

Approved Minutes – November 8, 2023

Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee, Meeting Minutes

Welcome from Heather

Introduction of new members

Tricia Davis conduct

- Stephanie Jones
- Karen McCandless
- Rosa Vargas for Mack McDonald
- Jennifer Campbell
- Russell Goodman
- Joseph Jensen
- Peggy Green for Laine Meyers
- Heather Hogue
- Tarra McFadden
- James Jetton

Quorum established with 10 people

Jenn Campbell motions to approve minutes, Heather Hogue seconds. Vote is unanimous

Meredith Vernick (OHS) presented on proposed funding formula. Same formula as presented last time. Previously it had \$24 million going through it. Formula includes sheltered and unsheltered PIT, poverty, and HIC data. Formula now has \$29 mil going through it. Represents all OHS funding including funding previously held for winter response. Funding directed to each LHC through the formula was shared. Wayne will be working to secure more funding.

Wayne: Reviewed the formula based on concerns about impacts on the current system. Found this was the best way to ensure equity, but it needed more money to keep the current system running. Put in winter response and will pursue more money in the legislation, but it is not guaranteed.

Jenn Campbell – Appreciates efforts to address concerns of the coalition and to ensure equity.

Meredith – Want to move quickly into planning for the process through the LHCs

Wayne – One primary focus of the funding needs to be emergency shelter response. Areas getting new, larger awards will need to address that need.

Jenn motions, Steph seconds – Approve funding formula and process as outlined as Mere for Fy25-27

Heather Hogue – Thanks to Mere and team

Tricia Davis – Code Blue Recommendations for DHHS. Tricia asked this to be a formal voting item to create formal recommendations from the UHN.

Shawn McMillen replaced Jenn Campbell as SLVCEH voting Rep

Tricia Davis: Code Blue statute went into effect and first declared a couple of weeks ago. Current rule caused confusion on where weather data was being pulled from among LHCs. OHS has been working with DHHS to better define where conditions should be considered. OHS considered PIT data and where temperatures will have the most impact on where services are offered and would need to be accessed. Rep. Eliason is in support. Propose shifting to look at temperatures in population centers

1st class counties – cities of 50k+

2nd – cities of 15k+

3rd – 2,500+

4th – 1,500+

This would replace the current rule excluding locations based on elevation.

Heather: when would this take effect and be ready to present to cities

Tricia: DHHS has to go through processes that may take up to 2 weeks.

Tricia: Currently a draft. Would work with DHHS to get it sent out as soon as they are far enough along in their process.

Heather: wants to educate cities to help them understand the impact

Tricia: Code blue still called for an entire county based on if it meets criteria in that county. Weather would be measured at city centers and weather stations, not on outskirts with few people.

Lists of cities meeting proposed criteria in each county covered by code blue statute presented.

Clarified that the statute only applied to counties of the 1st-4th class

Karen McCandless: Who measures the temperature

Tricia: Data from National Weather Service

Joseph Jensen: Motion that the UHN recommend to DHHS that they make these proposed changes to rule and work with DHHS on any additional changes. Vote is unanimous.

Tricia: Current member of this committee representing lived experience has not attend for over a year. OHS considers that seat vacant and would like to discuss how we fill that seat in light of other efforts around the state.

Heather: What is the procedure for bringing a name and appointing a new member?

Tricia: After consulting the statute, this position is appointed by the co-chairs of the committee

Heather: Recommended identifying areas with robust lived experience groups/councils and ask one of them to bring a name.

Stephanie Jones: Her org supports a lived experience board with membership from around the state. Would be a great resource, but not a specific LHC group.

Heather: Feels that make sense to have Stephanie explore capacity with that board.

Tricia: Since it is a co-chair appointment, they should lead out

Stephanie: Should we discuss names with the committee?

Tricia: Up to the co-chairs

Shawn: SLVCEH does have a lived experience task group that is established and quite active

Heather: Chairs will reach out to board and SLVCEH lived experience group to see who would be a good fit and make an appointment

Chris from AG: Since it is an appointment, co-chairs can identify an appointee and notify the body. No group decision needed.

Tricia Davis: Thank you to all for the work and support of the Homelessness Conference. Will begin working on next year ASAP.

Heather: Great conference. Great feedback

Meeting dates: Want to establish schedule for meeting frequency.

Heather: Start with quarterly and pivot as needed with proper public notice.

No objections or other ideas raised

Heather: want to schedule at least the next meeting. Currently scheduled for Jan 10th. Will meet then and switch to quarterly from then on

Heather: UHC presentations – these have fallen off with personnel changes

Are these effective and what is capacity? Heather feel stretched thin

Tarra: Was asked to present on CoC funding. Happy to present whenever asked.

Agenda for tomorrow is already published. Currently has a UHN updates agenda item. Heather suggested having Tarra present in January.

Heather will review what has already been presented and assigned and make more assignments in January. Chairs will be prepared to provide brief updates tomorrow

Heather: Do we need to motion and vote to adjourn?

Tricia: Yes

Chris – Chairs can adjourn without a motion.

Stefanie motioned to adjourn and meeting was concluded.