

Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Special Membership Meeting

December 15th, 2022

- We are currently taking attendance of those in the audience that are voting.
- If you are a voting member, please make sure your full name is updated for attendance tracking.
- If you are unsure of how to do this, please raise your virtual hand so we can account for you during the voting process. If you are calling in, you can raise your virtual hand by pressing *9.
- Please be patient, we will start momentarily.

Thank you

Welcome and Introductions

Introductions to the Continuum of Care staff with the Sonoma
County Community Development Commission and the
Department of Health Services

Today's Election Process

- An email from Araceli Rivera was sent at the beginning of this meeting to each confirmed CoC Voting member representative.
- Staff will explain our two-part voting process & request that you access the email sent when it is time to vote
- You will have the opportunity to hear statements from all nominees. **Please wait to vote until after that time.**
- Many nominees are running for two different seats (homeless advocacy and at large). A two-part voting process allows us to remove the person selected from the first vote from the pool so those votes can be used elsewhere. **Please DO NOT complete the second survey until the results from Part 1 have been announced.**
- All votes will be counted through the SurveyMonkey platform.
- Please note, only the confirmed voting representative from your organization is permitted to vote.
- If you have any technical difficulties, please reach out to Alea Tantarelli: Alea.Tantarelli@sonoma-county.org

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

- The Continuum of Care (CoC) Board is the governing body that determines policy and acts as the CoC's decision-making group. Mandated by HUD's Continuum of Care Program, the board is responsible for oversight of funds designated to the Continuum of Care and regional planning/policy development for addressing homelessness.
- The Board consists of local elected officials, nonprofit representatives, subject matter experts, and individuals with lived homeless experience.
- Sonoma County Continuum of Care's mission is to address the problems of housing and homelessness by having a countywide, community-informed, and person-centered CoC system that is compassionate, inclusive, financially responsible, equitable, coordinated, and outcomes based.

Who Should be on the CoC Board?

According to HUD:

- The CoC Board must be representative of the relevant organizations and of projects serving homeless populations and subpopulations within the CoC's geographic area.
- The CoC Board must also include at least one homeless or formerly homeless individual.

Diversity & Representation on the CoC Board

- HUD continues to encourage us to significantly improve the Homeless Response System experience and the housing stability outcomes for Black, Brown, Indigenous, and all people of color.
- Black and American Indian or Alaska Native Sonoma County residents are overrepresented in our homeless population and appear to be underrepresented in leadership positions within the System of Care.
- A strategy within our pending Homeless Strategic Plan to “Eliminate disparities in access, service provision, and outcomes in the Homeless Response System,” is a year one priority which includes:

“Ensure that the CoC Board’s and the system of care’s racial and ethnic representation reflects the population of Sonoma County’s homeless community. Consider updating the Charter to include designated seats for BIPOC members.”

Current CoC Board Elected Members

The following CoC Board Members have 1 year remaining for their term

	Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Homeless Service Provider Seat	Mark	Krug	Burbank Housing Management Corporation
2	Health Care Organization Seat	Benjamin	Leroi	Santa Rosa Community Health
3	At Large Seat	Kathleen	Pozzi	Community Member
4	At Large Seat	Chris	Keys	Redwood Gospel Mission

Appointed CoC Board Members

The following information is related to appointed seats of the CoC Board. It is not yet confirmed who will be returning and who will be replaced.

	Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	City of Santa Rosa	Tom	Schwedhelm	City of Santa Rosa
2	City of Petaluma	Dennis	Pocekay	City of Petaluma
3	Board of Supervisors	Chris	Coursey	BOS County of Sonoma
4	County of Sonoma Safety Net	Jan	Cobaleda-Kegler	Sonoma County Behavioral Health
5	Northern Region	Stephen	Sotomayor	City of Healdsburg
6	Sonoma Valley	Madolyn	Agrimonti	City of Sonoma
7	Western Region	Una	Glass	City of Sebastopol
8	Rohnert Park and Cotati	John	Moore	City of Cotati
9	Largest Homeless Services Agency	Jennielynn	Holmes	Catholic Charities

CoC Board 2023 Election Process

The new 17-member Board has three seats up for election by approved CoC Voting Members today and one to be elected by the Lived Experience Advisory Planning Board, tomorrow at their December 16th meeting.

