

SDHHC
Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
10/08/2020 Meeting Minutes

Members present

Alexandra Miller, Chair
Kim Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer
Montie Barkley
Anita Deranleau
Jamie Kirsch
Anny Libengood
Kathy Rutten
Sherry Scudder
Joseph Tielke

Members absent

Mark Kiepke

Other attendees (SDHDA)

Stephanie Monroe
Denise Albertson
Lorraine Polak

There were nine members of the PAC present today to meet a quorum.

Agenda:

- PAC Minutes from 09/20/2020 – the minutes from this meeting were approved with changes by the PAC.
- Open PAC position discussion – the letters of interest were reviewed, and the PAC was asked for input. Letters received were from Dianne Hovdestad & Pauletta Red Willow.
 - It was noted that Dianne Hovdestad is still a contract employee of Sioux Falls Housing, which may be a conflict of interest.
 - A role call vote was called, and Pauletta Red Willow was voted in by the members of PAC.
- 2021 PIT Count Proposal (approval to add inadequately housed and doubled up to the annual PIT count). This would cost an additional \$3,000. If approved, we would need to approach SDHDA to make a request for the funds.
 - There would also be additional costs in obtaining more volunteers, providing training, etc.
 - Jamie brought up the fact that this decision is not just about funding. There is a much greater need, and we are not getting to all the vulnerable populations.
 - Lorraine brought up the fact that the homeless count might not happen due to the circumstances with COVID. Do we need to look at a system that will provide flexibility to do this over a broader period? Joe & Alex discussed pros associated with doing this over a longer period. Sherry suggested that we put through the PIT Count Proposal, then look at making changes.

-There was discussion among the PAC members that the more data that can be collected would be a beneficial tool. Jamie brought up concerns with data being skewed and harmful for individuals who have experienced trauma.

-Anny brought up barriers with the exclusion of the Native American population and what do we need to do to show that we are helping this population that tends to get left out of so much? Can we develop something to help? Lorraine suggested that a lot of thought be put into this process and that it be done right versus quickly.

-Discussion was brought to resume doing a count in September.

-The PAC decided as a group that we will submit our suggestions to the PIT committee and ask that they make some changes based on the PAC committee's suggestions.

- YAB Proposal

-Very well put together proposal received.

-Where would the funding come from? We have planning grant dollars that have not been spent due to doing our meetings remotely. Lorraine suggested that we could dedicate those dollars to go to this proposal.

-Anita made a motion to accept, Kim made a second motion, the PAC approved by majority vote.

- SDHDA staff working/experimenting in KITEWORKS as a possible document sharing work platform for future use.

-Stephanie discussed the platform and workflow for document sharing purposes to preserve edits. Davis & Stephanie have been testing this platform and feel it could lend to efficiencies. They will continue working with it and move forward to launch and ensure it is user friendly.

- HMIS NOFA Update – Meeting scheduled with Veterans Administration (VA) & HUD Headquarters Staff, SDHDA, Technical Assistance providers, & SD Medical Centers VA staff to begin pilot project for VA & HUD CoC data integration.

-Lorraine has a call this afternoon. It is moving forward, but we have no further updated information at this time.

-Second round of ESG funds have not yet been opened for release (Cares Act Funding). There is research being done on rural areas, etc. to determine how these funds can be effectively used, partnerships developed, etc. The goal is to have online applications readily available in the area of Oct. 15-30. These expenditures need to be used by 12/30/2020.

These two agenda items will be tabled until the November PAC meeting due to shortage of time with today's large meeting agenda:

- *SDHIS Data Quality Plan* review for approval of updates (part of HMIS NOFA Activities)
- *SDHMIS Agency Partnership Agreement* review for approval of updates (part of HMIS NOFA activities)

Sherry made a motion to adjourn and Anita made a second. The PAC agreed to adjourn. Our next scheduled meeting is **November 12, 2020 at 11AM CDT/10AM MT.**