



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2022

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Recording of Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/J1u5JEyGomM>

Welcome and Roll Call (00:00:00 - 00:01:55)

- Tom Schwedhelm, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He went over the agenda and clarified Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.
- Roll Call was taken:
 - *Present: Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma; Margaret Sluyk, Reach for Home; Chris Keys, Redwood Gospel Mission; Kathleen Pozzi, community member; Nora Mallonee-Brand, Sonoma County Behavioral Health; Chessy Etheridge, Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board; Cheynne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Una Glass, City of Sebastopol; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; John Moore, City of Cotati; Madolyn Agrimonti, City of Sonoma; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth*
 - *Absent: Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health Center; Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Supervisor*

1. Agenda and Minutes Approval (00:02:00 - 00:04:24)

Public comment:

None at this time.

Madolyn Agrimonti motioned to approve the consent calendar and minutes from the 3/23/22 CoC Board Meeting; Una Glass seconded.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheynne McConnell, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor, Lisa Fatu

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health Center; Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Supervisor

The motion passed

2. Staff Reports (00:04:39 – 00:51:43)

- CoC Revenue and Expenses: Dave Kiff shared a spreadsheet on expenses and funding sources for FY 2022-23 that was well-received by the Board.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

- Non-Congregate Shelter Update: Michael Gause reported the Windsor Holiday Inn closed on April 15. Trailers are expected to close on June 30.
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Update: Michael Gause reported the Youth Action Board needs at least 2 more youth members; application due at the end of June.
- Update on ARPA Processes: Dave Kiff reported applications were due earlier in April and are currently going through a screening process.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

3. Presentation on Draft HHAP-3 Local Action Plan Data Tables (00:51:49 – 02:03:08)

Lauren Larin and Mihir Vohra gave a presentation on the Homebase Racial Equity Analysis Data and how this information will be used in the Location Action Plan.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Don Schwartz moved to approve the draft HHAP-3 Local Action Plan Data Tables to be sent to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for comment; Kathleen Pozzi seconded the motion.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor, Lisa Fatu

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Chris Coursey

The motion passed

4. Word from the Street (02:03:17 -02:11:20)

Chessy Etheridge reported that approximately 25% of non-congregate shelter residents need to be in a higher level of care, and approximately 50% still have addictions that have not been addressed.

Dave Kiff added that Project Roomkey sites are not meant to be permanent. Once stabilized, a resident would be moved into more affordable housing.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

5. Break (02:11-22 – 02:20:50)

6. Continuum of Care Program Renewal Scoring (02:25:01 – 02:44:43)

Karissa White reported the formation of the CoC Competition Evaluation Committee: members are Dennis Pocekay, Chessy Etheridge, John Moore, Andrea Garcia from Kaiser Permanente, Lauren Koenigshofer from Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, and Angela Struckmann from Sonoma County Human Services. Dennis Pocekay was elected Chair.

Karissa White gave a brief overview of the competition. After the preliminary analysis, the Committee provides recommendations on rating and ranking to the CoC Board.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

John Moore moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 CoC Renewal Scoring; Madolyn Agrimonti seconded the motion.

Recusals: Margaret Sluyk, Jennielynn Holmes, and Lisa Fatu

Ayes: Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheynne McConnell, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Chris Coursey

The motion passed

7. Committee Membership (02:44:48 – 03:04:10)

- Roles and responsibilities: Araceli Rivera reported applications for membership are being accepted for the CEA, CoC Competition Evaluation, HMIS, Strategic Planning, Governance Charter and Policy Review, and ESG-CV Ad Hoc committees. General descriptions of each committee were sent out the public, as well as the Board. A list of applicants was received, and will be shared once each member has been contacted. The Board Chair and Vice Chair will make the recommendations and those come back as an informational item to the Board.
- Funding and Evaluation Committee: Dave Kiff presented information on a new standing committee that would develop recommendations to the Board on the use of CoC funds, comment on funding decisions by other parties, develop/review long-term funding strategies and plans to achieve the CoC's vision, make funding decisions on behalf of the CoC Board if such authority is delegated by the Board, evaluate the performance of the system of care, programs, and service providers to inform funding decisions, support public communications (including a dashboard of metrics), and improve the system of care, and to participate with the HMIS Committee in the evaluation of the HMIS Lead's performance.

