Notes for Shelter Committee Meeting, 08/19/2021

Committee members present:

Brittany Berget
Dr. Nicole Vigil
Stacie Voss

Absent: Pennie Wardlow, Susan Simons

The Committee discussed amending the meeting notes from 05/27/21 to reflect that Susan Simons recused herself from the discussion and scoring of the Friends of Estancia Valley spay and neuter applications. The Committee voted in favor of amending the meeting notes 3-0.

Next the Committee discussed and scored the application from Friends of the Shelter that was missed during the application process and not considered or scored. After scoring the application, recommended funding was shifted slightly and the final spreadsheet of recommendations for funding was approved.
Notes for Shelter Committee Meeting, 06/24/2021

Committee members present:

Pennie Wardlow
Brittany Berget
Dr. Nicole Vigil
Susan Simons
Stacie Voss

The Committee finished reviewing and scoring applications for spay and neuter funds. The Committee developed a final list of funding recommendations to present to the Veterinary Board at the July 16th meeting.
Notes for Shelter Committee Meeting, 05/27/2021

Committee members present:

Pennie Wardlow
Brittany Berget
Dr. Nicole Vigil (arrived after Minimum Standards discussion)
Susan Simons
Stacie Voss

Members of the Veterinary Board include:

Dr. Uhrig via phone during conversation on Minimum Standards

Discussed changes that came out of the Public Hearing on Minimum Standards. Accepted most changes. Replaced “may” with “shall” in a few places. The Committee would like to suggest an insertion of the definition/spirit behind the use of the word “may”.

The Committee began reviewing applications for spay/neuter funds. Used a general, internal scoring sheet to provide guidance for scores. A few applications had wording in text boxes cut off and will need to reach out to those organizations to get the proper information. Looked at 15-17 applications. The Committee decided another in person meeting was warranted to complete the process of scoring applications and making fund recommendations to the Veterinary Board.
Notes for Shelter Committee Meeting, 03/25/21 @ 3pm via Google Meets

Committee members present:
Pennie Wardlow
Brittany Berget
Dr. Nicole Vigil
Susan Simons
Stacie Voss

Members of the Veterinary Board include:
Dr. Uhrig
Dr. Garcia

The final draft of the Spay/Neuter application was reviewed. It was again discussed that the Committee was open to the idea of funding spay and neuter projects, even if they didn’t fit into the definitions or guidelines of the application.

A scoresheet or assessment form for scoring applications was discussed. Some general guidelines were agreed upon but not finalized including:

- Lower number of income sources- higher the score given
- Higher intake- higher score
- Euthanasia/Live Release Rate- higher euthanasia, higher score given
- Target area- better defined- higher the score
- Median County Income- lower the income, higher the score given
- Also scoring categories for the number of procedures done previously and proposed. Also include a general “impact” score for all applications.

It was also discussed about how to separate out funds for different types of organizations (shelters, rescue, spay/neuter organizations) and score them separately.
Notes for Shelter Committee Meeting, 02/18/21 @ 3pm via Google Meets

Committee members present:
Pennie Wardlow
Brittany Berget
Dr. Nicole Vigil
Susan Simons
Stacie Voss

Members of the Veterinary Board include:
Dr. Uhrig

Susan Simons has joined the Shelter Committee as the Public Member

A close to final draft of the S/N Funding Application as well as a FAQ document was discussed.

Added a question about the median income for the organization’s county. Added a line clarifying that organizations can work together and complete a single application.

Cleaned up a few pieces of working in the FAQs and application.

Began discussion about the application assessment form as it pertains to the application. Talked about scoring things like intake/save rate, area targeted for project, income sources and low income areas, and finally, coming up with a way to compare number of procedures proposed based on method.
Notes for Shelter Committee Meeting, 01/07/21 @ 3pm via Google Meets

Committee members present:
Pennie Wardlow
Brittany Berget
Dr. Nicole Vigil
Stacie Voss

Members of the Veterinary Board include:
Dr. Garcia
Dr. Uhrig

Public:
Elizabeth Wolf, APNM

The first draft of the application was discussed: Funding parameters were narrowed down slightly. The Committee decided to take the path of not narrowing the scope too much. It is not certain what types of Spay/Neuter projects in the state will need to be funded so the Committee feels that having broader parameters on the application would be beneficial.

The Committee talked about including intake and outcome information for organizations that housed animals. Including average cost of surgery, whether “in-house”, via voucher, or through a mobile unit.

Income verification was discussed- how organizations could verify income and including the organization’s plan to verify income on the application.

The Committee also discussed what type of funding information would be asked for on the application and organization budgetary information.

Matching funds were discussed, as far as definition, and somehow defining that for the application.

APNM agreed to help with the technical aspect of getting the application into a fillable PDF or similar electronic file.