



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Recording of Meeting:
<https://youtu.be/ZqKg-jiLg4I>

Welcome and Roll Call (06:00: - 00:18:33)

- Jennielynn Holmes called meeting to order reported she will be facilitating meeting until a new Board Chair and Vice Chair are selected. p.m. Meeting facilitator went over the Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines, also thanked all the Board members that served in 2022. Welcome and introductions were done.

➤ *Absent: Cheyenne McConnell*

A quorum was present.

1. **Approval of Consent Calendar (00:18:34 – 00:22:58)** Jennielynn Holmes went over purpose of consent calendar and agenda.

Public Comment: Gerry La Londe-Berg

Dennis Pocekay moved to approve Consent Calendar; seconded by Una Glass.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Natalie Rogers, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Martha Cheever, Chessy Etheridge, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, Jackie Elward, Mark Krug, Jack Ding, Dannielle Danforth

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cheyenne McConnell

The motion passed.

2. Reports from Lead Agency Staff (00:23:10 – 01:11:13)

- Dave Kiff shared update on recent move from CDC to DHS. The new Division includes IMDT, HEART and The Ending Homelessness Team. Teams are in new building, located on Neotomas.
- Thai Hilton reported that he has been doing outreach to providers around CalAIM's new intervention that is coming to our community.
- Martha Cheever shared that The Sonoma County Housing Authority (SCHA) is in the process of updating its Administrative Plan and its Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Updates to the plan include proposals for preference for individual experiencing homelessness, a new limited preference for households experiencing chronic homelessness and changes to project based voucher program.

Public Comment: Gerry La Londe-Berg, Teddie Pierce, Gregory Fearon, Lynn Scuri

Jennielynn Holmes moved approve two volunteers from the CoC board work with staff and bring back a cohesive version of proposals on vouchers in SCHA Administrative Plan.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Natalie Rogers, Dennis Pockay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Martha Cheever, Chessy Etheridge, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, Jackie Elward, Mark Krug, Jack Ding, Dannielle Danforth,

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cheyenne McConnell

The motion passed

3. Service Provider Roundtable (SPR) Update (01:11:14 – 01:16:01)

Margaret Sluyk reported SPR group spoke about Measure O funding & NOFA's, how to collaborate, coordinated and support when possible. Reported SPR group also spoke about needing flexible funding and data.

Public Comment: Hunter Scott

4. Word from the Street (01:16:07 – 01:22:01)

Chessy Etheridge reported on recent sweeps and encampment on Joe Rodota Trail, how sweep may impact trust and people reaching out for help and impact on PIT count scheduled for Friday 1/27. To close report out a homeless poem was shared.

Public Comment: none at this time

5. Measure O Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) (01:23:13 – 02:00:47)

Dave Kiff gave overview of Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for one-time fund balance revenues of \$3 million from Measure O's category **four** (Behavioral Health Homeless). Recommendation to release NOFA to go before the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on Jan 31, 2023. Board Members provided comments/feedback on proposed 2023 Measure O NOFA.

Public Comment: Gregory Fearon, Gerry La Londe-Berg

6. What to Expect in 2023? (02:01:06 – 02:02:49)

Dave Kiff briefly went over the plan to map out what Board members will see during the year – from funding decisions to policy matters. Referred to staff report and welcomed feedback via email as well.

Public Comment: Teddie Pierce

7. 10-Minute Break (02:03:17 – 02:15:41)

Meeting resumed; a quorum was present.

8. Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count 2023: (02:16:30 – 02:32:26)

Karissa White gave overview of the 2023 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count that is scheduled for Friday, January 27th from approximately 5:00am-10:00am for adults and approximately 3:00pm- 7:00pm for the youth count. Also shared information on Surveys conducted after PIT Count.

Public Comment: Oliver Dick, Gerry La Londe-Berg

9. Overview of HUD System Performance Measures: (02:32:27-02:46:17)

Heather Sweet, chair for HMIS Data Committee gave overview on System Performance Measures that are submitted annually to HUD. Charts shared that show 5 years' worth of data for each measure and includes state and national averages for comparison, item 13 on agenda has PowerPoint slides.