Recommendation action: To establish this committee, to seek interest in terms of membership of this committee for review to the Chair and Vice Chair by May 9, sunset the ESG-CV Ad Hoc Committee at such time as members are appointed

to this Funding and Evaluation Committee, allow the current round of the HUD CoC Competition Evaluation Committee to continue on its path and once that's done that effort would be folded into the NOFO that comes next. The Funding and Evaluation Committee would have a role in HMIS activities in regards to collection and use of data. While this Committee could include service providers, many would have to regularly recuse themselves. It is recommended that a user group session or round table be convened to advise this committee on efforts that are working well and efforts that may not be working well, hopefully with a CoC Board member. The CDC staff would step away from it.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Don Schwartz moved to approve staff's recommendation with the removal of the dashboard and metrics responsibility for the HMIS Committee; Madolyn Agrimonti seconded the motion.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor, Lisa Fatu

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Chris Coursey, Una Glass

The Motion Passed

8. Standing Committee Reports (03:04:11 – 03:55:48)

- Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee: Thai Hilton provided more information on some of the changes that are coming to the system. HomeFirst will not be providing any direct client service as part of their scope of work. A lot of the work that was previously done by the old operator will now need to be done by access points and providers in the community. There will be no more comprehensive access sites; all referrals will go through the case. HomeFirst is proposing to taper down the referrals for rapid rehousing to zero eventually.
- Strategic Planning Committee: Stephen Sotomayor reported the Committee is currently working with Homebase on finishing up the Phase One Strategic Planning that centers around the development of the HHAP outcomes and strategies to be used by the CoC Board and the County of Sonoma for the HHAP-3 funding, then moving on to Phase Two, which is going to build upon efforts undertaken to develop the HHAP outcomes and strategies to identify the priorities and goals for the County's response to homelessness. They are working with Homebase on gathering feedback and working on completing the HHAP-3 application.
- HMIS: Daniel Overbury-Howland reported that Heather Sweet is the new Committee Chair after the resignation of Asya Sorokurs. The Committee is planning to review and review a few key documents such as the Lead Agency Evaluation Plan, the HMIS release of information, and the quarterly compliance checklist.
- CoC Competition Evaluation Committee: Karissa White the information was covered during the first part of the meeting.

- Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board: Rebekah Sammet reported the LEAP Board met with the CoC Board Vice Chair and discussed their relationship. They hosted discussions with HomeFirst to provide feedback about Coordinated Entry and with Homebase to provide feedback about homelessness in Sonoma County. They defined their long-term and short-term priorities, established attendance requirements and re-voted to accept applications by people with lived experience with a history of working for service providers for up to 3 seats available. Currently accepting applications for the LEAP Board and drafting their charter. Also working with a consultant from Focus Strategies to organize focus groups to provide lived experience feedback about homelessness in Santa Rosa.
- Youth Action Board: Araceli Rivera reported they have started working on by-laws and the Homelessness Demonstration Program funding application. If Board members know of any potential new members, please direct them to Thai Hilton.

Public Comment:

Kathleen Finigan

Alice Linn

Tom Schwedhelm had to leave the meeting; Jennielynn Holmes assumed the position of Chair.

9. Review Agenda for May 25 CoC Board Meeting (03:56:09 – 04:02:03)

The draft agenda was reviewed. Nora Mallonee-Brand suggested a presentation on *The Portrait of Sonoma* be included in a future meeting. Don Schwartz requested the referral process for Project Homekey be added to the May agenda, which must be approved by the CoC Board.

Public Comment:

Hunter Scott

10. Board Member Questions and Comments (04:02:04 – 04:03:20)

John Moore requested that Zoom name titles include the organization being represented.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

11. Public Comments on Non-Agendized Items (04:03:21 – 04:03:50)

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.