

MDHI Board Meeting

12/7/2021

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Attendees: Jennifer Biess, Eugene Wade, John Feeney-Coyle, Mike Malloy, Elissa Hardy, Kelli Barker, Jenna Hansen, Brendan Clark, Carla Respects Nothing

Staff: Sierra Trujillo, Nicola Donaven, Rebecca Mayer, Jamie Rife, Julie Winkowski, Sofia Vigil, Megan Morales

The meeting was called to order at 5:32

1. Rebecca – Ice Breaker
 - a. Introduction on what favorite holiday is and/or something you are looking forward to
2. Land and Cultural Acknowledgement – Jennifer Biess
3. Acknowledgement of Eugene Wade – Mike Malloy
 - a. The board recognized Eugene Wade for his service to MDHI and the metro-area individuals experiencing homelessness as this was the end of his term
 - b. Eugene also shared his thanks and insights as a board member
4. Motion to approve the consent agenda
 - a. John Feeney Coyle motioned to approve, Eugene seconded
 - b. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions
 - c. JFC and Eugene exited the meeting
5. Board Retreat – Mike Malloy
 - a. Mike Malloy reviewed the events of the board retreat including governance policy and procedures, read them one by one and agreed to them or change them
 - b. Jennifer Biess shared the first day was group wordsmithing, with the first day covered the fundamentals of relationships between the board and the ED
 - i. Clarity and expectations for the ED and board and this was a chance to formalize this process as well as identify gaps
 - ii. Jennifer shared how the expectations are monitored will be next steps and did address there needed to be some more times on some of the items during the retreat
 - c. Brendan shared his perspective as well on the first day, with the goal being to define parameters so MDHI and staff can work within those parameters
 - i. He also stated how the proposed changes and clarity to some of the committees, board committees specifically, would be helpful to define the role of the board and staff
 - d. Mike reiterated the need to explore some things more deeply as well as there are quite a few deliverables
 - i. Mike also asked if there was a need to bring the consultants for the next steps for the Board to consider
 - ii. There will be additional time with them once the ED is named

- e. Carla expressed that it was helpful to her to help her with clarity, and shared that it might be helpful to share this information with new Board members as she shared this was not clear during her Board orientation
 - f. Elissa shared that she would like information on how to get more engaged since she was unable to attend
 - g. Rebecca shared the need for a mini-refresh in the next phase for the new ED and those who could not attend
6. Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Presentation – Megan Morales
- a. Megan shared the background of EHV, how they are allocated, eligibility and that this is the first time they are required to go through Coordinated Entry and PHAs
 - b. She also shared the uniqueness of the EHV, must be distributed after 9/30/2023, current voucher term goes until 9/30/2030, have some service dollars, etc.
 - c. A list of where the EHV have been allocated in the state was shared
 - d. There is a process to move people from RRH to EHV as needed for ongoing rental support for households that need it
 - e. Megan reviewed how the vouchers have been allocated within different parts of the region
 - f. Megan and Rebecca answered questions from the Board on the process for the EHV
7. Point-in-Time Presentation – Jamie Rife
- a. Considering implications of COVID and working with consultant on best practices
 - b. HUD is requiring a sheltered and unsheltered count this year
 - c. We don't want to send someone who may have COVID into a camp, and we've had companies who indicated interest in sending volunteer groups back out due to volunteering moratorium
 - d. We are working with local communities on methodology to ensure a complete and safe count (i.e. tally count for PIT and survey later)
 - e. Jenna asked what MDHI needs from the board. Jamie said we would reach out with requests for help and encouraged the board to be involved
 - f. Jennifer congratulated Jamie and Tiffany on their work. She asked us to consider what we learn from this year. It's a real year for innovation
 - g. Elissa noted the importance of painting the picture of persons who are displaced
8. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:46