

**Members Present:**

Axel Beckett *	Jennifer Henderson	Michael Tonarely
Matthew Benson-Tuff *	Heather Ingman *	Mike Weatherly *
Bridget Mattern	Cheryl Merck *	Sara Wiederholt *
Chandler Esslinger	Christina Morris	Shawnel Willer
Dave Flohr	Jenna Richardson *	Amy Winkelman *

\* Indicates voting members (7 voting members needed for a quorum)

1. Jenna Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was not able to be approved due to a lack of a quorum.

3. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2024.

The meeting minutes were not able to be approved due to a lack of a quorum.

4. Continuum of Care Update

- Membership/Board Update

- There are 203 members representing 88 agencies.
- Board elections will be held at the November membership meeting.
  - Regions 1 (Beth Humenyik), 4 (Jenna Richardson), 6 (Mike Weatherly), 8 (Heather Ingman), and the BIPOC (Shelby Keplin) and LGBTQ+ (Matthew Benson-Tuff) at-large positions are the ones that will need to be re-elected or filled.
    - ✓ It is recommended that Region 1 and the BIPOC positions are filled with new members.
    - ✓ Jenna Richardson, Mike Weatherly, Heather Ingman, and Matthew Benson-Tuff have agreed to second terms.

- Prioritization List/Referrals

- Total on the list: 755, up 96 from August.
  - Family type: 92 family households, 95 youth households, 588 single individuals, and 10 unknown
  - Age: 119 ages 0-24, 253 ages 25-39, 246 ages 40-54, and 132 ages 55 and over, 5 unknown
  - Gender: 276 woman, 466 man, 0 transgender, 3 non-binary, 0 questioning, 0 culturally specific identity, 5 identify as 2 or more genders, and 3 unknown
  - Race: 165 American Indian/Alaska Native, 126 Black/African American, 358 White, 9 unknown, 72 two or more races, and 25 other
  - Chronic: 239 chronic, 420 not chronic, 17 potential age-ins, and 55 unknown
  - Vulnerability: 104 highest/high, 106 medium-high, 112 medium, 183 low, 250 mainstream

- Location (based on Primary County): 9 Region 1, 16 Region 2, 10 Region 3, 63 Region 4, 446 Region 5, 22 Region 6, 124 Region 7, 4 Region 8, 13 MN, and 48 unknown
- Days on List: 151 under 60, 151 60-119 days, 116 120-179 days, 337 over 180 days; average days on the list is 177
- Exits
  - ✓ October 2023: 32 total, 1 homeless, 1 institutional, 0 temporary housing, 14 permanent housing, and 16 other
  - ✓ November 2023: 32 total, 1 homeless, 3 institutional, 1 temporary housing, 15 permanent housing, and 12 other
  - ✓ December 2023: 28 total, 1 homeless, 0 institutional, 1 temporary housing, 24 permanent housing, and 2 other
  - ✓ January 2024: 127 total, 2 homeless, 5 institutional, 3 temporary housing, 35 permanent housing, and 82 other
  - ✓ February 2024: 91 total, 4 homeless, 6 institutional, 0 temporary housing, 37 permanent housing, and 44 other
  - ✓ March 2024: 222 total, 2 homeless, 4 institutional, 3 temporary housing, 25 permanent housing, and 188 other
  - ✓ April 2024: 73 total, 1 homeless, 3 institutional, 4 temporary housing, 26 permanent housing, and 39 other
  - ✓ May 2024: 45 total, 1 homeless, 2 institutional, 1 temporary housing, 30 permanent housing, and 11 other
  - ✓ June 2024: 23 total, 0 homeless, 5 institutional, 1 temporary housing, 13 permanent housing, and 4 other
  - ✓ July 2024: 34 total, 1 homeless, 0 institutional, 2 temporary housing, 27 permanent housing, and 4 other
  - ✓ August 2024: 26 total, 0 homeless, 1 institutional, 1 temporary housing, 20 permanent housing, and 4 other
  - ✓ September 2024: 24 total, 0 homeless, 0 institutional, 1 temporary housing, 11 permanent housing, and 12 other
  - ✓ 665 total exits in 2024 through September 2024: 11 homeless, 26 institutional, 15 temporary housing, 224 permanent housing, and 389 other
- Referrals: 1,885 referrals (through December 2023)
  - ✓ October 2023: 54 total, 15 successful, 29 unsuccessful, 10 pending
  - ✓ November 2023: 33 total, 6 successful, 21 unsuccessful, 6 pending
  - ✓ December 2023: 43 total, 9 successful, 15 unsuccessful, 19 pending
  - ✓ January 2024: 59 total, 13 successful, 29 unsuccessful, 17 pending
  - ✓ February 2024: 45 total, 13 successful, 25 unsuccessful, 7 pending
  - ✓ March 2024: 50 total, 5 successful, 28 unsuccessful, 17 pending
  - ✓ April 2024: 44 total, 10 successful, 21 unsuccessful, 13 pending

