

Collaborative Meeting: February 22, 2023

Present: Tammy Stauffer, Jackie Weber, Clare Rodrigues, Catie Michelson, Lucy Rosario, Ben Philip

Welcome: Everyone went around and introduced themselves

Minutes: Minutes from December were approved. People were invited to share comments.

Schedule March meetings: March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 and April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30

2023 LCTS Financing Framework Agreement: Catie shared the LCTS agreement with the group. It is an agreement that allows the county to take 5% from each collaborative to be used for the county work. Jackie shared her experience with how the proposal was shared at the meeting. She expressed concern that this was a bit of a slippery slope where the same old process gets approved every year without actually assessing if this is the best way to do things. Jackie felt like there was not a lot of information so it was hard to make a better decision either way. Catie agreed that she had misgivings but recommended that we go forward with it. It was generally felt that while we might be unsure about this it was recognized that we don't really have a choice. **We adopted the financing framework agreement.**

2022 LCTS Annual Spending Report: It was asked what the \$5,000 for students with homelessness was and Catie shared that this was something that was approved in 2021 during COVID and paid out in 2022. There was much discussion about what was being represented by this information and whether things were missing. Catie made the suggestion that we might want to get someone to set up our books such as a bookkeeper. We went around the circle and there was general consensus to hire a bookkeeper. **Clare will reach out to someone who might be able to help with this.** Jeff and Catie will follow-up with Rene and Phan to determine if everything is reflected correctly.

Project Proposal: Lucy shared the document. She shared it was not clear where this process was at. Lucy shared that this was something that families had been asking for. Clare asked what was being asked of us. Lucy emphasized that this was a request coming from Wendy and Community Service and that the amount would be \$6,400 which would pay for four mental health events. That amount would include some interpretive services as well as food. Clare asked about the demographics of the people being served. Lucy said the parents who are asking in particular are the parents of the Head Start services. It would be open to everyone but would be targeted at low-income St. Anthony New Brighton families. Clare asked if this was something that would be a one-time thing or an ongoing offering. Lucy said it could fit with some other ongoing plans but it was right now only planned for the one set of sessions this spring. Clare shared that she would have preferred to have more time to figure out equity impact if we had more time but also recognized that the need is really great. Given all of that, Clare felt she was comfortable going forward with it. Jackie said that she was comfortable going forward with this as we continue to rebuild our processes. Catie said that she was good with the proposal but wished that Wendy could have been here to respond to questions. Jeff shared that he was

comfortable going forward. Ben echoed that it seemed like a good low-risk way to try and respond to the mental health crisis. **It was decided to move forward with funding it.** Catie shared her concerns that urgency has been used to push proposals through in the past without addressing questions and that this is not a good culture for us.

Identifying short, mid, and long-term goals: Catie asked for input for short and mid-term goals. She named the RFP and a proposal process. Clare asked Catie for an update on the RFP process. Catie shared that it has been stalled out as we try and figure out what needs to be done and get our process in order. Catie shared that since the group feels very maxed out it might be good to try and recruit some more members to bring in more energy. She also added that finalizing the by-laws would be good and either getting new members or getting the by-laws done would both be good. Jeff would love to see us work on the big picture of what we are trying to do and how we are going to achieve it.

Draft agenda for next meetings: Priorities for next meeting: By-laws, Recruiting, and RFP. We will also leave space for follow-ups on bookkeeper and questions/responses we might have gotten from Wendy.

\*Meeting minutes finalized on 5/17/2023