

## Somerville-Arlington Homeless Providers Group Meeting Notes 9/19/17

1. Introduction/Sign In
2. Draft NOFA application to be posted on the CoC website
  - a. Due Thursday 9/29, aim to post Monday
3. Vote to approve CoC Governance Charter
  - a. Article I updated meeting information approved
  - b. Article II (section 3) Defined "unaffiliated individual"
    - i. Such as a homeless or formerly homeless person or other member of the community
    - ii. Altered definition of active membership
      1. Removed participation on subcommittee as requirement
      2. Attended at least 75% of general meetings in the previous 12 months
      3. Removed mention of McKinney-Vento grant
  - c. Article V additions and updated language approved
  - d. Motion to accept all changes discussed: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining
    - i. Motion passed
4. HMIS Lead MOU agency signatures
  - a. Motion to vote on MOU and city signing on behalf of CoC: 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining
    - i. Motion passed
5. Ranking results
  - a. All renewal housing in Tier 1
  - b. There were suggestions made with regard to the ranking tool that will be used in 2018. These included breaking out points earned on threshold requirements so they are not all-or-nothing. Consideration of challenges smaller projects face meeting threshold requirements was also suggested.
  - c. Motion to accept Scoring and Ranking results: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining
    - i. Motion passed
6. Discussion of NOFA application itself
  - a. Look into number of VASH units in Somerville and Arlington
  - b. SSVF used by Mass Bay Vet Center (Volunteers of America)
    - i. Clarify whether the grant cover this Coc or not
  - c. HUD shifting away from narrative and towards data (i.e. system performance information and measurable outcomes)
7. Topics and next steps to be addressed at upcoming meetings, post NOFA
  - a. Planning for PIT
    - i. PIT takes place on January 31, 2018
  - b. HMIS committee meeting October 4, 2017 11:00am - 12:30pm at Mass Bay Vet Center
    - i. Reminder e-mail to be sent out
  - c. Planning for Coordinated Entry
    - i. Implement changes by January 23, 2018

- d. Mapping out steps to consider merger options
  - i. Discuss potential impact of increasing size of CoC
  - ii. HUD recommending mergers
    1. Options would be Balance of State or Cambridge
  - iii. Next meeting hear about pros and cons of Balance of State and Cambridge
    1. map out criteria for merger
    2. Send groups to meet with members of Balance of State and Cambridge CoC
8. Agency Updates
  - a. The city's marketing has kicked off (materials passed out)

**Affordable unit opportunity at Montaje—applications are now available**

Montaje is a 447 unit rental apartment complex located on 449 Canal Street in Assembly Row in Somerville.

- 28 apartments will be rented to households with incomes at or below 50% AMI.
- 28 apartments will be rented to households with incomes at or below 80% AMI.
- (total 56 affordable units)

Information session will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 6- 7:30 PM in the Auditorium of the East Somerville Community School at 50 Cross St. Somerville, MA 02145.

More information and lottery application are available at: <http://s-e-b.com/properties/rental-developments/>

Next Meeting 10/17/17