

## Steering Committee July 14, 2020 Meeting Summary

### Attendance

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#### Voting Steering Committee Members

*Present (via Zoom):* Jack Billi, Norman Herbert, Jeremy Lapedis, Trish Cortes, Alfreda Rooks, George Waddles Jr., Doug Strong, Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, Jimena Loveluck, Greg Dill, Martha Walsh, Ann Davis, Pam Smith, Ayse Buyuktur

*Phone:* Julie Aronica, (Phone-303) (Phone-711)

*Absent:* Paul Valenstein, Tony Denton, Greg Dill, Krista Girty, Mark Hausman, Bill Manns, Sharon Moore, Katrina Bozada, Leah Corneil, Kim Hulbert, Juan Marquez, Sara Szcoztka, Curtis Thornton, Elisabeth Vanderpool, Nancy Graeber, Marianne Udow-Phillips (CHRT), Doug Weaver, Joanne Grosh, Connie Conklin, Liz Conlin

*Ex Officio Steering Committee Members Present (via Zoom):* N/A

*CHRT staff (via Zoom):* Deana Smith, Ryan Bartholomew, Matt Hill, Elizabeth Jahn, Nancy Baum, Sam Iovan, Gregory Powers, Deidre Hurse, Erin Spanier, Patrick Kelly, Jenna Combs, Robyn Rontal, Meg Normand

### Key Summary Points

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- **Approval of past meeting notes:**
  - June Meeting Notes - Approved. Changed formulate to formerly – under work group updates; corrected attendance
- **Debrief May Stakeholder’s Meeting**
  - Presented a summary of 5 common themes that were raised up as potential gaps in our community as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 5 themes were homelessness, mental health/substance use services, access to child care, access to technology, and food insecurity.
    - In discussion with relevant community leaders, we determined the primary areas to focus on in response to the identified gaps are in the area of homelessness and food insecurity. There are opportunities for WHI to take on an advocacy role to address both issues.
  - The Steering Committee suggested there are additional areas to keep at the forefront and utilize future meetings to continue discussing the following:
    - Homelessness during the pandemic
    - What is happening in the area of Mental Health
    - Expansion of Telehealth as a continued benefit
- **Project Updates – MI Community Care (formally SIM)**
  - SIM has been officially renamed to “MI Community Care”
    - Presented updated operational statistics.
    - Discussed the number of challenges that have arose since COVID and the changes that have been implemented in response.
    - Approved amended budget of additional \$50,000 received from the state for the homeless response system work.
- **Community Ambassador Position** – position description approved unanimously

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- **Survey of candidates running for office**
  - Presented questions that are being proposed to ask candidates on the August ballot. NAMI has asked for our endorsement of these questions.
  - The Steering Committee would like to give more input into the questions, and suggested this activity be moved to be used for the November election.
- **Informational document on social isolation was shared with the committee as a follow up to earlier conversations on the effects of the Stay at Home order on children and youth.**

### **Action Items**

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1. Deana will follow up with NAMI to suggest the survey be administered for the November election candidates. If agreeable, this agenda item will be brought back to the Steering Committee.

**Next Meeting:** ~~Tuesday August 11, 2020, 10:00 am — 11:30 am~~ *(did not meet)*  
**Tuesday September 8, 2020 10:00am-11:30am**

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