Approved Minutes– Balance of State Impartial Review Committee
October 04, 2021

Present: Hana Gosset (New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness), Trisstin Maroney (Child Youth and Families Department), Lisa Howley (Behavioral Health Services Division), Eva Nevarez St. John (Creative Consulting Solutions), Anita Dunmar (Century Bank), and Felicia Vargas (New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness)

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 11:06 am

Meeting Summary

The objective of the meeting is for the Impartial Review Committee to review the threshold criteria for all Balance of State projects.

1. FY 21BoS IRC Threshold Checklist
The following are the notes from the IRC’s review of the threshold criteria.

**Abode**
No concerns for follow up.

**Casa Milagro**
No concerns for follow up.

**Catholic Charities**
The IRC would like a formal explanation of the expenditure of funds and what their plan is going forward to expend all funds.

**Communities Against Violence (CAV)**
No concerns for follow up.

**County of Sandoval**
No concerns for follow up.
Linda Simon asked that Hana clarify that their monitoring report from NMCEH had errors due to the fact the staff member was not fully trained and should not have punitive action against the County of Sandoval. Hana will update the note on Sandoval County.

**DreamTree**
The IRC would like a formal explanation of the agency’s plan to adopt the VAWA transfer plan policy.

**El Camino Read**
No concerns for follow up.
El Refugio
No concerns for follow up.

La Casa
The IRC would like a formal explanation of how La Casa will prepare for future changes and challenges to ensure they maintain the capacity to manage the CoC projects through organizational changes and an update of the status of the HUD monitoring visit findings. The IRC also requests the required threshold criteria that was not originally submitted - Environmental Review and most recent Financial audits.

Life Link
The IRC would like a formal explanation of how Life Link will prepare for future changes and challenges to ensure they maintain the capacity to manage the CoC projects through organizational changes, an explanation of the HUD payback, an update of the status of the HUD monitoring visit findings, the expenditure of funds and what Life Link’s plan is to ensure they will expend all funds going forward.

MVCH
No concerns for follow up.

St. Elizabeths
The IRC would like an explanation from the program of why their APR was late and how they will ensure promptness in the future.

Samaritan House
The IRC would like a formal explanation of how Samaritan House will prepare for future changes and challenges to ensure they maintain the capacity to manage the CoC projects through organizational changes. The IRC also requests the required threshold criteria that was not originally submitted - most recent Financial audits and Project Policies confirmation for the PSH project.

San Juan Community Partnerships
The IRC would like a formal explanation of the agency’s plan to adopt the VAWA transfer plan policy and the expenditure of funds and what San Juan Community Partnerships’ plan is to ensure they will expend all funds going forward.

Santa Fe Housing Trust
The IRC would like a formal explanation of the expenditure of funds and what their plan is going to ensure they will expend all funds going forward and an update on the HUD Monitoring visit findings. The IRC also requests the required threshold criteria that was not originally submitted - most recent Financial audits.

Supportive Housing Coalition
The IRC would like a formal explanation of the expenditure of funds and what their plan is going
forward to expend all funds.

**Valencia Shelter Services**
The IRC would like a formal explanation of how VSS will prepare for future changes and challenges to ensure they maintain the capacity to manage the CoC projects through organizational changes, an update of the status of the HUD monitoring visit findings, the expenditure of funds and what VSS’s plan is to ensure they will expend all funds going forward and why their APR was late and how they will ensure promptness in the future.

It was asked what technical assistance is available for these organizations? Hana responded that she is working on that question to support our agencies and redefine what we can do. There is also additional support from the local HUD field office.

**Youth Shelters and Family Services**
No concerns for follow up.

Next Meeting committee members will review and score BoS new and renewal projects.

Meeting adjourned 12:02 at pm

*Minutes compiled by Felicia Vargas, CoC Administrative Specialist*