
Erica Azcueta, City of Tacoma
Haili Cyr-Crow, Youth Action Board
John Barbee, Pierce County (proxy for votes)
Kari Haugen, Workforce-Central
Lamont Green, Technical Assistance Collaborative
Lucas Smiraldo, City of Tacoma
Michael Craw, Evergreen State College
Dr. Prentis Johnson, Greater Christ Temple Church
RoxAnne Simon, Safe Streets Campaign
Taneisha Lyons, Taneisha Cares LLC
Tara Newton, Rainbow Center
Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood
Tina McLeod, Associated Ministries

Members Absent

Andy Rohr, TPC Health Dept. (ex)
Dana Orr, PC AIDS Foundation (ex)

Staff

Valeri Knight
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Call meeting to order/Approval of July Minutes

James called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and asked for a motion to approve the July minutes. Amanda motioned, RoxAnne seconded, unanimously approved, Lamont abstained.

Public Comment Period

None.

CoC Chair Elections (50% vote)

Vice-Chair

- Erica Azcueta and Dr. Eric Jackson nominated.
- Members of CoC voted for Vice-Chair:
 - o Erica: 5 votes
 - o Dr. Jackson: 15 votes

Racial Equity Chair

- Amanda shared a letter of recommendation from the Racial Equity Subcommittee recommending Taneisha Lyons for Racial Equity Chair.
- Taneisha Lyons and Delmar Algee nominated.
- Members of CoC voted for Racial Equity Chair:
 - o Taneisha: 17
 - o Delmar: 3

Membership Subcommittee (50% vote)

Member Onboarding Vote:

- Request to embed one equity question during in-person interview. Lucas will share with Ben and Tanisha sample question(s).
- Members of CoC voted to accept onboarding process:
 - o Yes: 21 (1 vote with discussion)
 - o N: 0

Loraine Sylvester, Mental Health Services Seat

- Members of CoC voted to add Dr. Loraine Sylvester to fill Mental Health Services Seat:
 - o Yes: 19
 - o No: 0

Governance Charter Subcommittee (66% vote)

- Amanda asked for a motion to move the vote forward on the governance charter. Ben motioned, RoxAnne and Dr. Johnson seconded.

Open Discussion:

- Charter references CoC website. Are we planning to develop a website, other than the Pierce County page? If yes, who will be responsible for posting and updating?
- Charter says the Chairs are responsible for setting agenda, but currently, the Executive Subcommittee sets the agenda.
- Unless you've read the original charter, you may not realize some of the changes made.
- Need robust line of people with lived experience – need to have those most impacted at the table. Having multiple members, not just one.
- Reminder that things are not always going to be done the same way they were done in the past.
- Pierce County, City of Tacoma, and City of Lakewood seats are filled differently than other seats. Jurisdictions have authority to select appointee and replacement– they do not go through the same application process as other seats and are not subject to term limits or approval by board (Page 9-10).
- Conflict resolution repeatedly uses Co-Chair, other language is for Vice-Chair (Page 14).
- How do other CoCs support members with lived experience? Can funds be allocated towards them (compensation)? Valeri will research.
- Suggestion to call special meeting to discuss governance charter.
- Suggestion for Governance Charter Subcommittee to do a formal presentation and have open forum discussion.
- Members with comments/suggestions are encouraged to join Governance Charter Subcommittee meeting.
- Tiffany motioned to table vote on governance charter to allow members to meet and discuss recommendations again, Dr. Jackson seconded. Members of CoC voted to table:

- Yes: 12
- No: 5
- Governance Charter Subcommittee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25. Amanda asked members to attend or email her if they have comments/request for changes.

CoC Subcommittee Report Outs

Executive Subcommittee, Amanda DeShazo

- Membership Subcommittee will be presenting member orientation at next CoC meeting – we want all CoC members to go through it.

Racial Equity Subcommittee, Benjamin Feldbush

- Discussed work they've been doing and looking at next steps.

Stability Subcommittee, James Pogue

- Needs Co-Chair.
- Kari, Haili, Audrey, RoxAnne, and Delmar volunteered to join subcommittee.

Membership Subcommittee, Benjamin Feldbush

- Meeting with potential member to fill Veteran seat. Will submit application to subcommittee and hold vote at next meeting.

Good of the Order

- Dr. Jackson and Taneisha thanked members for vote to serve as Vice-Chair and Racial equity Chair.
- Dr. Sylvester thanked members for welcoming her onboard.
- Amanda thanked members for having her as Co-Chair the past 3 years. She reminds members that she will no longer be in the leadership role and to contact James, Dr. Jackson, and Taneisha moving forward.
- Audrey thanked Valeri for sending out webinar.

Public Comment Period

- Amanda for Cynthia – Requested closed captions or something to hear better moving forward. Lucas will reach out to Jim House and forward options to James.

Meeting Adjourned

Amanda adjourned the meeting at 10:49 am.