Who can Vote? Approved CoC Voting Members

Voting Membership:

- One individual on behalf of a Sonoma County organization can vote during the election.
- Voting Membership applications were due by November 23rd in order to be approved as a CoC Voting Member for this election.
- Applications remain open all year long, organizations that have not been approved can submit an application at anytime to vote during the next election.
- For more information, please contact Continuum of Care Coordinator Karissa White Karissa.White@Sonoma-county.org

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- Larry McLaughlin, City of Sebastopol
- Christel Querijero, County of Sonoma
- Mary Hanes, Nation's Finest
- Eileen Bill, Homeless Action!
- Lisa Orloff, Rohnert Park Chamber of Commerce
- Susan Hertel, Center Point Drug Abuse Alternatives Center
- Mark Krug, Burbank Housing
- Adrienne Lauby, SAVS, Sonoma Applied Village Services
- Lauren Koenigshofer, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
- Dannielle Danforth, West County Community Services
- Ernesto Olivares, Providence
- Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park
- Chris Keys, Redwood Gospel Mission
- Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Dioceses of Santa Rosa
- Andrea Garfia, Kaiser Permanente
- Annie Nicol, Petaluma Health Center
- Anita Maldonado, Social Advocates for Youth
- Michelle Patino, DEMA Consulting and Management
- Helen Myers, Food for Thought
- Del Christensen, Homes 4 The Homeless

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- Jack Tibbets, St. Vincent De Paul
- Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health
- Monica Savon, Interfaith Shelter Network
- Kelli Kuykendall, City of Santa Rosa
- Collin Thoma, Disability Services and Legal Center
- Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg
- Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma
- Debra Sanders, Sonoma County Office of Education, Education for Homeless Children and Youth
- Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
- Zachary Rosemoore, Community Support Network
- Robin Phoenix, COTS-Committee on the Shelterless
- Ana Martinez, Face to Face
- Lynea Seiberlich-Wheeler, West County Health Center
- Margaret Sluyk, Reach for Home
- Harry Boon, Homeless Action Sonoma
- Mary Stompe, PEP Housing
- Kelly Vazquez, HomeFirst
- Alethea Larson, The Living Room
- Kirstyne Lange, NAACP Santa Rosa
- Jon Davis, Town of Windsor
- Cooleen Torrento- Petaluma Valley Hospital

Open Seats Available for 2023 Board Election

- **One (1) Homeless Advocacy:** One homeless advocate or representative of a homeless advocacy organization; elected by the CoC voting members.
- **One (1) At Large:** anyone can apply for this seat; candidates need not be CoC members themselves; elected by the CoC voting members
- **One (1) Transitional Age Youth Lived Experience:** Any individual who is 18-24 years of age that is currently experiencing homelessness or who has experienced homelessness within five years (at the time of election) prior to the Board election; elected by the CoC voting members.
- **One (1) Adult Lived Experience:** Adult individual currently experiencing homelessness or who has experienced homelessness within five years (at the time of election) prior to the Board election; elected by the Lived Experience Advisory Planning Board (LEAP).

Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) 2023 Board Election Nominations

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator

Homeless Advocacy Seat

1. Harry Boon, Homeless Action Sonoma
2. Margaret DeMatteo, Legal Aid of Sonoma County
3. Dannielle Danforth, West County Community Services
4. Steven J. Mayer, Steven J. Mayer Advocate
5. Wendell Coleman, Lived Experience
6. Salvina Norris, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
7. Ka'Lane Raposa, Independent advocacy and services, programming

At Large Seat

1. Harry Boon, Homeless Action Sonoma
2. Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park
3. Dannielle Danforth, West County Community Services
4. Steven J. Mayer, Steven J. Mayer Advocate
5. Salvina Norris, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
6. Michael Frank, DEMA
7. Mikeal Paul O'Toole, Lived Experience
8. Ka'Lane Raposa, Independent advocacy and services, programming

Transitional Age Youth Lived Experience Seat

1. Cheyenne McConnell, Lived Experience

Adult Lived Experience Seat

- Elected by the Lived Experience Advisory Planning Board (LEAP) on **December 16, 2022, from 12:00-1:30 pm.**
 - Nominations for the adult lived experience seat have received a separate calendar invite directly as this seat will be elected by the LEAP, and these meetings are not open to the public.
1. Chessy Etheridge
 2. Olga Izquierdo
 3. Wendell Coleman
 4. Michael Frank
 5. Mikeal Paul O'Toole

Upcoming 2023 Schedule

The new CoC Board schedule will be determined in early January 2023

The first meeting of the new CoC Board will be held on January 25th
at 1:00 PM

CoC Board Elections

Instructions for voting members

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Araceli Rivera, Homeless Project Specialist

Voting Information

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- There will be 2 separate SurveyMonkey links to vote found in the email sent by Araceli Rivera at the beginning of this meeting
 - Part 1: Homeless Advocacy (One seat) and Lived Experience Transitional Age Youth

Please DO NOT complete the second survey in your email until the results from Part 1 have been announced

 - Part 2: At large (One seat)
 - You must vote for someone in each category to be able to submit your ballot.
 - If you have any technical difficulties, please reach out to Alea Tantarelli: Alea.Tantarelli@sonoma-county.org

Part 1

Homeless Advocacy and Lived Experience Transitional Age Youth

2023 CoC Board Membership Election (Part 1)

Instructions: Please check the box next to the candidate that you would like to vote for. If you have any technical issues, please email Alea Tantarelli at Alea.Tantarelli@sonoma-county.org

* 1. Please enter your **first** and **last** name

* 2. Please enter the name of the organization you are representing

* 3. Please choose 1 candidate for the Homeless Advocacy seat.

- Harry Boon, Homeless Action Sonoma
- Margaret DeMatteo, Legal Aid of Sonoma County
- Dannielle Danforth, West County Community Services
- Steven J Mayer, Steven J. Mayer Advocate
- Wendell Coleman, Lived Experience
- Salvina Norris, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
- Ka'Lane Raposa, Independent Advocacy and Services, Programming

* 4. Please choose 1 candidate for the Lived Experience (Transitional Age Youth, 18-24) seat

- Cheyenne McConnell, Lived Experience (Transitional Age Youth)

Part 2 At Large

2023 CoC Board Membership Election (Part 2)

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* 1. Please enter your **first** and **last** name

* 2. Please enter the name of the organization you are representing

* 3. Please choose 1 candidate for the At Large seat

- Harry Boon, Homeless Action Sonoma
- Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park
- Dannielle Danforth, West County Community Services
- Steven J. Mayer, Steven J. Mayer Advocate
- Michael Frank, Adult Lived Experience /DEMA
- Mikeal Paul O'Toole, Adult Lived Experience
- Salvina Norris, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
- Ka'Lane Raposa, Independent Advocacy and Services, Programming

Introductions to Nominees

Araceli Rivera, Community Development Commission

At this time, each nominee will be given two minutes to introduce themselves and provide a statement of why they are interested in being on the CoC Board.

CoC Board Elections

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Sonoma County Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count 2023

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator

Scheduled for January 27, 2023

What is the Homeless PIT Count?

- A count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.
- The count does not include those at risk of homelessness or in temporary accommodations (e.g., temporarily “doubled up” in someone else’s home or “couch surfing,” etc.).
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Continuums of Care (CoC’s) to conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are **sheltered** in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night.
- HUD requires a count of **unsheltered** people experiencing homelessness every other year (odd numbered years).
 - Sonoma County has elected to conduct an annual unsheltered count since 2015.

