



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting

December 9, 2020

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions	CDC Staff
Election of CoC Board Chair and Vice Chair	CoC Board
Ratification of Previous Leadership Council Actions	Outside Counsel and CoC Board
CoC Board January 2021 Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of State Homeless Housing Assistance Program Round 2 Funds• Approval of Draft CoC HMIS Policies and Interim CoC Governance Charter• Approval of 2021 Point in Time Count Protocols	Ending Homelessness Manager and CoC Coordinator
Public Comment	

Ground Rules

Everyone

- ▶ Please keep your phone/computer on mute until it is your turn to speak
- ▶ This meeting is being recorded. Please be mindful of what you say and input into the chat function.
- ▶ **Hate speech, derogatory remarks, deliberate disruptions and other forms of behavior designed to intimidate others or incite violence will not be tolerated.**

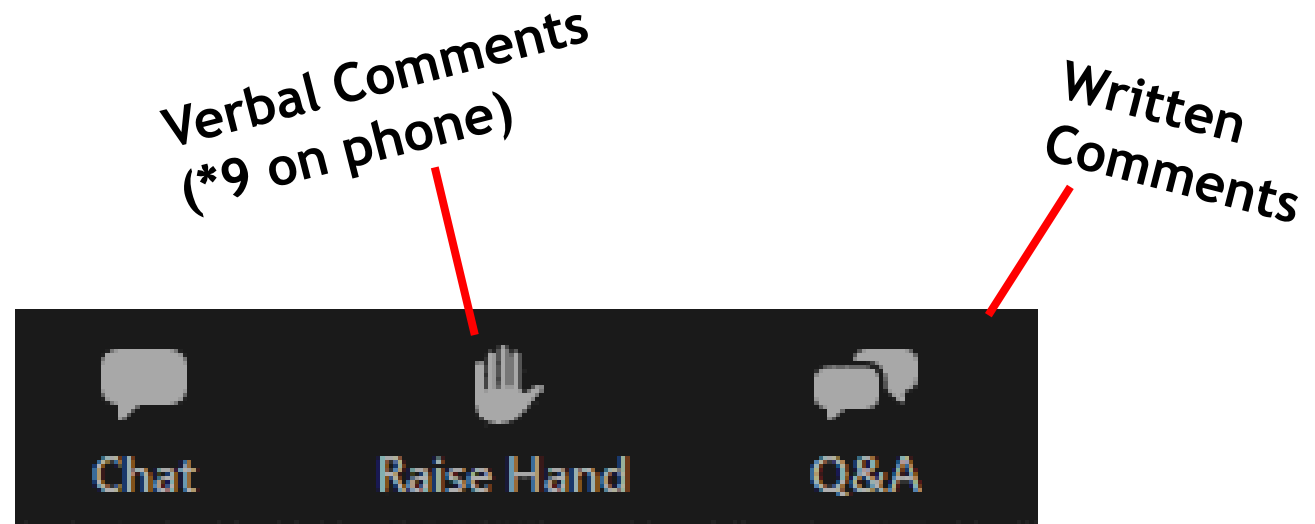
CoC Board Members

- ▶ If you are making a motion, please speak in the third person using your name e.g. *“Jane Doe seconds that motion”*.
- ▶ If you wish to make a comment, please use the “raise a hand” function or chat function and staff will let the meeting chairs() know that you wish to speak. The meeting chair will call on you.
- ▶ When voting, wait for the Chair or Clerk to call your name before you cast your vote. (Aye, Nay, or Abstain).

