

Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Agenda for July 28, 2021 1:00pm-4:15pm Pacific Time

	Agenda Item	Packet Item	Presenter	Time
	Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions			
1.	Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM) • Approve Agenda • Approve minutes from 6/23	7/28 Agenda 6/23 DRAFT Minutes	Board Chair	1:05pm
2.	Standing Committee Reports (ACTION ITEMs) Coordinated Entry Advisory (CEA) Committee Strategic Plan Committee Charter & Policy Review Committee Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)/Data Committee Lived Experience Advisory Body Youth Action Board	Strategic Planning Mission, Vision, Values Update	Committee Representatives	1:10pm
3.	Word from the Street		Ludmilla Bade	1:55pm
4.	Staff Report: Interim Executive Director - Directing staff through the chair, use of County Counsel/private attorney Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) — on August 17 th Board of Supervisors Agenda & HHAP State Funding Update Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) update to CoC Board in August KPMG update Homelessness Funding included in State Budget	Update on the implementation of KPMG recommendations 7-20-2021 Update on Homelessness State Funding from CA Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council	CDC Staff	2:00pm
5.	5-Minute Break		2:30pm	
6.	Regional By Names List/Case Conferencing Discussion		Michael Gause, Don Schwartz, Sandy Colts (Built for Zero)	2:35pm

7.	Measure O Update		Supervisor	3:05pm
			Chris Coursey	
8.	Review Agenda for August CoC Board Meeting	DRAFT August	Board Chair	3:35pm
		Agenda		
9.	Board Member Questions & Comments		Board Chair	3:45pm
10.	Public Comment			4:00pm

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Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2021 1:00 -5:00 pm Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Recording of Continued Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions (0:00)

- 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: Sean Hamlin, proxy for Supervisor Chris Coursey; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Kevin McDonnell, City of Petaluma; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Chuck Fernandez, Committee on the Shelterless; Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health; Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services; Nora Mallonee-Brand, proxy for Bill Carter, Sonoma County Health Services; Margaret Sluyk, Reach For Home; Alena Wall, Kaiser Permanente; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg
 - Absent: Ludmilla Bade, Community Member; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth;

2. Agenda Approval (2:00)

Agenda Item Number 3 is removed as the Nominated Transitional Aged Youth member is no longer able to serve on the board. If anyone has nominations for the seat please let the board know. Agenda Item Number 5 will also be pushed until next meeting as there is no update at this time.

Ludmilla Bade arrived at this time.

Public Comment:

John Richardson

Kevin McDonnell motioned to approve the agenda; Ludmilla Bade seconded.

Don Schwartz arrived at this time. Lisa Fatu arrived at this time.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Kevin McDonnell, Chuck Fernandez, Ludmilla Bade, Don Schwartz, Lisa Fatu, Sean Hamlin, Angela Struckmann, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Stephen Sotomayor

Notes: None

Abstain: None Absent: None

The motion passed.

3. Approve Minutes from 5/21, 5/26, 6/2 Meetings (7:00)

Tom Schwedhelm motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from 5/21/21, 5/26/21, and 6/2/21; Kevin McDonnell seconded.

5/21/21:

Board Comment:

Ludmilla Bade made one correction.

Ayes: Kevin McDonnell, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Chuck Fernandez, Margaret Sluyk, Sean Hamlin, Lisa Fatu, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela Struckmann, Ludmilla Bade

Abstain: Nora Mallonee-Brand, proxy and was not in attendance, Alena Wall was not in attendance.

Absent: None

The motion passed.

5/26/21:

Board Comment:

Tom Schwedhelm made one correction.

Ayes: Kevin McDonnell, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Chuck Fernandez, Margaret Sluyk, Sean Hamlin, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela Struckmann, Ludmilla Bade, Alena Wall

Abstain: Nora Mallonee-Brand, proxy and was not in attendance, Lisa Fatu, was not in attendance.

Absent: None

The motion passed.

6/2/21:

Board Comment:

None at this time.

Ayes: Kevin McDonnell, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Chuck Fernandez, Margaret Sluyk, Sean Hamlin, Lisa Fatu, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela Struckmann, Ludmilla Bade

Abstain: Nora Mallonee-Brand, proxy and was not in attendance, Alena Wall was not in attendance.

