



Full Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting-Registration Link:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/291320925>
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United States: +1 (872) 240-3212
Access Code: 291-320-925

Present: Joyce Williams, Adam Smith, Emily Schwartz, Luis Duran, Casey Bachochin, Mike Blaser, Joanne Rouse, Brian Park, Sue Rader, Cassandra Barnett, Shelly Perkins, Rev. Erbe, Kurt Whisenand, Angie Walker, Brook Henderson, Nick Altamirano, Mike Hedrick, Paula Lind, Angela Wood-Zuzevich, Shelton Kay, Sarah Parker-Scanlon, David Esposito, Mary Ellen Schaid, Kristen Hayden, Kay Larrick, Crystal Walker and Heather Beaufiles.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. 1/20/22 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Rader 1st; Rev. Erbe 2nd
- III. HMIS Lead Agency
 - a. LSA completed. Addressing compliance measures, reviewing HIC and PIT.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$2,706.67
 - b. Motion to approve SHPA membership expense. Discussion held. Smith 1st; Devin 2nd. Motion carried.
- V. Committee Updates
 - a. Coordinated Entry
 - i. No meeting in January. Plan to review current policies/procedures in the coming months.
 - b. Built for Zero (formally Chronic Homeless)
 - c. Membership, Ed & Public Relations
 - i. Continue to receive applications; 24 agencies confirmed thus far.
 - d. Equity and Diversity
 - i. Statement below approved by NIHC Board; to be voted on by Full Membership Committee:
 1. Motion to approve statement below. Discussion held. Perkins 1st; Wood-Zuzevich 2nd. Motion carried.

The Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition is a community-wide initiative, comprised of organizations and persons that work to provide a range of housing and services for persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The coalition and its members work to achieve this by having an unbiased process for individuals and families to access these services.

National and community level data shows that members of BIPOC groups and the LGBTQ community experience homelessness and housing instability at higher rates than the community at large. This is a direct result of systemic and economic inequality and discrimination faced by these groups. The NIHC commits to acknowledging these disparities and will work to address them in the course of service delivery and to measure progress at the organizational and community level.

The NIHC will work to ensure equal opportunities and access to the proper resources to promote inclusiveness for our diverse community and equitable outcomes exists for everyone.

VI. COVID-19 Update

- a. Reviewed guidance forwarded by Kisner.

VII. Agency Updates/Announcements

- a. Discussed supporting Illinois HB 2775.
- b. Confirmed conclusion of Overnight Café for season.
- c. Discussed SHPA state budget advocacy and recommendations.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Devin 1st; Hedrick 2nd. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 PM.