



RNCoC Governance Meeting Minutes

When: September 13th, 2024 9:00 AM
Where: via Teams
Who: Governance Committee
Why: To review necessary documents for the Governance Committee

Attendees:

Mary Jane Ostrander
Dawn Tann
Jennie Martin
Jazzmine Betancourt
Sarah Escartin
Brian Gardner
Jessica McCutcheon
Karyn Smith
Chelsea Heath
Roxanne Peterson
Jackie Rhea
Chris Murphy
Lovia "Vi" Larkin
Shayla Holmes

Austin Boral (Civic RoundTable)

Michele Fuller-Hallauer (WWI)
Brandon Hallauer (WWI)
Danita Osborne-Morris (WWI)

Link to Governance documents: [RNCoC Governance](#)

Summary:

The meeting started off with discussion around the FCAA grants, where Michele addressed the challenges faced after Elko Fish withdrew from the project. There is another agency that already operates in Humboldt, Lander, and Pershing counties. This agency is named Frontier Community Coalition (FCC). Michele got a chance to spend a day and a half with FCC, she shared insights from her visit to their Family Resource

Center in Lander County, emphasizing the good work they are doing to service the needs of vulnerable citizens in the community.

Chris discussed with the group on FCAA's past performance and voiced the concern of ending up in tier two. Chris emphasized the need for everyone to provide support in order to maintain tier one. Mary Jane inquired about the timeline with HUD and the potential for agency changes, while Michele stressed the urgency of making decisions, her discussion with HUD and outlined the necessary steps. Danita provided details on the two-year cycle for consolidated applications, and Dawn sought clarification on project tiers and funding.

The meeting also included updates on the Civic Roundtable platform, presented by Austin, which aims to enhance collaboration within the CoC. Austin explained the four core functions the platform aims to provide which included reaching the entire network, consistent and effective collaboration, building a knowledge base, and taking the pulse of what members and partners are talking and asking about in the field. Austin shared some insight into clients and partnerships they are currently serving and working with along with sharing the vision and timeline for the rural CoC.

Sarah provided updates on the rollout of the new Clarity interface, emphasizing the importance of user support during the transition.

The discussion concluded with a focus on the reassignment of the FCAA grants to FCC, the group stressed the need for regular updates to ensure proper fund utilization. The group discussed that the RNCoc has a by-law that requires CoC applicants to have participated in at least 75% of CoC meetings for the year prior to their application for CoC funds, new and renewal projects. After thorough discussions, a non-precedent setting exception was approved regarding FCC's required participation in prior CoC meetings. Plans were made to draft necessary documents for HUD signatures, clarifying next steps and responsibilities.

Next Steps:

1. Michele will draft, redraft, and send the CoC for signature.
2. Michele will send all the documents that Wendy needs to get signed and collected out to her so that she can get working on that so that we can get that stuff to HUD.
3. Michele will provide an email update to Chelsea and Jazzmine.
4. The next virtual meeting will be held on **October 11th at 9:00 AM.**