



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28th, 2023
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Welcome and Roll Call (00:07:01: - 00:10:01)

- Dennis Pocekay called meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and went over the Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.
- *Present: Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities Diocese of Santa Rosa; Kelli Kuykendall proxy for Natalie Rogers, City of Santa Rosa; Susan Gorin proxy for Chris Coursey, BOS County of Sonoma; Chris Keys, Redwood Gospel Mission; Kathleen Pozzi; Martha Cheever, Sonoma County CDC; Una Glass, City of Sebastopol; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; Jackie Elward, City of Rohnert Park; Ron Wellander proxy for Jack Ding, City of Sonoma; Danielle Danforth, West County Community Services; Chessy Etheridge; Margaret Sluyk, Reach for Home*
- *Absent: Ben Leroi, Cheyenne McConnell, Mark Krug*

A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Consent Calendar (00:10:07 – 00:20:07)

Dennis Pocekay, CoC Board Chair went over consent calendar, 6/28 and approval of 5/24/2023 meeting minutes.

Una Glass motions to pull item 3.3 from consent calendar. Regarding MOU'S that are going to Board of Supervisors that are under consent; request to ask staff and Board that item be placed on regular calendar. Chessy Etheridge seconds.

Public Comment: none

Abstentions or objections: None

Motion Approved

Approval of Consent calendar items 1, 2, 4 and remaining parts of item 3.

Recusal process for local homeless services NOFA 23-24 remaining funding decisions. Board members affiliated with organizations, with proposals to receive this funding. Raise your hand and placed in the attendees temporarily for vote, and then moved back over.

Susan Gorin moved to approve consent calendar; Una Glass seconds motion.

Don Schwartz requested staff all known information with Board as to how individuals could access the homeless prevention activities that were proposed to be funded by West County and SAY.

Abstentions or objections: None

Approved

2. Reports from Lead Agency Staff (00:20:47 – 01:02:44)

- June 2023 regional Homeless Activities Update: Dave Kiff provided update and referred back to regional homeless services update linked in packet.
- Point in Time Count: Michael Gause provided update on Point in Time Count; final report should be available soon and will go to BOS in August, MOU's to added in that same August item. Shared some preliminary result numbers.
- Funding & Evaluation Process Recommendations: Dave Kiff provided information on internal process that lead staff and service providers have been working on; specifics noted in staff report.
- Bimonthly Provider & Staff Collaboration: Michael Gause provided update on second bi-monthly provider meeting that was held. Shared what group was focused on and what the next meetings focus will be.
- Consultation Regarding Additional 2 million for Measure O: Dave Kiff briefly went over item and continuing consultation between CoC Board and BOS; specifics provided in staff report/packet. Proposed sending 1.4 million to George's hideaway, \$400,000 towards Homeless Action Sonoma and \$200,000 to kick start SAVS Latin Village project.

Recusal Process for open discussion on Consultation Regarding Additional 2 million for Measure O item.

Public comment: Ludmilla Bade, Annie Falandes, Adrienne Lauby

3. Service Provider Roundtable (SPR) Update (01:02:51 – 01:06:19)

Margaret Sluyk provided update on what group discussed; quality data and how it would be helpful for when funding decisions are made and would help drive strategic plan. Feel there needs to be a better way to pull data. Thanked all volunteers who participated in Point in Time Count.

Public Comment: None

4. Word from the Street (01:06:21 – 01:08:38):

Chessy Etheridge shared update on tranquilizer drug/Xylazine; Drug is in California, 3 deaths in Petaluma within 1 week, 3 deaths under 20 years old. Estimate is that drug is in 80% opioid drugs.

Public Comment: None

5. 10-minute break (01:09:33 – 01:16:00)

Meeting resumed; Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

6. Bridge Housing Presentation (01:17:16 – 02:03:27):

Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Division Director of the Department of Health Services' Behavioral Health Division, provided presentation on proposal for Behavioral Health Bridge Housing program that was submitted to state. Answered questions posed by CoC Board Members.