- ✓ May 2024: 44 total, 19 successful, 13 unsuccessful, 18 pending
- ✓ June 2024: 17 total, 5 successful, 8 unsuccessful, 5 pending
- ✓ July 2024: 50 total, 19 successful, 15 unsuccessful, 16 pending
- ✓ August 2024: 43 total, 8 successful, 15 unsuccessful, 20 pending
- ✓ September 2024: 24 total, 5 successful, 2 unsuccessful, 17 pending
- ✓ 2023: 132 successful, 364 unsuccessful, 132 pending
- ✓ 2024: 95 successful, 153 unsuccessful, 139 pending
- CoC Competition
  - Changes from previous NOFO
    - Tier 1 is set to 90 percent of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
    - 2-year NOFO. FY25 funds may be awarded based on this competition and projects will not be required to apply for renewal for FY25 funds.
    - Funding for specific subpopulations. If YHDP or DV bonus funding is to be reallocated, it must be reallocated to projects serving the same subpopulations.
    - DV reallocation and YHDP replacement. HUD expanded reallocation to include DV reallocation and expanded the definition of YHDP replacement to YHDP reallocation.
    - Special YHDP activities. YHDP renewal and replacement projects may include requests to include special YHDP activities.
    - Cost of living adjustments have been added for conditionally selected grants. HUD will make those determinations.
  - Timeline. The timeline has been adjusted from the original published timeline to give the Rating and Ranking Committee additional time to review applications. This will still allow us to notify projects 15 days before the HUD deadline.
    - July 31, 2024 – FY2024 NOFO Published
    - August 14, 2024 – Intent to Apply and Threshold Forms due to CoC
    - August 20, 2024 – NOFO Application Lab – NEW Projects
    - August 22, 2024 – NOFO Application Lab – RENEWAL Projects
    - September 11, 2024 – Project Applications/Required Documentation submitted to CoC
    - October 8, 2024 ~~September 26, 2024~~ – Ranking and Review Committee Meeting
    - October 8, 2024 ~~September 26, 2024~~ – Project Applications notified of inclusion in CoC Collaborative Application
    - October 11, 2024 ~~October 4, 2024~~ – Project response and appeals due to CoC
    - *October 17, 2024 ~~October 9, 2024~~ – Vote on appeals to rank and score (if needed)*
    - *October 17, 2024 ~~October 9, 2024~~ – Projects notified of appeals outcome and amended rank/score (if needed)*
    - October 18, 2024 ~~October 16, 2024~~ – Final Project Application edits to CoC
    - October 18, 2024 ~~October 16, 2024~~ – Recommended Collaborative Application posted on CoC website
    - October 25, 2024 – CoC Membership vote on Collaborative Application
    - October 28, 2024 – Approved Collaborative Application posted on CoC website