Absent: None

The motion passed.

4. Draft Scores from Continuum of Care Evaluations Ad Hoc Committee (14:00)

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator, provided an overview of the Continuum of Care Program Renewal evaluation process that took place with the CoC Competition Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee The local rating and ranking process began April 1, 2021 and had 15 total projects rated for renewal totaling \$3,996,584 of potential eligible funding.

Board Recusals:

Ben Leroi Jennielynn Holmes Lisa Fatu Margaret Sluyk Chuck Fernandez

Tom Schwedhelm to act as interim chair.

Public Comment:

Gregory Fearon

Alice Linn

Ludmilla Bade motioned to approve the Continuum of Care Renewal Evaluation Scores; Sean Hamlin seconded.

Ayes: Kevin McDonnell, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Sean Hamlin, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela

Struckmann, Ludmilla Bade, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Alena Wall

Abstain: None Absent: None

Recused: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Lisa Fatu, Margaret Sluyk, Chuck Fernandez

The motion passed.

5. Word From the Street

Board Member Ludmilla Bade has postponed this item to the next meeting.

6. Recommendation from Workgroup on Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Program (ESG-CV) Funding Decision for the first 20% (50:00)

Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Program Manager, presented on the status of the ESG-CV Funding. Staff collected information on incurred costs that had not been reimbursed from all emergency shelters in Sonoma County. The work group met to decide the first \$1,155,557 that must be spent by July 31, 2021. If shelters have any trouble expending funds prior to deadline, funds will be deferred to the City of Santa Rosa for capital expenses incurred by the Sam Jones Hall annex.

Board Recusals:

Lisa Fatu

Jennielynn Holmes

Chuck Fernandez Ben Leroi Margaret Sluyk Tom Schwedhelm

Public Comment:

Lisa Fatu Tom Schwedhelm Gregory Fearon Alice Linn Thomas Ells

Ludmilla Bade motioned to approve the funding allocations as recommended by the ESG-CV Working Group; Angela Struckmann seconded.

Ayes: Kevin McDonnell, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Sean Hamlin, Angela Struckmann, Ludmilla

Bade, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Alena Wall

Abstain: None Absent: None

Recused: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Lisa Fatu, Margaret Sluyk, Chuck Fernandez, Tom Schwedhelm

Motion Passed.

7. Recommendation for Workgroup on Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Program Remaining Funds (1:18)

The workgroup plans to meet in July to determine the next 20% spend down for the September 30, 2021 deadline and make a recommendation to the CoC Board in July. The workgroup will oversee the development of a Letter of Intent for interested organizations.

Public Comment:

Thomas Ells Colleen Halbohm Teddie Pierce Adrienne Lauby Alice Linn

Jennielynn Holmes motioned to add the ESG-CV work group to the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee discussion on Emergency Housing Voucher Process; Stephen Sotomayor seconded.

Board Discussion ensued around the need for correlation with the ESG-CV funds, the Emergency Housing Vouchers and the Letter of Intent process. The Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee is exploring funding opportunities to provide case management assistance, housing navigation and landlord recruitment for these housing vouchers.

Don Schwartz motioned the following; Tom Schwedhelm Seconded.

Direct staff to issue an LOI by June 28, 2021, or as soon as possible after review by the ESG-CV Workgroup as coordinated by Stephen Sotomayor, to providers for 20% of ESG-CV funding, including complementing the Emergency Housing Vouchers, with the understanding that demonstrated ability to comply with ESG requirements will be a crucial part of the CoC Board's funding decisions

This will include but not be limited to:

- 1. exploring ESG-compliant providers supporting all regions of the County
- 2. expanding capacity for County-wide housing locator services which might be centralized with one provider.
- 3. expanding capacity for County-wide case conferencing services which might be centralized with one provider.
- 4. increased housing navigation and case management/housing stabilization
- 5. security deposits
- 6. street outreach

The LOI will also be sent to all shelters with potential unreimbursed past or foreseeable COVID-19 related shelter costs for the Wallace House (if eligible), the County and the City of Santa Rosa. Responses will be due by July 9.

