



**Sonoma County Continuum of Care  
Agenda for Thursday, May 9, 2024  
2:00 to 4:00pm Pacific**

**Funding & Evaluation Committee Meeting**

**Zoom Link:**

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	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Packet Item</b>	<b>Time</b>
1.	Welcome/Call to Order	Chair		2:00 - 2:05pm
2.	Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda Review</li> <li>• Minutes Approval March 7, 2024</li> </ul>	Chair	F&E Agenda Minutes drafts	2:05 - 2:10pm
3.	CoC Funding Renewals Update	Staff	Info Only	2:10-2:20pm
4.	New Member Committee Introduction(s)	Committee/Staff	n/a	2:20 – 2:30pm
5.	Update on HHAP 5 Regional Funding Plan Update on Sonoma Valley Street Outreach funding	Staff	Info only	2:30-2:40pm
6.	Funding Cycle Debriefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Overall experience</li> <li>b. What worked</li> <li>c. What needs improvement</li> <li>d. Committee structure</li> </ul>	Committee	Committee members be prepared to discuss items a-d with feedback from the public	2:40 – 3:40pm
7.	Project Evaluation Planning	Chair		3:40 – 3:50 pm
8.	Public Comments – Items not Agenda	Public		3:50 – 4:00 pm
	Adjourn <b>Next F&amp;E Regular Meeting June 13, 2024</b>			

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment may be made via email or during the live zoom meeting. To submit an emailed public comment to the Committee email [Andrew.Akufo@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Andrew.Akufo@sonoma-county.org). Please provide your name, the agenda number(s) on which you wish to speak, and your comment. These comments will be emailed to all Committee members. Public comment during the meeting can be made live by joining the Zoom meeting. Available time for comments is determined by the Chair based on agenda scheduling demands and total number of speakers.

Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Funding and Evaluation Committee



Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Program Manager, Andrew Akufo, PPEA, Chuck Mottern, Community Development Associate, Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator, Thai Hilton, Coordinated Entry Coordinator, Dave Kiff., Executive Director, Daniel Howland Overbury, HMIS Coordinator, Adam Siegenthaler, Department Information Systems Technician II  
**Committee members: Teddie Pierce | Una Glass | Chessy Etheridge | Dennis Pocekay | Dannielle Danforth | Rebekah Sammet | Kelli Kuykendall | Margaret Sluyk | Hunter Scott | John Baxter | Wendell Coleman**

**Funding and Evaluation Committee Special Meeting**

Thursday, March 7, 2024

2:00pm-5:00pm

**Recording:**

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/rec/share/GbP0JQsS8cKvg5LS4WT8KsBph7-6LID5pLLi1Hta5-7LJy7vq5mzVhR3wrmNxiGt.t6S-7keKqZGUHUZr>

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**Minutes**

**1. Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm (00:07:50 - 00:10:17)**

Teddie Pierce called the meeting to order, read the Brown Act disclosure, and summarized decorum guidelines.

**Present:** Teddie Pierce, Una Glass, Dennis Pocekay, Margaret Sluyk, Dannielle Danforth, Rebekah Sammet, Chessy Etheridge, Hunter Scott, John Baxter, Matthew Verscheure

**Absent:** Kelli Kuykendall

**Staff:** Michael Gause, Andrew Akufo, Chuck Mottern, Karissa White, Thai Hilton

**2. Consent Calendar (00:10:25 – 00:12:58)**

Teddie Pierce presented the agenda.

- **John Baxter moves to approve the agenda**
- **Una Glass seconds.**
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Opposed or Abstentions:** None
- **Motion passes.** Consent calendar is approved.

**3. Committee Recusal Process and Meeting Schedule (00:12:59 – 00:18:39)**

- Teddie Pierce explained that the F&E Committee will hear from providers about their applications today (3/7/11), Tuesday (3/12/24), and Thursday (3/14/24).

F&E Committee members who participate in discussions may not discuss their own projects in any category. As the F&E Committee hears from providers, those members who have a conflict at any point will be moved from the immediate meeting into the “waiting room.”

Providers have been notified of their opportunity to speak and on what areas of questioning they should be prepared to respond. The Committee will only dialogue about applications with non-conflicted representatives of agencies.

Once the topic has changed so that the member’s participation no longer presents a conflict, that member will be allowed reentry to the meeting.

The goal of the next two meetings is to hear from providers. It is suggested that providers do not focus on dollar amounts or funding strategies at this point. They are instead encouraged to reflect on how their personal funding recommendations work out according to the funding scenarios, in anticipation of the meeting planned for Thursday, 3/14/24. In consideration of the significant amount of public comment received, the F&E Committee will not need to adhere to the funding scenarios.

There is a “hard-stop” of Friday, 3/15/24 for the F&E Committee to complete their process. Conflicted members must fully recuse from all conflicted projects during final funding recommendations on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

**Public Comment:** None.

#### **4. Funding Strategy Scenarios & Score Compilations (00:18:42 – 00:59:46)**

- Michael Gause explained a point of confusion in terminology for funding scenarios. Instead of “funding at reduction from request,” it should instead read for renewing projects that it’s from what was awarded last year, “previous funding.” For new projects, it would be “request.”

Michael Gause shared charts depicting the “Funding Scenarios for the 24-25 Coalition NOFA,” and provided some background and explanation. Thai Hilton, the lead on scoring, provided insight into the participation and evolution of the scoring process.

The closure of SAY left a critical gap in the system for youth. Teddie Pierce suggests that the F&E Committee consider making a recommendation to the Homeless Coalition Board to put some money aside for future youth projects and doing a separate Request for Proposals (RFP).

