

Advocacy Committee
August 3, 2016
Michael Barlow Center
2120 W Warren Blvd,
10-11:30a.m.

Minutes

- I. Welcome & Introductions: see sign-in sheet
- II. Review and Approval of June 29, 2016 minutes: unanimous
- III. Advocacy Training Feedback
 - a. Generally provided good info; however, the training was too broad and not well tailored to the immediate needs of the Advocacy Committee.
- IV. Advocacy Role in Charter
 - a. Reviewed mission of Advocacy Committee as stated in the CoC Charter.
 - b. Extensive conversation regarding whether or not the Advocacy Committee in its present structure is effective and if it can fulfill its mission. Also, discussed what would need to change in order for the committee to be successful.
 - i. One critical need for success is a full time staff person to support the committee.
 1. Suggestion to ask All Chicago to assign an intern.
 - ii. Discussion about whether or not provider's advocacy needs are better served at SPC meetings.
 - iii. Concern that there is contingent of SPC attendees who actively want to resist HUD mandates, and that such resistance could jeopardize Chicago's HUD funding.
 - iv. Discussion about why the Committee, as presently structured, cannot liaison with each standing committee to effectively bring in their advocacy priorities.
 - v. Discussion of why there is a need for the Advocacy Committee at all, when each committee can bring advocacy needs directly to the CoC Board.
 - vi. Discussion to limit the scope of the committee to identify achievable goals.
 - c. The general discussion culminated in the passing of a motion to the CoC Board. The motion was made by Josh Brailer (Thresholds) and seconded by Aaron Eldrige (SHPA).
 - i. The passed with 6 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

ii. motion is as follows:

Acknowledging that advocacy is a critical need, and a vital activity for the overall success of Chicago's CoC; and

Acknowledging that the Advocacy's Committee's current membership is deeply committed to seeing that advocacy is done effectively and successfully; and

Acknowledging that the current membership of the Advocacy Committee believes that the committee's present structure is flawed and therefore, likely to fail in its mission;

Therefore, the Advocacy Committee respectfully puts forth this Motion asking the CoC Board to mandate a full time All Chicago staff person be assigned to support the policy work of the Advocacy Committee; and

That the CoC Board mandate that each standing committee of the CoC assign a designated representative, and an alternate, to the Advocacy Committee to serve as the official spokesperson for each respective committee; and

If neither a staff person is assigned nor are dedicated standing committee reps mandated to attend Advocacy Committee meetings, then the Advocacy Committee asks the CoC Board to dissolve the Advocacy Committee as a standing committee of the charter.

- V. Service Provider's Commission
 - a. Covered in the point IV
- VI. COC Board
 - a. Covered in the point IV
- VII. State Budget Impasse Update
 - a. Some providers are reporting that they have been paid on FY16 vouchers; however, the time frame and amount have varied.
- VIII. Advocacy Job Description
 - a. Tabled
- IX. Survey Results: Mapping of Next Steps
 - a. Tabled
- X. Next Meeting: 10am September 7, 2106 at the Michael Barlow Center.