The Funding Workgroup, with noticing and attendance consistent with the Brown Act, will meet by July 16 to develop recommendations for the full Board's consideration at a meeting to be held no later than July 23. The Funding Workgroup will meet at its earliest convenience to propose a plan for the remaining 60% of ESG-CV funding.

Any Letter of Intent will be issued only to providers with a demonstrated history of ESG compliance.

The workgroup will follow Brown Act requirements for noticing and public access.

Ayes: Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Chuck Fernandez, Sean Hamlin, Lisa Fatu, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela Struckmann, Ludmilla Bade, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Alena Wall

Abstain: Margaret Sluyk, not enough information

Absent: Kevin McDonnell

Motion Passes.

8. 5 Minute Break (3:38-3:42)

9. Develop and Approve Agenda for the July 15, 2021 Quarterly Membership Meeting (3:43)

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator, requested direction from the CoC Board for the upcoming CoC Quarterly Membership Meeting. The recommendations from the Governance Charter & Policy Review Committee include an opportunity for community members and providers to provide feedback on the following topics: future Continuum of Care Membership Requirements; Continuum of Care Board Composition; and Committee Structure. The CoC Board recommends having an open discussion pertaining to the new CoC structure in terms of governance and its committees.

Jennielynn Holmes motioned to approve agenda for Jul, 15, 2021. Margaret Sluyk seconded.

Ayes: Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Lisa Fatu, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela Struckmann, Ludmilla Bade, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Sean Hamlin Abstain: None

Absent: Kevin McDonnell, Chuck Fernandez

Motion Passes.

10. Standing Committee Updates (4:03)

Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee

Martha Cheever, Sonoma County Housing Authority Manager, and Rebecca Lane, Santa Rosa Housing Authority Manager, presented on updates on the Emergency Housing Vouchers. SCCDC staff and the housing authorities provided information on the recommendations for target populations approved by the committee for the vouchers.

Public Comment:

Thomas Ells

Don Schwartz motioned to approve target populations for the Memorandum of Understanding and include Measure O as a potential funding source; Tom Schwedhelm seconded.

Ayes: Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela Struckmann, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Margaret Sluyk, Sean Hamlin

Abstain: Ludmilla Bade, not enough clarity.

Absent: Kevin McDonnell, Chuck Fernandez, Alena Wall, Lisa Fatu

Motion passes.

Don Schwartz requests the Memorandum of Understanding be sent to the board in advance of the meeting.

HMIS Data Committee

Daniel Overbury-Howland presented on the HMIS Committee meeting and on the recurring meeting will begin in August.

Strategic Planning Committee

Co-Chair Tom Schwedhelm presented on the Strategic Planning Committee. Stephen Sotomayor will serve alongside Tom as co-chair. The group is currently working on its Mission, Vision and Values statements. The next meeting will focus on strategies to develop upcoming recommendations and building relationships within the County.

Governance Charter & Policy Review Committee

Chair Don Schwartz presented on the Governance Charter & Policy Review Committee. The committee has identified three priority issues that they would like additional feedback from the community on, which will take place at the CoC's next Quarterly Membership Meeting in July. The committee will work on revision the CoC's Governance Charter after soliciting feedback from community members. The committee recommends the CAO's appointment of a County representative for this committee.

Lived Experience Advisory Body

Ludmilla Bade presented on the Lived Experience Advisory Body. Currently, efforts are focused on looking at an ongoing process to involve learning sessions to help inform the policies and processes. Staff, additional community partners involved with BARHHI efforts, and those with lived experience are currently meeting to discuss listening sessions and how to support these efforts with stipends, gift cards, etc.

Public Comment:

Gregory Fearon Adrienne Lauby Alice Linn Thomas Ells

Don Schwartz motioned to invite the CAO to appoint a county representative to the Governance Charter and Policy Review Committee; Tom Schwedhelm seconds

Ayes: Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Angela Struckmann, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Margaret Sluyk, Sean Hamlin, Ludmilla Bade

Abstain: None

Absent: Kevin McDonnell, Chuck Fernandez, Alena Wall, Lisa Fatu

Motion passes.