Teddie Pierce explained that the grievance process sits with the Continuum of Care (COC) Governance Board. The F&E Committee only provides scenarios, which can subsequently be overturned by the Governance Board. Also, the scoring provided is a

valuable starting point, but does not necessarily need to be adhered to by the F&E Committee members, who are invited to indulge in critical thinking to develop their own choices of projects.

F&E Committee members addressed a concern about funding scenarios for new applications being evaluated at current costs while renewal applications are evaluated at last year's rates. Michael Gause advised these are only scenarios, based on hours and hours of analysis, as well as consideration of alternative possibilities, and are a starting point but are not set in stone. The F&E Committee can always choose to go in a different direction.

A question arose about prevention projects. Michael Gause explained that Sonoma County currently has only one NOFA-funded prevention project, in West County. Direction from the Strategic Plan is to operate as one coordinated system. The County of Sonoma and the cities of Rohnert Park and Petaluma have coordinated to develop a Homeless Prevention Project, with commitments of \$1.3 million, to be matched by AllHome for a total of \$2.6 million to be administered over two years. A briefing from AllHome will be forthcoming in the near future.

Teddie Pierce advises that providers have been informed that they are encouraged to be prepared to answer questions by the March 14, 2024, meeting about how they would ideally like to see their projects prioritized or funds shifted if awarded reduced funding.

**Public Comment:** Gregory Fearon, Ana Rangel, Tim Miller, LaSette Wellen

#### **5. F/Y 2024-25 Application Reviews (00:59:48 – 2:28:00)**

- Teddie Pierce advised providers that today is their opportunity as applicants to clarify any points of confusion or misunderstanding, or to offer any project details that they feel might be helpful to the Committee, as well as for F&E Committee members to ask direct questions of providers about their projects. In the case of multiple submissions, providers may offer their preferred priorities for submitted projects today, but also have until March 14, 2024, to apprise the Committee of those preferences.

Review of applications proceeded as below with project applicants, if in attendance, offering responses to questions and comments from committee members.

- **Prevention Projects**

- A. Legal Aid:** Sunny Noh represented Legal Aid in responding to project questions posed by Teddie Pierce and Michael Gause.

- B. Reach for Home (RFH):** Ana Rangel responded to questions posed by Teddie Pierce concerning the RFH prevention project requests.

**C. West County Community Services (WCCS):** Tim Miller provided a description of their existing prevention program and responded to questions from the F&E Committee about the WCCS prevention project renewal request.

- **Other Homeless Projects**

**A. Catholic Charities – Caritas Drip-In Center:** F&E Committee member Matthew Verscheure was recused from the meeting with respect to his conflict as an employee of Catholic Charities. Audience member LaSette Wellen of Catholic Charities was promoted to the meeting as a panelist to respond to questions from the F&E Committee.

**B. HomeFirst – Coordinated Entry Program Assistant Proposal:** As an employee of HomeFirst, F&E Committee member Hunter Scott was recused from the meeting. Audience member Kate Landberg of HomeFirst was promoted to the meeting as a panelist to entertain questions from F&E Committee members.

**C. Russian Riverkeepers:** Although notified, no representative for Russian Riverkeepers was in attendance. Provision will be made for representation from Russian Riverkeepers to speak to their project at the Tuesday, March 12, 2024, meeting.

**D. SHARE – Measure O Project & Home Share Project:** No representative for SHARE was in attendance. Efforts will be made for additional notification to SHARE to elicit representation for the Tuesday, March 12, 2024, meeting to address questions as expressed by committee members. Comment was rendered that neither of these projects utilize Coordinated Entry.

**Public Comment:** None

- **Street Outreach Projects**

**A. Catholic Charities - Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST):** LaSette Wellen fielded questions from committee members as representative for Catholic Charities.

**B. Reach for Home (RFH):** Ana Rangel responded to questions from the F&E Committee on behalf of RFH about their proposed street outreach program.

**C. Sonoma Applied Village Services (SAVS):** No representation from SAVS was apparent in the audience to respond to questions from committee members. Additional notification will be made to elicit representation from SAVS for the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

**D. HomeFirst:** Kate Landberg represented HomeFirst in response to questions posed concerning the proposed HomeFirst project for Sonoma Valley Street Outreach.

- E. City of Petaluma:** The representative from City of Petaluma, Karen Shimizu, had to exit the meeting early but indicated that she would be happy to answer any questions via email. Questions can be sent to Thai Hilton, [Thai.Hilton@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Thai.Hilton@sonoma-county.org), to be forwarded to Karen Shimizu for response.

Angie Moeller from the City of Petaluma was present in the audience and subsequently responded to questions and also sought clarification from committee members regarding the three funding scenarios for City of Petaluma.

- F. West County Community Services (WCCS):** Tim Miller, Executive Director, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the WCCS proposed street outreach project.

- **Public Comment:** None.

**6. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda: (02:28:26 – 02:34:00)**

- Kate Landberg, HomeFirst
- Dennis Pocekey received permission from Tim Miller, WCCS, to include an email submitted to the F&E Committee by WCCS, as an example to other provider groups, when the F&E Committee extends the opportunity to those with multiple applications to send a similar email.
- Upon request, Andrew Akufo and Teddie Pierce confirmed the upcoming meeting schedule, as below. Providers not represented at today's meeting will be contacted to convey the schedule.

**Tuesday, March 12, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Emergency Shelter Project Applications  
Rapid Rehousing Project (RRH) Applications

**Thursday, March 14, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Project Applications  
Final Recommendations

**Adjournment: (02:34:08 – 02:34:37)**

**Motion:** Dennis Pocekey moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Rebekah Sammet seconds the motion.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.**