



Workforce Services
Office of Homeless Services

Utah Homelessness Network Steering Committee

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Virtual

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140 E 300 S Salt Lake City, Utah

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Heather Hogue, Ryan Steinbeigle, Kena Mathews, Kenton Jepson, Tarra McFadden, Kim Dieter, Kristen Clark, Nancy Griggs, Tyler Clancy

Support Staff: Margay Witzdam

Agenda Item	Discussion	Led By/Actions Taken
Agenda Item 1	1. Welcome and Introductions	Heather Hogue
Agenda Item 2	2. Roll call A quorum was not present.	Margay Witzdam
Agenda Item 3	3. Steering Committee Business	Heather Hogue

	a. Approval of minutes b. Membership Contact Updates c. Coordinated Entry Lead Contacts Reminder from Heather Hogue to update member contact updates via the spreadsheet that was mailed out in August as some emails have bounced back. Heather Hogue stated to prepare for statewide implementation of the HAST, a subcommittee composed of Coordinated Entry leads from each LHC will be formed to monitor the pilot's progress and plan to implement in other counties. Council members are asked to identify their LHC's Coordinated Entry lead ahead of a follow-up email that will be sent out within the next week.	No approval of minutes since a quorum was not present.
Agenda Item 4	4. Statewide Winter Response Plans Heather Hogue opened the discussion for LHC's and their Winter Response Plans: For Mountainland, Heather Hogue states Utah County anticipates opening its warming center seven days a week from November 1 to March 15 between Provo and Springville, operating overnight (8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.) for adult single individuals with mandatory security checks and zero tolerance for drugs or alcohol. Families with minors, individuals over age 65, those with acute illnesses, and domestic violence survivors will be diverted to hotel/motel vouchers, while Summit and Wasatch counties will rely exclusively on hotel/motel vouchers. For Salt Lake, Tarra McFadden shared that several transitional/flex shelter beds are receiving ongoing support from the Office of Homeless Services to prevent seasonal ramp-ups, while the West Valley site now serves as a permanent year-round resource. Code Blue operations in Salt Lake will function similarly to previous years, (utilizing two church sites managed by Unsheltered Utah) with individuals encouraged to access primary shelter beds first before filling Code Blue and flex beds. Merinda Cutler added that these two church sites plan to offer 75 beds each (150 total) for Code Blue nights, with staff and volunteers ready pending a September 15th funding meeting with the state. Hogue stressed the importance of statewide communication around local capacity to ensure accurate cross-regional referrals and discourage uncoordinated travel between jurisdictions. Representing the Davis LHC, Ryan Steinbeigle outlined their plan to operate a Code Blue warming center alongside a new master leasing pilot project, where the county will master lease apartments and partner with Open Doors for case management. Additionally, Safe Harbor and Switchpoint will reserve	Heather Hogue Open discussion of Winter Response Plans by the LHC's

	dedicated beds for domestic violence survivors and youth, respectively, diverting those populations away from the warming center. Hogue offered to share Utah County’s policies and operational documents to assist Davis County with implementation. Finally, Tyler Clancy from OHS confirmed that the state is actively working with their business analyst to update the statewide resource availability dashboard once winter capacity is finalized.	
Agenda Item 5	5. Items of Note a. HMIS Monitoring Schedule b. NOFO Update c. Upcoming Funding Opportunities d. Point in Time Count e. Upcoming Homeless Board Meeting Heather Hogue discussed the monitoring schedule for HMIS by the Tri-CoC and Steering Committee. Heather Hogue clarified that ongoing, productive conversations are taking place with the Office of Homeless Services to resolve schedule conflicts, staffing changes, and administrative details. An updated monitoring schedule will be distributed to leadership once finalized. On the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) competition, Heather Hogue provided an update regarding federal delays. Following previous court challenges that threw out prior iterations, HUD posted a mandatory public comment period regarding proposed changes. This signals HUD’s intention to comply with legal requirements and proceed with the NOFO, suggesting organizations can begin drafting applications as major content changes are unlikely. Although HUD aims to have the framework in place by December, exact competition timelines and potential renewal terms remain uncertain. As soon as more details come out the details will be shared with the LHC’s. Regarding upcoming grant opportunities, there are grants for Senior Homelessness Prevention, Justice Integrated Case Management, and an innovative RFGA set for announcement on September 15th. A larger competitive funding release is anticipated in early spring as the current three-year RFP cycle ends. Planning for the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count has officially begun for the final 10-day window of January. Hogue noted that based on past precedent, the count will likely occur on the night of	Heather Hogue

	January 27 th . Finally, the next Utah Homeless Services Board meeting is scheduled in person for October 6 th . Jen Campbell will gather committee input via email ahead of any required votes.	
Agenda Item 6	6. CoC Statewide Systems Update Heather Hogue gives an update on a day program for clients in Mountainland initiative for warming center clients. The program will offer curriculum-based support and wrap-around services in partnership with the Ballard Center, Community Action, and Wasatch Behavioral Health. Additionally, Mountainland is hiring and training peer support specialists with lived experience of homelessness to assist clients and empower others to earn peer support certifications. Tara McFadden detailed that the Salt Lake CoC is in the engagement stage of a strategic planning process to review its governance structure, align key stakeholders, and establish a multi-year implementation plan to address service gaps without duplication. Tarra McFadden invited members to participate by completing a survey and attending upcoming listening sessions. Kenton Jepsen shared that Weber & Morgan CoCs are nearing the completion of their strategic plan, with final adoption and approval expected in mid-October.	Heather Hogue
Agenda Item 9	7. Adjourn*	Heather Hogue Kenton Jepsen made a motion to adjourn. Heather Hogue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

*Needs approval
‡ Has corresponding document