11. Staff Report (4:35)

Kara Young from UCSF, presented on the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. The goal of the study is to inform policies, programs, and perceptions while understanding characteristics of adults experiencing homelessness in California. The study also aims to characterize immediate precipitants of homelessness, understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on homelessness, and understand experiencing and barriers to housing exits.

This report is not a substitute for the point in time count, rather an estimate of sub-populations and gain more contextual information about individual experiences. The Survey data will be shared to participating counties with the hopes of providing a state wide picture of homelessness and inform local and state policy decisions. The goal is to create partnerships with local continuum of care boards.

Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Program Manager, provided an update on the Homeless Emergency Aid Program spending: all partners are in line to spend down. There will be a KPMG report coming on July 28th from the CAO office. Staff will send out in packet ahead of time.

Public Comment:

Thomas Ells Adrienne Lauby Teddie Pierce

12. Review Draft Agenda for July 28, 2021 Meeting (4:51)

Don Schwartz: requests a presentation on Measure O including information on revenues, spending plan, and anything homeless related in a future meeting.

Ludmilla Bade: would like to approve LOI at this upcoming meeting for the remaining funds. Would also like to have funding committee to discuss Measure O and ESG-CV funds.

13. Board Member Questions and Comments (5:00)

Ben Leroi: Chairs will discuss the possibility to move agenda approval and minutes into a consent item to create a more efficient streamlined process.

Don Schwartz: Would like information on Board of Supervisor's funding decisions regarding homeless services.

14. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items (5:08)

None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:08 PM

Strategic Planning Committee

Mission-Vision-Values

Mission

Create a countywide, community-informed, and person-centered plan that is inclusive, equitable, coordinated, and outcome based.

Vision

Sonoma County has a unified, coordinated and integrated strategic plan with a clear vision across the community to reduce homelessness

Values

The Sonoma County COC Strategic Plan will be based on the following core values:

*Inclusive	*Data-driven	*Accountable	
*Equitable	*Countywide	*Transparent	
*Collaborative	*Coordinated	*Person-centered	
*Integrated	*Sustainable	*Comprehensive	
*Communication	*Proactive		

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To: CoC Board, Strategic Planning Committee

From: Nour Maxwell, Policy Grants and Special Projects Division, CAO

Date: July 13th, 2021

Re: Update on the implementation of KPMG recommendations

Introduction:

On June 2nd, 2021, KPMG presented its assessment of housing and homeless services report to the CoC board. The CoC board requested a standing monthly update on the implementation of the KPMG recommendations. Below is a general update from the Policy Grants and Special Projects Division (PG&SP) at the CAO.

General update:

Since the release of the KPMG assessment report, the following steps were undertaken:

- The creation of a working group to review priority recommendations and move key initiatives forward: The PG&SP division coordinates this working group which comprises department leads representing: Human Services Department, Department of Health Services and Community Development Commission.
- Since early June, the working group has held weekly sessions during which they prioritized 10 key initiatives and recommendations dealing exclusively with program enrichment and integration. The working group is currently completing and validating the program inventory started by KPMG. They are also engaging with cross departmental teams to activate recommendations focused on program optimization, data integration, and enhanced communication and training capabilities.

7-20-2021 Update on Homelessness State Funding from CA Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Department Allocations for Homelessness and Housing

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC)

- \$1 billion annually in FYs 21-22 and 22-23 for round 3 and 4 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP). These funds will support local communities through a broad range of flexible uses, including street outreach, interim housing, rapid rehousing, hotel and motel conversions, and permanent supportive housing. For the first time in the state's history, these discretionary homelessness funds will have a clear focus on accountability and outcomes each grantee must establish quantifiable performance goals and will receive bonus funds if they meet their goals. HHAP will include a required minimum of 10% set aside for youth experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.
- For the first time, HHAP will also include a tribal government set-aside (\$20 million each round) to support tribes in providing culturally appropriate housing services responsive to the needs of Indigenous / American Indian people experiencing homelessness. Furthermore, HHAP will continue to require implementation of strategies to eliminate racial bias in services and outcomes across local homeless response systems.
- HCFC will also be implementing two new challenge grant programs:
 - \$40 million for Family Homelessness Challenge Grants and technical assistance.
 - \$50 million for Encampment Resolution Funding to support collaborative, innovative efforts to resolve encampment issues.
 - With both grants, HCFC will encourage a broad range of applicants in the hopes of representation from all types of communities; grants are competitive and will be awarded to highest scoring applicants; details on timelines for applications and awarding of funds will be released in coming months.
- Additional HCFC budget items include:
 - \$4 million to support the state's Homeless Data Information System (HDIS).

