



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Recording of Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yIaLSea6ho&t=10499s>

Welcome and Roll Call (00:10:28 - 00:12:55)

- 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: Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health Center; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma; Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Supervisor; 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; Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Chessy Etheridge, Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board; Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass (arrived at 1:14 p.m.), City of Sebastopol; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; John Moore, City of Cotati; Madolyn Agrimonti, City of Sonoma; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg*
 - *Absent: Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth*

A quorum was present.

1. Agenda, Consent Calendar, and Minutes Approval (00:12:56 – 00:17:24)

Public comment:

None at this time.

Madolyn Agrimonti moved to approve the consent calendar; Dennis Pocekay seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lisa Fatu, Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass

The motion passed.

2. Report from Lead Agency Staff (00:17:38 – 00:59:24)

- County's \$4 million for Homelessness in American Rescue Plan Act: CDC Interim Executive Director Dave Kiff shared a presentation and requested consultation from the CoC Board members for the recommended path for \$4 million that will go to the Board of Supervisors on July 12 for approval, further comment, or revision.
- Partnership Health Plan CalAIM Grant: Dave Kiff reported that Partnership Health Plan is working with CoC staff to develop an extensive application for grant money to come to our region. It is for many of the similar projects and programs that HHAP funds, so it could be supplemental to that rather than supplanted.

Public Comment:

Dannielle Danforth

Gregory Fearon

3. Word from the Street (01:41:10 – 01:58:50)

Chessy Etheridge provided a follow up on the topic of animals and homeless people and the bonds and the barriers of getting them housed, as well as more information on the Ruthless Kindness organization and Senate Bill 513.

Public Comment:

Eileen Bill

Dannielle Danforth

Gregory Fearon

4. CoC Competition Renewal Scoring (01:00:41 – 01:41:09)

Karissa White shared a presentation of the FY 2022 CoC Renewal Project Overview and Scores.

Public Comment:

Gregory Fearon

Matt Verscheure

Dannielle Danforth

John Moore moved to approve the FY 2022 Continuum of Care Program Renewal Project Scoring, and approve Corrective Action Plans for Reach for Home's North County Rapid Rehousing Project and Catholic Charities' Permanent Supportive Housing 2 Project; Madolyn Agrimonti seconded the motion.

Recusals: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Margaret Sluyk

Ayes: Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lisa Fatu

The motion passed.

5. Break (01:58:52 – 02:11:07)

6. Reports from Standing Committees: (02:12:42 – 03:15:56)

- **Funding and Evaluation Committee**: Tom Schwedhelm reported the extension of the deadline to June 7 resulted in a number of very qualified applicants. After considering a broad range of talent levels and geographic locations, 11 members were recommended for approval. At this time, no service providers have been included due to the ongoing conflict of interest discussion.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Kathleen Pozzi moved to approve the 11 individuals listed in the staff report to compile the new Funding and Evaluation Committee; Chris Keys seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass, Don Schwartz, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: John Moore

Absent: Lisa Fatu

The motion passed.

- **Coordinated Entry Advisory (CEA) Committee**: Araceli Rivera shared a presentation on Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures and reviewed some of the important policy changes. The Committee is requesting approval of the updated policies and procedures.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Jennielynn Holmes moved to approve the updated policies and procedures for the entire Coordinated Entry system; Madolyn Agrimonti seconded the motion. Chris Coursey made a friendly amendment to include direction to staff to convene some kind of a group to address the gap that was discussed. Jennielynn Holmes and Madolyn Agrimonti accepted the amendment.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Una Glass, Lisa Fatu

The motion passed.

- **Strategic Planning Committee**: Stephen Sotomayor reported they are continuing to work with Homebase on Phase 2 of the strategic planning process and focusing on stakeholder engagement to identify strategic priorities and goals for the County's response to homelessness.
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)/Data Committee**: No report was presented, but there will be a comprehensive report for the Board at the meeting in July.
- **Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board (LEAP)**: Andrew Akufo reported 5 new lived experience members have been elected to the LEAP Board. They hosted a focus group discussion with Focus Strategies, as well as a follow-up discussion with Homebase.

- **Youth Action Board**: Michael Gause reported that CDC will not be pursuing the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application this year but will apply next year when a Youth Action Board (YAB) is up and Running. Arceli Rivera thanked SAY for offering space to hold meetings, informing youth when the meetings will take place, and doing outreach in the community. Staff working on YAB has begun attending CAL-ICH YAB group training which offers a guided path on how to you structure and build a successful YAB.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

7. CoC July Quarterly Membership Meeting Agenda (03:15:56 – 03:17:37)

Karissa White reviewed the draft agenda for the CoC Quarterly Membership Meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

8. Review Agenda for July CoC Board Meeting (03:17:38 – 03:20:56)

The draft agenda for the CoC Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 27, was discussed. Don Schwartz requested an information item be added to solicit input about what elements the Board think are important to include in an MOU between the CoC and County to establish expectations and understandings about performance. Chris Coursey requested people familiar with creating an MOU be available for legal advice. Michael reported that HUD released a new Continuum of Care NOFO parallel to the one that Chris is working on right now. He will provide a full report next month.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

9. Board Member Questions and Comments (03:20:57 – 03:29:54)

Don Schwartz commended the staff for the quality work that went into the meeting materials. Diana Rich reported the City of Sebastopol's Ad Hoc Committee for the Unhoused will be holding a Town Hall at 6 p.m. on June 30 via Zoom and invited Board members to attend. John Moore shared some concerns regarding the Housing First Model and asked if the Board and CDC had any concerns regarding that particular model. Michael Gause will be bringing it up with the Logistics Group and then try to agendize it at a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting. Kathleen Pozzi will not be able to attend the July 27 Meeting and will send Alea information about her proxy.

10. Public Comments on Non-Agendized Items (03:24:55 – 03:29:54)

Public Comment:
Teddy Pierce
Gregory Fearon

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.