- Intent to apply
  - 34 projects submitted the Intent to Apply documentation.
    - ✓ Abused Adult Resource Center (4 projects)
    - ✓ Amachi Mentoring/Lake Region Shelter
    - ✓ Blessed Builders
    - ✓ Burleigh County Housing Authority
    - ✓ Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center
    - ✓ Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority (2 projects)
    - ✓ Fraser, Ltd. (2 projects)
    - ✓ Grand Forks Housing Authority (2 projects)
    - ✓ Institute for Community Alliances (3 projects)
    - ✓ Ministry on the Margins
    - ✓ Missouri Slope Areawide United Way
    - ✓ Mountain Plains Youth Services (3 projects)
    - ✓ Pathfinder Services of ND (2 projects)
    - ✓ Prairie Harvest Mental Health
    - ✓ Presentation Partners in Housing
    - ✓ Safe Alternatives for Abused Families (2 projects)
    - ✓ United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area (2 projects)
    - ✓ Women's Action Resource Center
    - ✓ YWCA Cass Clay (3 projects)
- Submitted Applications
  - 26 applications were submitted to be reviewed by the Rating and Ranking Committee.
    - ✓ Abused Adult Resource Center (3 projects). They are consolidating their two rapid rehousing grants to one
    - ✓ Amachi Mentoring/Lake Region Shelter
    - ✓ Blessed Builders
    - ✓ Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center
    - ✓ Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority (2 projects)
    - ✓ Fraser, Ltd. (2 projects)
    - ✓ Grand Forks Housing Authority (2 projects)
    - ✓ Institute for Community Alliances. ICA only has to submit one project application as we do not require them to submit an application for their HMIS lead projects.
    - ✓ Missouri Slope Areawide United Way
    - ✓ Mountain Plains Youth Services (4 projects)
    - ✓ Pathfinder Services of ND
    - ✓ Prairie Harvest Mental Health
    - ✓ Safe Alternatives for Abused Families
    - ✓ United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area (2 projects)
    - ✓ YWCA Cass Clay (3 projects)
- Funding requests for submitted applications.
 

▪ Estimated Annual Renewal Demand	\$3,272,062.00
▪ Funding Available: Tier 1	\$2,068,007.00
▪ Funding Available: CoC Bonus	\$392,647.00
▪ Funding Available: DV Bonus	\$351,046.00
▪ Funding Available: YHDP (non-competitive)	\$974,277.00
▪ Funding Available: Planning	\$163,603.00

▪ <b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$ 3,949,579.00</b>
▪ Funding Requested: CoC Renewals	\$ 2,104,251.00
▪ Funding Requested: CoC Bonus	\$1,335,000.00
▪ Funding Requested: DV Bonus	\$ 200,000.00
▪ Funding Requested: Planning (non-competitive)	\$163,603.10
▪ Funding Requested: YHDP Renewals (non-competitive)	\$1,106,775.00
▪ <b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$4,909,629.00</b>
▪ Difference in Available vs. Requested: GIW	\$(36,245.00)
▪ Difference in Available vs. Requested: CoC Bonus	\$(942,353.00)
▪ Difference in Available vs. Requested: DV Bonus	\$151,046.00
▪ Difference in Available vs. Requested: YHDP	\$(132,498.00)
▪ Difference in Available vs. Requested: Planning	\$0.00
▪ <b>Difference in Available vs. Requested: Total</b>	<b>\$(960,050.00)</b>

- Students Experiencing Homelessness

- Region 1: 651. Remains the highest in the state. Williston has the highest at 316 with McKenzie following at 304.
- Region 2: 162. Minot has the full 162.
- Region 3: 256. Devils Lake has the highest at 90 students. Ojibwa Indian School is the next highest at 62.
- Region 4: 191. All 191 were in Grand Forks. Next to region 7, this region had the highest increase from last year.
- Region 5: 628. 596 of the 628 are in Fargo and West Fargo.
- Region 6: 50. Jamestown has 39 and Carrington had the additional 11.
- Region 7: 577. The majority are in Bismarck at 422; the next largest is Solen at 74. This region had the highest increase from the previous year.
- Region 8: 107. Dickinson had all 107.
- The state reported 2,719 students experiencing homelessness in the 2023-24 school year, up 442 students from the 2022-23 school year.