Ground Rules continued

Members of the Public

- When Public Comment is opened, please use the “raise hand” feature to indicate that you would like to make a public comment. If you are calling in, you may do this by pressing *9. The meeting chair or clerk will unmute you and invite you to speak.
- Any members of the public may also submit comments to be read into the record by submitting in the Q&A Box or sending an email during the meeting to Joseph.Hegedus@sonoma-county.org



2020 CoC Board Member Roster

Tom Schwedhelm Council Member, City of Santa Rosa	Dedicated Seat
Kevin McDonnell Council Member, City of Petaluma	Dedicated Seat
Lynda Hopkins Supervisor, County of Sonoma	Dedicated Seat
Jennielynn Holmes Chief Program Officer, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa	Largest Service Provider
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Sonoma County Continuum of Care Introduction

Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Manager

Tina Rivera, Assistant Director

Sonoma County Community Development Commission



Sonoma County CoC

The Continuum of Care (CoC) is Sonoma County's homeless services system of care. The countywide effort is governed by a 15-member Continuum of Care Board responsible for allocating CoC Program funds to local homeless services programs and planning/policy development for addressing homelessness.

The Council consists of local elected officials, nonprofit representatives, subject matter experts, and individuals with lived homeless experience. The Community Development Commission serves as the Lead Agency of CoC.

The CoC Mission: To engage community leaders and organizations in preventing and ending homelessness in Sonoma County.

Sonoma County CoC History

- McKinney Act of 1987
- Continuum of Care model – late 1990s
 - Sonoma County Continuum of Care organized 1997
- HEARTH Act of 2009
 - Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing Act
 - Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness: Opening Doors
 - New regulations for Continuum of Care (CoC) & Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs



Sonoma County CoC Core Operations

- Conduct Annual Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory County
- Submit annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$3.9 million in funding for CoC dollars
- System-wide data submissions via HMIS – System Performance Measures (May) and Longitudinal Systems Analysis (December)
- Evaluation and ranking of CoC projects annually for NOFA
- Policy and procedures/operationalize Coordinated Entry System
- ...and so much more!



Continuum of Care Program

- The Continuum of Care (CoC) program promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.
- The program provides funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and state and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness.
- The program promotes access to and effects utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families.
- The program optimizes self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
 - Sonoma County CoC Program Funding Allocation 2020: \$3,867,665
 - CoC HHAP R2 – One Time Funding: \$1,644,856
 - CDC & County of Sonoma Leveraged Funding 2020: \$22 Million+

Sonoma County CoC Purpose

Purpose: The Continuum of Care embodies three concepts:

- A **Working Coalition** that brings all stakeholders together in a structured way, to end homelessness in Sonoma County. This coalition is committed to seeing that the 10-Year Homeless Action Plan is implemented with integrity and excellence.
- A **System of Housing & Services**: The system of housing and service entities provides a broad range of homelessness prevention and intervention services supporting one another in assisting individuals and families to move to stable housing. It incorporates outreach, engagement, assessment, prevention, shelter, housing, and services to support and sustain self-sufficiency.
- The **HUD Program-Defined Continuum of Care**: This community planning body works to prevent and end homelessness. It organizes and delivers housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency.

Role of CoC Board Members

- Governing body that **determines policy** and **acts as the CoC's decision-making group**.
- **Manages the CoC Program process** in Sonoma County, **including ranking proposals for submission to HUD** under the annual NOFA.
- Works closely with the designated Collaborative Applicant (Lead Agency) to fulfill major duties of the Continuum of Care.
- Responsible for **monitoring implementation** of the 10-Year Homeless Action Plan and ongoing alignment with vision, goals and strategies.
- **Oversees** periodic planning and annual plan revisions.

Role of CoC Board Members Continued

- **Makes recommendations to the CoC about priorities and formal/informal relationships.**
- **Actively seeks participation from a diverse list of community partners for the CoC and its committees.**
- **Ensure transparent governance within the Continuum of Care and monitoring potential conflicts of interest.**
- **Delegate activities to and oversees committees, working groups and aligned efforts.**
- **Designates the HMIS Lead to manage the HMIS system in Sonoma County.**
- **Ensures consultation of Federal ESG recipients throughout planning and implementation of Continuum of Care activities.**

Collaborative Applicant (Lead Agency) Responsibilities

- The **CoC lead agency** is responsible for the coordination and oversight of the **CoC** planning efforts, and has the authority to certify and submit the **CoC** homeless assistance funding application.
- **HUD-Designated “Collaborative Applicant”**
 - The Sonoma County Community Development Commission has been designated as Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care.
 - For the purposes of the annual HUD NOFA application and the management of CoC Program planning grants, the Collaborative Applicant must also be a grant recipient.
 - The Collaborative Applicant is the only entity that may
 - Submit the CoC Consolidated Application to HUD
 - Apply for grants from HUD on behalf of the Continuum of Care.
 - Apply for and receive CoC Program planning funds on behalf of the Continuum of Care.

