



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2021

1:00 -2:50 pm Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

[Recording of Meeting](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions (0:05-:08)

- 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: Supervisor Chris Coursey; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; 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; Kevin McDonnell, City of Petaluma*
 - *Absent: Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa*

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

Public Comment:
None at this time.

Chris Coursey motioned to approve the agenda; approve minutes from 11/17/21 with Chuck Fernandez edits to correct Jules Pelican as proxy for Chuck Fernandez; Don Schwartz seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Chuck Fernandez, Ludmilla Bade, Don Schwartz, Chris Coursey, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Bill Carter, Lisa Fatu, Cheyenne McConnell, Stephen Sotomayor, Tom Schwedhelm, Kevin McDonnell

Noes: None

Abstain: Ludmilla Bade, has not reviewed.

Absent: Angela Struckmann, Jennielynn Holmes

3. Staff Report (0:12-00:24)

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator, presented on the upcoming 2022 CoC Board Elections and confirmed HUD TA has reviewed the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Charter with one minor

edit. A final draft of the CoC's Governance Charter will be distributed upon completion of the Strategic Planning Committee's approval of a diversity, equity and inclusion statement.

Michael Gause, Ending Homeless Manager, presented the active SAVS Project and Winter Shelter Status.

Jennielynn Holmes arrived at this time.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

4. Word From the Street (00:25-00:38)

Ludmilla Bade presented on local news in Sonoma County in the winter weather. Safe Parking lots are helpful and looking forward to seeing some open up this year. There is a need for basic necessities: trash, bathrooms, charging stations. These can impact the current stereotypes that limit those experiencing homelessness.

Public Comment:

Danielle Danforth

Jules Pelican

Gregory Fearon

5. Standing Committee Updates (00:39-2:03)

- a. **Coordinated Entry Assessment (CEA) Committee:** Thai Hilton presented on the implementation group for Shelter Standards and the upcoming review of the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Standards. A centralized housing location group is being formed to assist in coordinating housing location for the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. Jennielynn Holmes presented on the Coordinated Entry System RFP responses, applications are available on the CEA Committee webpage.
- b. **Strategic Plan Committee:** Tom Schwedhelm presented on the three work groups. The Coordinated System of Care work group is reviewing DEI, open HMIS system, and housing navigation. Karen Fies reported on the Increasing income work group and the Housing Work Group.
- c. **Charter & Policy Review Committee:** No Report.
- d. **HMIS Data Committee:** The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2021 to further discuss an open HMIS system. Adam Siegenthaler presented on the updated Homeless Data landing page.
- e. **Lived Experience Advisory Body (LEAP):** Andrew Akufo presented on the current status of the application process and planning activities. Applications are still open, have been distributed, and the prep group will vote on applicants at the January LEAP meeting.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe Berg

Gregory Fearon

6. 5 Minute Break (2:03-2:08)

7. Review Agenda for upcoming Quarterly Membership Meeting on January 20, 2022 (2:09-2:21)

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Cheyenne McConnell motioned to approve the agenda for the Quarterly Membership Meeting; Lisa Fatu seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Chuck Fernandez, Ludmilla Bade, Don Schwartz, Chris Coursey, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Bill Carter, Lisa Fatu, Cheyenne McConnell, Stephen Sotomayor, Tom Schwedhelm, Kevin McDonnell, Jennielynn Holmes, Ludmilla Bade

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Angela Struckmann

8. Review Agenda for January 26, 2022 (2:21-2:24)

Kevin McDonnell asked for an update on the Point in Time Count that will be happening the last Friday in January.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe Berg

9. Board Member Questions and Comments (2:25-2:29)

Bill Carter will be retiring and Nora Mallonee-Brand will be taking the DHS seat as of the next meeting.

Alena Wall and Chuck Fernandez noted that it would be beneficial to have public comment themes recorded in the comments.

Angela Struckmann arrived at this time.

10. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items (2:30)

Gregory Fearon

Meeting Adjourned at 3:37 PM