**NY-603 Governance Board Meeting Agenda**

**August 18, 2023, Zoom**

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**Attendees listed at end of document**

**Review of Draft CoC Charter (2024)**

* Change in membership slate
  + Add survivor of DV to PLE, remove one general community stakeholder slate
  + Homeless service providers – only 2 slates, but wording said that would require representation of 8 different groups/marginalized populations
    - Not needed to represent each of those, options
    - Remove sentence saying all subpopulations need board representation
  + Lack of inclusion of DV providers on new GB
    - DV service provider should be represented on the board. We have DV specific programs, unlike other subpopulations
    - We can only have a certain amount of seats, only 2 homeless providers overall
    - Most current GB members will not be on the board going forward, if we seek more carve outs it would change to composition significantly. Need to look for the fact that they are all service providers
    - Goal of new slate is to hear from people experiencing homelessness or utilized services, as well as entities in power to make changes when hearing that kind of feedback. Having a Provider Council is part of overall plan. This can include significant representation for DV.
      * CE steering has slots for DV which has significant influence
      * Choosing one subpopulation that needs to be included over others would not be equitable
    - Provider council is way for influence and feedback to be continuous w/ board
  + General community stakeholders – who are we thinking would fill these slates, if they are not providers or PLE?
    - Analysis of who is missing and where diversity is lacking
    - Group representing marginalized community, involvement in equity focused work
      * Ex: Erase Racism – provide accountability since their mission is to counter inequities across sectors
    - Faith-based communities
    - Goal to cast wide net to be as inclusive and diverse as possible
  + Are these slates mandated by HUD?
    - No, these are local decisions but align with HUD priorities when they evaluate us for funding
  + Discomfort over providers losing seats. Does including more PLE mean providers also need to lose seats?
    - Everyone is losing representation to align more with HUD focus on elevating the voices of those with lived experience. Following that principle means more providers will be giving up seats so the subpopulations can begin to have the autonomy to represent themselves. It's supposed to help balance power with those who went through the experiences themselves to foster a more holistic approach.
    - The charter changes balance to representation be in favor of more seats for PLE. If there’s a larger group of providers, there would need to further increase # of PLE
    - A lot of guidance said to decrease overall number of people on board, 36 previous slates were unmanageable
    - Provider Council – still have a lot of feedback, provision of information, and sharing of ideas that could be brought to the GB
    - Conflict of interest – voting on new slate, discussing with the people who hold power right now, which is uncomfortable and awkward, hard to make a decision when knowing there may not be room for the people already in the room
    - Goal is to make room for everyone with other committees and council
    - Concern that GB members do this work as part of their jobs, while others are not employed/paid to do the hard work that the GB does
      * Compensation for PLE was not included in charter
      * What level of commitment people not funded to do this will have?
      * Had difficulty getting committed standing members in the past
    - Compensation mechanism for PLE has been set up using CoC planning $ - started paying for last quarter of 2022
    - Any specifications about PLE also being employed by homeless service agency serving in PLE slate?
      * Limit per agency? More than one PLE/agency should not be allowed
      * Preference for unaffiliated?
      * PLE employed with agency could have vast amount of knowledge
      * Elections committee can ensure that we have integrity in this process
      * Experience within past 7 years? - Yes
      * Experience on LI? – Important to have experience of LI, which is a very different system/experience
        + For DV, often not coming from LI – but if we are working with them on LI they would qualify
  + Does the charter highlight obligation of providers to include PLE?
    - CoC MOU would speak more to that – we do not have one, but would have to develop it
  + CoC Elections Committee
    - CoC would vote on elections committee members
    - Committee would run elections, but full CoC would vote
    - Ensure integrity of process, make sure people meet qualifications
    - Would self-nominations be eliminated? No – committee would decide process, but would vet people
  + Equity committee – used to be called performance committee
    - Examples of what committee would be looking at beyond general performance
    - Performance committee description more overlapped with monitoring
    - Looked at what equity groups in other CoC groups are doing
    - Annual state of homelessness is a goal – not sure if should be included if it cannot be done in first year
      * Provide examples instead, give internal authority
  + Do CA and HMIS lead need to be designated in the charter according to HUD?
    - Charter approved on annual basis, gives opportunity to update it
  + Next steps
    - Send out latest draft to GB with deadline for written comments – 9/1
    - Present to full CoC on 9/15

**Attendees**

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