



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

10/16/2025

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Casady Monroe, Laura Golino de Lavato, Trevor Nissen, Christina McGovney, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Steven Gilbert, Hannah Studer, Brandi Tuck, Jessi Conner (PHB), Jamar Summerfield, Lizzie Cisneros, Jessica Harper, Kat Salas, JJ, Mark Morford

[Absent – Xenia Gonzalez, Ian Slingerland]

HSD & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Brtini Essler, Erin Pidot

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land & Labor Acknowledgment• Review Community Agreements• Review Racial Equity Lens Tool• Review Agenda	
Co-Chair response to feedback	<p>Co-Chairs acknowledged impactful discussion of the September CoC Board meeting and announced changes to facilitation and agenda. (see slide 8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disproportionate influence of facilitators when issues come up during meetings; going forward, will reflect questions back to the board for engagement and direction<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Next co-chair will also adopt this approach• Will reflect back that the board has a purpose in charter and federal statute	
Co-Chair vote	<p>HSD staff introduced the nominee for co-chair. The nominee, Hannah Studer, spoke about her background and issue of representation in the co-chair roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy to step into role• Does the board want to vote or discuss further?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Current co-chair offered to stay on if the board chooses to discuss further◦ One Board member said they are comfortable moving forward with nominee vote◦ Another member appreciates Hannah bringing up the challenge of co-chairs not representing communities most affected. Discussion followed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ What additional support can be offered to someone interested in the role?	<p>Board members will hear from co-chairs and HSD staff sooner than when they usually do ahead of the next meeting about next steps</p> <p>HSD staff encouraged direct</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When people most impacted speak up, it is taken as doing harm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Feels we're doing transactional and not transformative work • Co-chairs revisited the role responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there an opportunity to spend time succession planning for the next co-chair if others might be interested? • A Board member moved that we vote on Hannah as the next cochair • Proposal put forward by HSD staff to have the Board decide whether to extend the nomination period for CoC Board co-chair. Using fist to five decision making process, consensus was not achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kat Salas - 4, Brandi Tuck - 3, Laura Golino de Lavato - 4, Mark Morford - 3, Steven Gilbert - "No", Jessica Harper - 3 but with a specific end date for any additional nominations so we can move forward, Brandi Tuck - 3, Christina McGovney - 4, Adriana Rangel-Ponce - 5, Jessi Conner - 5, Hannah Studer - 3, Trevor Nissen - 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steven sees no point in delaying the vote if no other candidates come forward • Co-chair Trevor shares his belief that this process needs refinement and more discussion rather than trying to rush this through. • JJ stepping off the Board; they stated the Board is an unsafe space for Black people and important concerns keep being swept under the rug <p>Board paused co-chair recruitment; intend to make process clearer and more inclusive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member shares that it is Intimidating to speak up because of who is dominating the space; good to allow space for more folks to consider the role, considering the intimidation • Board member states that an opportunity to address harm that JJ brought up was not taken in the moment. The following conversation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-chairs have had conversations with JJ, who had already made the decision to leave the board ○ But the board did not work through harm caused, as stated in committee agreements ○ Board member said if Hannah wants it, she can have the co-chair, she responds that this critical conversation is why she wasn't comfortable accepting the co-chair role at this time ○ Board member asks if the county would support any third party restorative justice engagement or 	<p>communication between meetings: bill.boyd@multco.us</p>
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	<p>process? Such as: https://resolutionsnorthwest.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Glen Singleton's training ○ Co-chair thinks we should suspend other agenda items until the challenges within the Board are discussed and worked through ○ Board member brought up concern with land acknowledgment as a member of a Native American tribe. Also said we need to know what is needed to facilitate healing... having a sense of unity and support for the chairs is important especially going forward because of the federal attack on the CoC. Need to look at those challenges and who is best suited to defend against attack and rally support of board members. ● Board member says until we address equity in this space, we won't be effective in the board's primary focus. Suggest an in-person retreat with County support to discuss. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ask JJ if feedback can be shared for the board to work through. ○ If white folks in the room aren't interrupting and communicating differently, bringing in more people of color into the same situation won't help ○ Co-chair invites members to think about how to use the two hours a month ● Co-chair referred to the community agreement of accepting non-closure with the conversation about co-chair and representation as well as support for leadership in the role; wish to strike a balance between discussion of representation and healing harm with the effects of the federal actions on the CoC and its funding 	
Federal Updates Discussion	<p>CoC Lead shared Federal updates in the Board packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There isn't any additional information at this point, but HSD has been actively working to strategize around what may be coming in the CoC NOFO. We can share an update about that in an email. 	