Purpose

- The information gathered during the PIT count is the main source of data used by the federal government **to track the number, demographics and needs of people experiencing homelessness throughout the country over time.**
- HUD requires all CoCs to conduct PIT counts as a condition of receiving funding.
- These numbers are also used to determine federal funding allocations to address homelessness.
- States and many local jurisdictions also rely on PIT data to inform strategic planning efforts, funding allocations and impact evaluations of current homeless programs and funding.

PIT Count Components

- Sheltered Count
 - Collected via Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data and also collected for homeless dedicated projects in the community that don't use HMIS (emergency shelter and transitional housing)
- General Street Count- Adult and Youth Count
 - 5:00 am for cities (Adult Count)
 - 6:00 am for rural areas (Adult Count)
 - Youth count takes place later the same day, lead by youth
 - Participants in safe parking (for vehicles and RVs) are counted as unsheltered as these are still considered a place not meant for human habitation
- Survey- Conducted in the 2-3 weeks following the Count
 - Surveys are conducted by individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - Those conducting the surveys are paid for each survey completed.

Guides & Volunteers

- Two different types of participants on each team during the General Street Count: Volunteers and Guides.
- A guide is an individual who has previously or is currently experiencing homelessness, and uses their knowledge to identify individuals experiencing homelessness during the General Street Count. They are paid for their time during the count, \$20 per hour cash stipend.
- A volunteer provides consultations and supports the team. They are in charge of transporting their count team through their assignment, and will help ensure that full coverage of the map is achieved. Volunteers are not paid.
 - A volunteer can be anyone in the community, but we also ask our local outreach providers to sign up as volunteers to ensure known areas where individuals are camping are covered.

Continued from 2023 PIT Count

- Electronic map sign ups
- Meetings have been held with outreach staff across the county
- We will continue a new method implemented in 2022 that allows our local outreach staff to claim maps prior to the general public.
- The purpose of this is to ensure that outreach workers can claim maps in areas they know there are encampments which our community volunteers may not be aware of.
 - Thus, more accurate counting for those known areas.
- Once maps have been claimed by outreach workers, the general map sign up will be open to community volunteers.

Deployment Sites 2023

Deployment sites will be offered in 5 regions of the county in 2023, these regions include:

1. Santa Rosa
2. Petaluma
3. North County
4. West County
5. Sonoma Valley

This year, we will go back to in person deployment sites the morning of the count.

What's Next?

- Information on training and registration will be provided in early January.
- Links to sign up will be noticed widely through our communications lists and we highly encourage volunteers and guides to sign up!
- Information will also be posted on our website, where you can also find information on previous counts: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/development-services/community-development-commission/divisions/homeless-services/what-we-know-about-homelessness/homeless-count>

Questions?

Sonoma County Job and Resource Fair For those Experiencing Homelessness

March 22, 2023

**Hosted by Sonoma County Job Link's Homeless
Employment Pilot**

What will be available?

- Meet over 30 employers offering local job opportunities.
- Regional job opportunities.
- Employers invested in their community.
- Support with housing, food access, transportation and more.
- Organizations providing resources to support those living with housing inequities.

When will this take place?

Wednesday **MARCH 22, 2023**, 11AM - 2PM

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building

For more information contact: Job Link 707-565-5550

or Joblink@schsd.org

How can you help?

Employers Needed!

- Free for your business/organization to host a table.
- Job Link offers Subsidized employment through On-The-Job Training (OJT) & Transitional Work Experience (TWEX) Programs.
- Access to Homeless Hiring Tax Credit (HHTC). The credit can be up to \$10,000 per eligible employee.
- Community engagement/being part of solution.

To Join Contact-
Chris Willover with Sonoma County
Job Link

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Questions / Community Updates

If you have any questions, comments, or community program updates, please feel free to raise your virtual hand.

Election Results