Election of CoC Board Chair and Vice Chair

Leah Benz, Health Policy, Planning & Evaluation
Department of Health Services

Eligible For Role of Chair

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Eligible for Role of Vice Chair (all members)

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Voting Preference of Board:
Complete Surveymonkey in inbox
Or email your selection of Chair and Vice Chair to
Alea.Tantarelli@sonoma-county.org

10-Minute Break

Ratification of Previous Home Sonoma County
Leadership Council Actions
and Funding Allocation Review

Brendan Kearns

January 2021 CoC Board Items

State Homeless Housing Assistance Program Round 2 Funds

- Continuum of Care Allocation **\$ 1,644,856.00**
- CoC Board will make final allocations in January for CoC portion prior to application deadline
 - Staff recommendation to provide funds for ongoing core projects funded in HHAP Round 2

January 2021 CoC Board Items Continued...

Sonoma County Governance Charter and HMIS Policies and Procedures Approvals

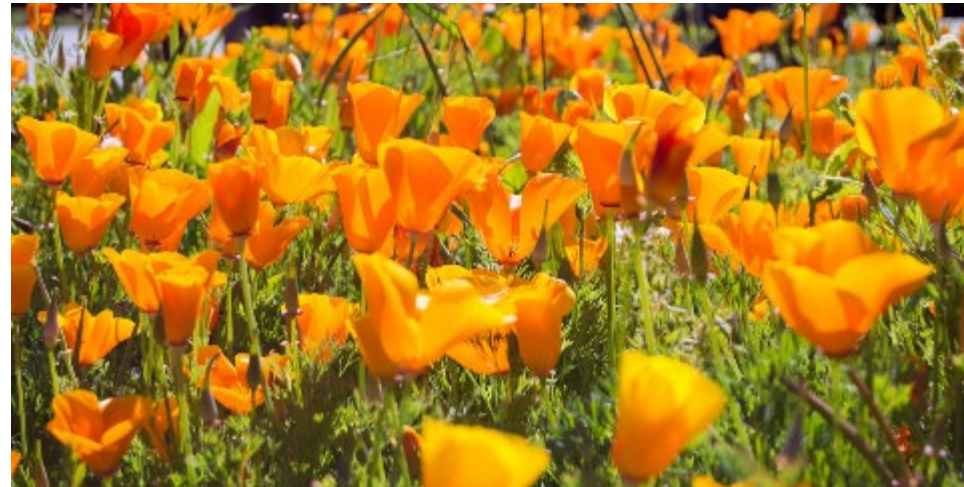
- Revisions to documents required by HUD for the HMIS Capacity Building Grant awarded on September 20, 2019
- Revisions incorporate only required revisions from HUD pertaining to CoC and HMIS Regulations/Standards
- Documents received final review from HUD and are due on January 31, 2021
 - No extensions are permitted as grant deliverables were already extended due to COVID-19

January 2021 CoC Board Items Continued...

Approval of 2021 Point in Time (PIT) Count Protocols

- HUD has announced guidance for communities to conduct homeless point in time counts in response to COVID: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/2021-hic-and-pit-count-updates-for-cocs/>
- Sonoma County Community Development Commission (SCCDC) is working with Applied Survey Research consultant to develop safety protocols for the upcoming count.
- SCCDC has requested an extension for the end of February to HUD as counts typically take place in January.

Board Discussion, Questions & Comments



Public Comment

