

GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: 8/8/24

Started: 11: 05 AM

Facilitator: Stephen Gruver

Location: Virtual

In Attendance

Stephen Gruver, Kathy Johnson, Johnnie Thomas, Derwin Willoughby, Ann Oshel, Eric Braun, Sheryl Cromedy, Barkley Sample, Kelsey Mosley, Richard Averitte, Nicole Wilson, John Niffenegger, Wendy Clark, Chandra Hyacinth, Danielle Butler, Thurston Alexander-Smith, Scott Ferris

Absent

Nicole Stewart, Priscilla Batts

Approval of July Minutes

Johnnie Thomas motioned to approve the July Governance Board minutes.

Eric Braun seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

ESG Funding Recommendations Vote

Stephen Gruver turned over the meeting to Michelle Zechmann to discuss ESG Funding Recommendations as he recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Danielle Butler also recused herself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Michelle Zechmann went over the funding recommendations made by the Funding Review Committee; how much money was requested for funding and how much money was allocated to Wake County. She stated that there were three appeal letters submitted and that the FRC would be reviewing those letters the following Monday. Michelle then explained the voting process for the Governance Board and that if a Governance Board member is with an agency that applied for funding, the member must abstain.

Johnnie Thomas asked for an explanation on how scores were decided. Michelle Zechmann gave an overview of the ESG scorecard and that it is posted on the CoC website.

Eric Braun asked if his role on the Triangle Family Services' Financial Advisory Committee was a conflict of interest. Stephen Gruver asked for more information and Eric stated that he is there in an advisory capacity but does not influence decisions on funding. Stephen Gruver called for a discussion on whether Eric Braun should have to abstain from the ESG vote.

The majority favored for him to abstain. This brought on a larger discussion on who else should abstain from the ESG Funding Recommendation discussion. A count was done to see how many voting members there were in attendance after conflicts of interests were considered. Only seven members were eligible to vote.

Michelle Zechmann explained that the recommendations came out of committee, so a motion was not necessary, only the Governance Board member's vote. Seven out of seven votes were cast to approve the Funding Review Committee's Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendations.

NOFO Update

Stephen Gruver turned over the meeting to Michelle Zechmann to discuss NOFO information. Michelle announced that the NOFO regional application is due October 30, 2024, at 8 PM. She also announced that the NOFO notification will be posted next Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

Michelle Zechmann explained that we have been working with Fortis Consulting. Eric Braun asked if they are a new consulting firm to Wake 507. Michelle Zechmann explained that they helped with the Special NOFO a few years ago with the Partnership to End Homelessness.

Data Quality Discussion

Stephen Gruver called for any questions about the previous Data Quality Meeting hosted by Thurston Alexander-Smith. No questions were asked.

Stella P Overview

Stephen Gruver turned over the meeting to Thurston Alexander-Smith to explain Stella P. Thurston does an overview of what Stella P. is and the data included in the report.

Johnnie Thomas pointed out that the percentage of exits to permanent housing dropped significantly and asked, is that because of less people going into the system. Thurston Alexander Smith explained that in 2021 there was still a large amount of funding coming in from Covid funding, so that plays a large part in the changes in numbers. There was also a transition in how this data was collected and inputted into the system from previous Lead Agencies. There also is the issue of the housing crisis dramatically worsening which plays a part in these numbers as well.

Stephen Gruver shows a report that he and Thurston Alexander-Smith are continuously working on, showing the permanent housing data from BitFocus in more detail to help clarify where exits are coming and going.

John Niffenegger suggested having a future membership meeting to go over this information.

Committee Updates

Committee Updates were sent to the Board and are attached to the bottom of this document.

Stephen Gruver gave an update for HERC on behalf of Vance Haywood. HERC needs more clarification on who declares White Flag. While winter White Flag remains consistent, other emergency shelter declaration authority is not clear. John Niffenegger suggests that HERC creates a

proposal to send to the Governance Board that gives a White Flag policy recommendation for them to look at. Kathy Johnson explained that Vance Haywood is willing to take on the role as the HERC chair to take on this role of declaring White Flag. Stephen Gruver called for a motion to be made and a vote.

Eric Braun motioned that the chair of HER Committee be the interim authority to declare White Flag.

Kathy Johnson seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Nicole Wilson updated that the CAS Committee is currently working on Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures, that should be brought to the Governance Board soon.

Stephen Gruver gave an update on the Wake County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and that they have sent the Governance Board approved MOU to Wake County but have not heard back. He also updated that the CoC transition has been moved to the September Wake County Commissioners meeting.

Adjourned: 12:10 PM

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 12th @ 11 AM

Location: Oak City Cares