



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

1:00 -5:00 pm Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

[Recording of Meeting](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions (0:03-:007)

- Ben Leroi, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Ben Leroi went over the agenda, clarified Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.
- Roll Call was taken:
 - Present: Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Supervisor Chris Coursey; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Jules Pelican, proxy for Chuck Fernandez, Committee on the Shelterless; Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health; Margaret Sluyk, Reach For Home; Alena Wall, Kaiser Permanente; Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth; Bill Carter, Sonoma County Health Services; Ludmilla Bade, Lived Experience Representative; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg Services;
 - Absent: Paula Glodowski-Valla, proxy for Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services; Kevin McDonnell, City of Petaluma

2. Agenda and Minutes Approval (00:08-00:12)

- ESG-CV recommendation will be moved to December meeting.
- Don Schwartz provided a correction to the October 27, 2021 minutes.

Paula Glodowski-Valla arrived at this time.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Bill Carter motioned to approve the agenda; approve minutes from 10/27/21 with Don Schwartz's edits; Jules Pelican seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Jules Pelican, Ludmilla Bade, Don Schwartz, Chris Coursey, Paula Glodowski-Valla, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Bill Carter, Lisa Fatu, Cheyenne McConnell, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: Tom Schwedhelm, not present for 10/27/21 meeting.

Absent: Kevin McDonnell

3. Charter and Policy Committee Update (00:13-1:09)

Don Schwartz presented on behalf of the Charter and Policy Committee for the upcoming Board composition and elections.

Kevin McDonnell arrived at this time.

Public Comment:

Gregory Fearon

Kevin McDonnell motioned to approve recommended charter changes and membership application, with the caveat that DEI language in the Vision section will be readdressed and finalized by the Strategic Planning Committee, and change the word goal to vision within the charter; Tom Schwedhelm seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Jules Pelican, Don Schwartz, Chris Coursey, Paula Glodowski-Valla, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Bill Carter, Lisa Fatu, Cheyenne McConnell, Kevin McDonnell, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: Ludmilla Bade

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Standing Committee Updates (1:10-1:57)

- a. **HMIS Data Committee:** Asya Sorokurs presented on behalf of the committee. The Quarterly Compliance Checklist approval will be delayed for further review.
- b. **Lived Experience Advisory Body:** Andrew Akufo presented on the LEAP application and planning application. Looking for more people to be involved.
- c. **Coordinated Entry Advisory (CEA) Committee:** Jennielynn Holmes provided an update, still waiting on responses from the RFP. Emergency Housing Vouchers are still rolling out and the Implementation Work Group has met to roll out the emergency shelter standards.
- d. **Strategic Plan Committee:** Stephen Sotomayor presented on three work groups: Coordinated System of Care, Housing Work Group, and the Increasing Income Work Group. A subgroup met to determine the potential contractors to assist in the Development of a Countywide Strategic Plan.

Don Schwartz requested that the Marin Housing Authority discussion be sent out to the board.

Public Comment:

Gail Simmons

5. 5 Minute Break (1:58-2:03)

6. Staff Report (2:04-2:22)

Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Program Manager, provided a report on Winter Shelter, county funding for Indoor/Outdoor Shelters. Congregate Shelters are open through March and hotels are still open and available. The Point in Time Count is scheduled for last Friday in January. Dave Kiff, Interim Executive Director provided some information on safe parking county funding.

7. Word From the Street (2:23-2:38)

Ludmilla Bade presented on some of the drug use trends in the Sonoma County unhoused population.

Public Comment:

Gail Simmons

8. Review Agenda for December 15, 2021 (2:38-2:49)

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe Berg

9. Board Member Questions and Comments (2:50-2:59)

Board members discussed emergency shelter bed availability reports and what this might look like. It was noted this would be appropriate to bring to the HMIS Data Committee to come up with a report that is useful to the CoC Board.

10. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items (2:59)

None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:01 PM