Public Comment: Gregory Fearon, Teddie Pierce, Ludmilla Bade

7. CoC Program Preliminary Renewal Project Scoring (02:03:31 – 02:22:27):

Dennis Pocekay provided overview on CoC Program Renewals, Unconditional & Conditional Renewals, CoC Renewal Site visits and scoring, Hud program scoring, APR's reviewed, additional areas of scoring and 2023 CoC Program Renewal Project Final Scoring Recommendations & Corrective Actions Plans. Update from 2022 CoC Program Corrective Action Plans updates also provided for Catholic Charities and Reach for Home Projects.

Recommended Actions as Approved by F& E Committee on June 14, 2023:

1. Approve the scoring of renewal projects for the 2023 CoC Competition as recommended by The Sonoma County CoC Funding and Evaluation Committee– Renewal Projects.
2. Approve Corrective Action Plans for Community Support Network Stony Point Commons and Buckelew FACT projects.

Recusal Process for open discussion on CoC Program Preliminary Renewal Project Scoring.

Public comment: Gregory Fearon

Don Schwarts moved recommended action to approve the scoring of renewal projects for the 2023 CoC Competition and approve Corrective Action Plans for Community Support Network Stony Point Commons and Buckelew FACT projects; Jackie Elward second's motion.

Abstentions or objections: None

Motion passes

8. HMIS Evaluation Report (02:23:22 – 03:17:17)-

Dave Kiff provided brief introduction, Heather Sweet provided main presentation and gave overview on HMIS Lead Evaluation, detailed information provided in staff report that includes links.

Public comment: Hunter Scott, Gregory Fearon, Teddie Pierce

Una Glass motions to accept HMIS Evaluation and requests further report out (possibly in September or timeframe close) on alternative options on how to improve shortfall issues in report; Susan Gorin second's motion.

Abstentions or objections: None

Motion passes

9. Reports from Standing Committees: (03:17:28-03:34:15)

- **Funding & Evaluation Committee:**

Teddie Pierce provided brief update, stated that she would like Board to confirm if evaluation discussion will be going back to F & E committee as agenda setting meeting has not been scheduled. Committee reconvening in July and would like to discuss RFP process.

- **Strategic Planning Committee:**

Tom Bieri provided update. Strategic Planning committee meets the first Friday of the month for 1 hour, last met on 6/16 and spent time defining scope and discussed SP accountability. Time placed agenda for committee members, staff and public to have collaborative conversations. Shared some areas of focus and possible extension of meeting time from 60 to 90 minutes.

- **Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board (LEAP):**

Rebecca Sammet provided update; LEAP Board is full, adopted new LEAP board conflict of interest policy pending legal approval from Homefist and CEA Committee, working to add new peer support programs new County emergency shelter site, exploring options to help address grievances filed by lived experiences members at various sites, LEAP members participating in Conversational Tribal Nations Workshop and Training Series

Public Comment: Adrienne Lauby, Teddie pierce

10. July Quarterly Membership Meeting Agenda: (03:34:21-03:38:05)

Araceli Rivera presented July 20th, 2023, CoC Quarterly Membership Meeting agenda for Board Approval.



Public Comment: Ludmilla Bade, Adrienne Lauby

Susan Gorin motions to approve CoC Quarterly Membership agenda for July 20th; Una Glass seconds motion.

Abstentions or objections: None

Motion passes

11. Review Agenda for Next CoC Board Meeting: (03:38:07-03:45:00)

Dennis Pocekay went over July 2023 Draft agenda. Opened it up for proposals on additional agenda requests.

Public Comment: Michael, Ludmilla Bade

Additional Items to be added to agenda:

Jennielynn Holmes proposed adding LEAP Board discussion- Leap Board Chair participating in CoC Board Meetings.

12. Board Member Questions & Comments: (03:45:12-03:48:19)

Public Comment: Gregory Fearon

13. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: (03:48:23-03:52:57)

Public Comment: Michael, Ludmilla Bade

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.