

AGENDA – October 27, 2023, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
PPCoC Governing Board Meeting, CHP

Members in Attendance (*indicates Ex-Officio members): *Crystal Karr, *Randi Davis, Alison Gerbig, Andy Barton, Anne Beer, Chris Garvin, Jansen Howard, Kayla Rockhold, Kristy Milligan

Staff Present: Amber Ptak, Mary Ellen Benson, Scott Correa

Absent: Paul Spencer*, Haley Chapin, Terry Anderson, Kat Lilley Blair, Anne Markley, Michael Malone, Stephanie Johnson, Velda Baker

Meeting Agenda:

Call to Order: 11:37am

Vote to approve September meeting minutes – Alison Gerbig
Minutes approved by unanimous consent

Highlight and celebrate successes – Open to the CoC Board

Meeting Discussion

- Alison Gerbig from RMHS reported that the Salvation Army was rewarded an SSVF Grant by the VA, making them the third SSVF grantee in El Paso County, along with RMHS and VOA.
- Jansen Howard from HPP reported that their Street Outreach Team is nearly fully staffed and that Emergency Cold Weather Shelters will be in operation this coming weekend with an anticipated drop in temperatures.
- Chris Garvin from EPC DHS reported that there has been a sharp increase in Medicaid applications due to automatic renewals expiring and they are nearly fully staffed to pre-pandemic levels. He also reported that DHS is expanding homeless outreach services. And finally, the search for his replacement has begun with his pending retirement in March 2024.
- Crystal Karr from the City reported that the Homeless Unit's presentation at the City Council meeting was well received and that the City is pursuing opportunities for more community engagement.
- Randi Davis from El Paso County reported that homelessness is being added to their strategic dashboard.
- Kristy Milligan from Westside CARES drew attention to an opinion piece (https://gazette.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-colorado-s-homeless-heal-don-t-enable/article_84933da6-745e-11ee-acd4-eb9da7d32485.html) in the Gazette arguing against Housing First.
- Andy Barton from Catholic Charities shared that they have expanded food services at the Marian House with changes in logistics.
- Amber Ptak and Mary Ellen Benson from CHP shared CHP's Strategic Framework with the board and asked how CHP can best help facilitate systems change within the CoC.

CoC Nominating Committee – Alison Gerbig

The board approved the nominations of Jamie Brown, Senior Program Officer with the Colorado Springs Health Foundation; Stacie Kwitek, Executive Director, El Paso County DHS; Mary Beringer, person with lived experience; and Captain Doug Hansen, Salvation Army to the PPCoC Governing Board by unanimous consent

and moved to advance the full slate of Governing Board nominees to the Fall Membership meeting, to be voted on by the PPCoC Membership.

Point in Time – Alison Gerbig

The board agreed to set the date for the annual Point in Time (PIT) Count for January 22, 2024.

Adjourn: 12:35pm

Next Meeting: 12/1/2023