Public Comment: Teddie Pierce, Gerry La Londe-Berg

10. CoC Committees-Next Steps: (02:46:23-03:08:40)

Karissa White gave overview on four standing committees currently meeting and vacancies: Funding & Evaluation Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Data Committee, and Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee. CoC Staff will open committee applications in February 2023.

Public Comment: Gerry La Londe-Berg, Gregory Fearon, Ludmilla Bade

11. Reports from Standing Committees: (03:08:44-03:31:34)

• Funding & Evaluation Committee:

Teddie Pierce introduced self for new CoC Board members. Reported committee ran first initial evaluation process for 300 thousand of ESG-CV funding, earmarked for RRH.

Committee would like to establish an Ad-hoc group, through the funding ad Evaluation Committee to be in contact with CDC Interim Exec. Director.

• Coordinated Entry Advisory (CEA) Committee:

Thai Hilton reported currently clients accessing services are asked to sign a release to be enrolled in Coordinated Entry (CE) and a separate release to be enrolled in HMIS. The releases have been combined. The combined release was reviewed and approved by County Counsel, the HMIS committee and the CEA committee.

Public Comment: Gerry La Londe-Berg

Mark Krug moved to approve the combined Coordinated Entry and HMIS Release of Information; seconded by Margaret Sluyk.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Natalie Rogers, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Martha Cheever, Chessy Etheridge, Una Glass, Emily Quig proxy for Don Schwartz, Mark Krug, Jack Ding, Danielle Danforth,

Noes: None

Abstain: Ben Leroi

Absent: Jackie Elward/Laura Sparks-proxy, Cheyenne McConnell

The motion passed

- **Strategic Plan Committee:** No update at this time. Meeting still set for February 17th.
- **Homeless Information System (HMIS)/Data Committee:** Heather Sweet reported Committee did not meet in January. A doodle poll for February meeting will be going out. Next month HMIS evaluation will be scheduled.
- **Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board (LEAP):**
Chessy Etheridge reported committee was accepting applications for LEAP seats, applications closed January 23rd, elections for 2 open seats will be held on 1/27. Chessy Etheridge was re-elected to the Lived Experience seat on COC Board. Committee provided feedback to CE case conferencing and policy design and committee is re-vamping long-term and short-term priorities.
- **Youth Action Board:**
No update at this time.

Public Comment- None at this time.

12. Review Agenda for February 22, 2023, Meeting: (03:31:35-03:33:28)

Jennielynn Holmes went over draft agenda for February CoC Board meeting.

- Emily Quig proxy for Don Schwartz, suggested report out be added on the Housing Hero's as informational item.

Public Comment: none at this time

13. Board Chair & Vice Chair Elections: (03:33:29-03:42:11)

Karissa White went over process per CoC Charter on CoC Board Chair and Vice Chair elections.

CoC Board Chair Nomination:

Una Glass moves to nominate Dennis Pocekay for CoC Board Chair, Chessy Etheridge seconds.

Public comment-none at this time

Motion to approve Dennis Pocekay as CoC Board Chair for 2023.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Natalie Rogers, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Martha Cheever, Chessy Etheridge, Una Glass, Emily Quig proxy for Don Schwartz, Mark Krug, Jack Ding, Daniella Danforth,

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Laura Sparks proxy for Jackie Elward, Cheyenne McConnell

The motion passed

CoC Board Vice Chair Nomination:

Emily Quig proxy for Don Schwartz moves to nominate Jennielynn Holmes for CoC Board Vice Chair; Kathleen Pozzi seconds.

Public comment: None at this time

Motion to approve Jennielynn Holmes as Vice Chair for 2023.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Natalie Rogers, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Martha Cheever, Chessy Etheridge, Una Glass, Emily Quig proxy for Don Schwartz, Mark Krug, Jack Ding, Daniella Danforth.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Laura Sparks proxy for Jackie Elward, Cheyenne McConnell

The motion passed

14. Board Member Questions & Comments: (03:42:21-03:43:00)

Jennielynn Holmes went over purpose of board item for new CoC Board members.

15. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: (03:43:01-03:48:13)

Teddie Pierce, Gerry La-Londe-Berg, Ludmilla Bade

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.