- Other

- November membership meeting. The membership meeting will be held only via virtual option. Money Follows the Person will be the agency highlight for the meeting.
- Monthly training continues with the topic for September being Implementing HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Rules. The October training topic will be Career and Technical Education. November is still to be determined.

## 5. Partner Updates

- NDCHP

- An in-person only strategic planning session is scheduled for September 25, 2024.
- A Government Affairs Committee meeting was held on September 19, 2024. There were two bill drafts presented.
  - The first bill had \$10 million for the ND Homeless Grant, \$200 million for the Housing Incentive Fund for four years, eviction mediation pilot program was removed from the bill, and line item for ND Department of Public Instruction for

\$1 million to fund homeless liaisons. This bill passed and will be carried forward to the legislative session.

- An emancipation bill was presented for unaccompanied minors ages 16 and 17. This bill failed at the committee meeting with a 6-6 vote.

- ICA

- Annual user training is currently occurring. It is due by September 30, 2024 for all users. If it is not complete, the user's access will be restricted until the training is complete.
- The new visibility process is starting on October 1, 2024.
- The federal report clean-up process will start in October.
- The new CE specialist, Josh Williams, will start on September 30, 2024. The transition from Alex to Josh will be gradual.

- NDHFA.

- HOME-ARP applications are due September 30, 2024.
- A homeless conference is scheduled for October 14, 2025 in Bismarck.

## 6. Regional Updates

- Region 1. No updates.

- Region 2.

- There is a new group that is meeting to discuss a shelter since Project BEE appears to be closing.
- The city released the RFP for Broadway Circle.
- MFP is getting a lot of calls for people needing housing.

- Region 3: No updates.

- Region 4

- Waiting for the new low barrier shelter to open, this should happen within the next month and they will have 12 beds.
- Many conversations regarding family homelessness continue to happen with no real solutions. The housing authority is working on another multi-family housing complex. They were looking at a property and there was a lot of pushback in the neighborhood so they are looking for a new location.
- Street outreach is going well. Law enforcement has contacted the SO team regarding issues with some of the individuals.

- Region 5:

- The camping ordinance and resolution passed three weeks ago. A couple of camps were moved last week, and they are clearing people out under the bridge. To date, no one has been charged with the fine that they are aware of.
- Church's United may have some funding issues after the end of the year.
- The NDLGBTQIA2S+ Summit is scheduled for the weekend of October 11-13, 2024 in Bismarck. Matthew has free tickets for youth and they will reach out to Axel.
- John Campbell has resigned from the FM Coalition to End Homelessness.

- The FM Coalition will be holding their annual conference in November. A presentation on CARES will be part of the agenda.
- Region 6.
  - The Salvation Army was going to host a warming shelter for the winter, but this has been postponed because they are looking for a new building.
  - Jamestown student numbers have increased because they have someone designated to identify students in the schools.
- Region 7. No updates.
- Region 8. They continue to work on a new shelter with the HOME funds and have identified a hotel. It was presented to city council last week. There is some NIMBYism happening on the location.

#### 7. Committee Updates

- CARES: No updates.
- Data Committee: The committee meets next week.
- System Performance: The focus of the committee has been changed from returns to homeless within the past two years to exits to PH from SO with an increase from 10 percent to 14 percent by 2025.
- Rating and Ranking: Currently scoring competition applications.
- YAB: Recruitment is ongoing.
- YHDP Workgroups.
  - Education: No updates.
  - Overall Health & Well-being: No updates.
  - System Navigation: No updates.

8. Other Discussion. Shawnel will be out on Friday, September 27, 2024.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes approved by the board on October 21, 2024.