

Sonoma County Continuum of Care ESG-CV Ad Hoc Committee



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ESG-CV Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

2:00pm-3:30pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2:04pm)

Continuum of Care (CoC) ESG-CV Ad Hoc Committee Attendees:

Stephen Sotomayor

Don Schwartz

Margaret Sluyk

Absent:

Chessy Etheridge

2. Additional State ESG-CV Funds and Extension Update (00:00:01)

Michael Gause provided an update about an ESG-CV funds extension. Discussion ensued about service providers wanting to spread their funds if an extension was granted. A potential contract amendment for service providers to extend their funding past the deadline was discussed. Staff explained there would be a conflict with the end of the fiscal year.

Staff will discuss with service providers if funds can be spent more effectively over a long period of time and what that would entail for staff.

Michael will share information with the recipients once he receives notice from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

3. Funding and Evaluation Committee Discussion (00:04:50)

Don Schwartz gave a brief presentation behind the purpose for proposing a funding and evaluation committee.

Margaret Sluyk mentioned provider feedback was a missing component. Sometimes agencies have funding that can be re-shuffled back into the County system instead of funds being taken



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Don continued forward with the proposal presentation.

Stephen Sotomayor commended Don for creating the proposal and mentioned a potential performance review from the strategic planning committee as a recommendation as well as separation between funding strategies and performance evaluation. Stephen would like to see a strategic approach to the funding and the Funding and Evaluation committee potentially informing the strategic planning committee on goals and priorities.

Margaret added the benefit of having a couple of service providers on the Funding and Evaluation committee that could serve as a liaison to other service providers and asked about the CoC Competition Evaluation Committee being a part of the evaluation process.

Staff clarified that the CoC Competition Evaluation committee would begin working while the new Funding and Evaluation committee was developed which would take over funding and evaluation decisions once the CoC Competition Evaluation committee expires.

Don expressed some reservations about the time commitment for the CoC Competition Evaluation committee.

Karissa mentioned the CDC almost scored perfectly (28 out of 29 points) under HUD's guidelines and explained the importance of the site visits. Site visits are not required for committee members. They are optional.

Discussion ensued about a potential advisory committee, similar to the LEAP made up of service providers being created to help advise the Funding and Evaluation committee.

Public comment (00:33:43)

Jeremy Chandler shared comments about his observations of events taking place in the homeless community in Sonoma County, recounting his own personal homeless experience.

Andrew will follow up with Jeremy about his insights and solutions to ending homelessness in Sonoma County.

Andrew asked for clarification about the ESG-CV Ad Hoc committee's final recommendation for the Funding and Evaluation Committee proposal to be presented at the upcoming 4.27.22 CoC



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Board meeting.

The ESG-CV Ad Hoc committee agreed to present the following recommendations to the CoC board: (00:48:52)

- 1. Formally establish a Funding and Evaluation Committee as a fifth standing committee of the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board**
- 2. Direct CoC Lead Agency staff to seek interest from CoC Board members, service providers, persons with lived experience, and individuals from the CoC General Membership to serve on the Committee and for staff to report back the names by May 9, 2022 to the Chair and Vice-Chair for appointment to the new Committee.**
- 3. Sunset the ESG-CV Ad Hoc Committee at such time as the Funding and Evaluation Committee is formed with members appointed.**
- 4. Make no changes to the current HUD CoC Competition Evaluation Committee, allowing this committee to complete its work for the current program evaluations for the FY 22 HUD CoC Competition for the Continuum of Care Program. However, following the completion of the 2022 work, this committee would sunset and have its duties shifted to the Funding and Evaluation Committee.**
- 5. Clarify that the Funding and Evaluation Committee will have a role in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) activities in regards to the collection and use of data to evaluate system, program, and provider performance;**
- 6. Ask CoC Board Member(s) to lead in the convening of a provider-driven roundtable for Service Providers interested in collaborating on general funding and program advice to the CoC Board.**

ESG-CV Ad Hoc adjourned at 3:00 PM

Final Meeting: No Next Regular Meeting
Virtual

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING: Public Comment may be submitted via email to Andrew.Akufo@sonoma-county.org



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