 \$5.6 million for a statewide landscape assessment; an RFP for a vendor to conduct the assessment is forthcoming.

California Community Colleges (CCC)

- \$100 million one-time to support student basic needs, such as food, housing, childcare, and mental health.
- \$30 million ongoing to support basic needs centers at all community colleges.

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

- Funding to implement CalAIM, which will allow for opportunities including an incentive
 for building an integrated, long-term services and supports program and the necessary
 clinically linked housing continuum for our homeless population.
- \$15 million to support the Alameda Wellness Campus to provide an integrated model
 of care that includes permanent supportive housing and intensive homeless prevention
 and housing placement services for seniors experiencing homelessness.
- Funding to support the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program.

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

- \$1.45 billion in FY 21-22 and \$1.3 billion in FY 22-23 for Homekey, administered by HCD for local governments to purchase and rehabilitate housing to convert into interim or permanent, long-term housing.
- \$1.75 billion to alleviate the backlog in affordable housing construction by financing "shovel-ready" projects.
- \$300 million for the preservation of existing affordable housing.

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

- \$10 million for the Homeless Youth Emergency Services Pilot Program.
- \$40 million for the Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing Program.

California Department of Social Services (DSS)

- \$380 million over two years in addition to the ongoing, annual appropriation of \$95 million for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), which supports housing stability for families experiencing or facing homelessness in the CalWORKs program.
- \$185 million over two years for the Bringing Families Home Program (BFH), which
 provides housing-related supports to families receiving child welfare services and aims
 to increase family reunification and prevent foster-care placement.
- \$300 million over two years in addition to the ongoing, annual appropriation of \$25 million for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), which provides housing assistance and disability benefits advocacy to individuals likely eligible for disability benefits.
- \$185 million over two years for Home Safe Program, which supports the safety and housing stability of individuals involved in Adult Protective Services.
- \$150 million one-time for Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy to support continued non-congregate shelter operations while increasing the focus and resources to transition participants to permanent housing.
- \$805 million for the new Community Care Expansion (CCE) program to support
 acquisition and rehabilitation of residential care settings for seniors and adults with
 disabilities.

For a full summary of DSS housing and homelessness programs, please reference the <u>All</u> County Welfare Directors Letter dated July 19, 2021.

California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)

\$500 million in low-income housing tax credits.

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

- \$25 million to support organizations that provide supportive services to homeless or atrisk veterans.
- \$20 million to help fund 1,200 permanent supportive housing units for homeless and at-risk veterans at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center Campus.

These state-level investments represent just some of the ongoing work to prevent and end

homelessness in California. The federal government has shown its commitment to this task as

well. Through the American Rescue Plan Act, the California Department of Education (CDE)

received more than \$98 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief -

Homeless Children and Youth Funds, to help identify children and youth experiencing

homelessness, ensure these students can attend and fully participate in school, and expand

wraparound services in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Locally, community partners and service providers work daily to address the needs of people

experiencing homelessness. Historic investments at all levels in housing and homelessness

systems will help further this work. This budget provides the funding needed to expand and

improve efforts to ensure homelessness in California is rare, brief, and a one-time experience.

A full summary of the state's FY 21-22 budget is available online at ebudget.ca.gov, and

additional details on many of the above resources can be found in Assembly Bill (AB) 140,

signed by the Governor this week.

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Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board DRAFT Agenda for August 25, 2021 1:00pm-5:00pm Pacific Time

	Agenda Item	
	Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions	
1.	Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM): • Approve Agenda • Approve minutes from 7/21, 7/28	
2.	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Training from Community Technology Alliance	
3.	Staff Report	
4.	Word from the Street	
5.	Report on Final Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) spending	
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