Governance Issues

SONOMA COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

FUNDING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

ITEM #3, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

CoC Governance

We follow the spirit of the **Ralph M Brown Act**:

- All are welcome - we welcome public comment
- We are transparent – we meet in a manner accessible to the public, with deliberations done and decisions made in public
- We follow agendas, and produce them in time for the public to read them & to know what's on the agenda.

CoC Governance

We have a Governance Charter.

- Find it [here](#) [1]

- It includes a section on **Conflicts of Interest** (pages 13-14) which generally:

  - Requires recusal where a Committee member has a personal or professional conflict;

  - Requires disclosure for CoC Board Members;

  - In further guidance, Conflict rules generally preclude service providers who receive funds to NOT sit on this Committee (thus the creation of a Service Provider Roundtable)

[1] https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Main%20County%20Site/General/Sonoma/Sample%20Dept/Divisions/Housing%20Authority/Services/Services/_Documents/Sonoma-County-CoC-Governance-Charter-12-29-2021.pdf

Funding/Evaluation Committee Scope:

At our 1st non-orientation meeting (September 8, 2022), we will discuss Committee scope and charter. Concepts may include, but not be limited to:

- Advise/recommend CoC Board on short and long-term funding strategies that support identified Homeless System of Care goals
- Help design, maintain and continuously improve the Continuum of Care's:
  - SYSTEM (the whole system of care)
  - PROGRAMS (i.e. rapid-rehousing programs, emergency shelter programs, permanent supportive housing programs, etc
  - PROVIDERS (our partnering service providers who implement programs)
- Identify data sets that effectively evaluate outcomes
- Work with the HMIS Lead to design for committee use and public-facing disclosure
- Ensure identified data uses an equity lens so that outcomes lead to an equitable distribution of resources
- Orient committee members as to the relevance and use of data that best support recommendations
- Collaborate as needed with CoC committees charged with oversight of system-level, program-specific, and provider-level compliance and local strategic targets
- Provide feedback to the HMIS Committee regarding the annual evaluation process of the HMIS Lead

What you can expect as a member

- Committee leadership group will debrief after each meeting to discuss committee engagement, our process and adjusted expectations

- An agenda packet distribution goal of posting the agendas and distributing materials the weekend before the Thursday meeting (this is workload dependent, and some materials may lag)

- We'll present data sets at each meeting to orient committee members as to how to utilize HMIS and local data

- We'll provide relevant mini glossaries and legends as needed to buttress the overall glossary.

- All questions are good questions.

Funding/Evaluation Committee Scope:

Operate in accordance with prevailing CoC Board directors

Advise/recommend CoC Board on short and long-term funding strategies that

support identified Homeless System of Care goals

Design, maintain and continuously improve system- (i.e Sonoma County's system of care), program- (i.e. rapid-rehousing programs, emergency shelter programs, permanent supportive housing programs, and provider-level (i.e. provider by provider outcomes) evaluation structures

Prepare and recommend _____ in accordance with an annual schedule of funding opportunities falling under the falling under the committee's purview (Andrew, on this one Dave added the long underline so ask him what this is for)

Identify data sets that effectively evaluate outcomes; work with HMIS Lead to design for committee use and public-facing disclosure

Ensure identified data sets supportive an equity lens so that outcomes lead to an equitable distribution of resources within the homeless system of care

Orient committee members as to the relevance and use of data that best support recommendations

Collaborate as needed with CoC committees charged with oversight of system-level, program-specific, and provider-level compliance and local strategic targets

Provide feedback to the HMIS Committee regarding the annual evaluation process of the HMIS Lead

Draft Workplan/Timeline Process

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2022

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August - October   *November-December*

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Agenda Planning	**1** Orientatation, System Baselines, Identify Targeted Data Sets	**2** Evaluation Program Design (Including Metrics)

Month:	August	September	October	November
	Thematic: begin onboarding/orientation	**Thematic: begin discussion around Systems Design**	**Thematic: begin system level data baseline review**	
	<mark>Primarily Current funding</mark>	<mark>Systems Level Analysis / Built for Zero</mark>	<mark>Program Level Analysis (e.g., RRH)</mark>	<mark>"Long-Term" Funding Strategy</mark>
Orientation/On boarding topics	Solidify funding Calendar (through December)	Measurement framing samples	Present HUD data structure and tools	Lead Agency to present a raft recommendation on a Long-Term Funding approach
	Confirm committee logistics	Data systems charting proforma	Outcomes structure review (HUD vs. impact vs. local desires)	
	Confirm committee scope	F/E committee impact discussion on broader funding landscape	Systems Thinking overview	
	Introduce high-level work plan for next 3 mos.			
	In between messaging:	**In between messaging:**	**In between messaging:**	
	HCD's funding summaries (good reading)	**Stella summaries for our CoC, maybe for 2-3 others that are similarly situated**		
	Cal-AIM and new Community Supports and In Lieu of Services (ILOS) funding	**BFZ Data requirements (maybe other community examples)**		
	Data Planning:	**Data Planning:**		
	confirm what role is in HMIS evaluation and that time	Project Roster Active 10.01.2021 to 06.30.2022		
	confirm any interaction with the PHP funding	New Client ID Adds charting		
	funding and activity roster	Right sized system comparisons to Focus		
		Purview piece of the funded pie for the county		
		Andrew's system charting of projects, dollars and subpops served		
		Planning Notes:		
		Stella M might not be baked very well baked by Agenda development deadline		
		Also, sounds like the overall thrust should be examining System Level Data and not Project, so this if fine but a bit different than what AH suggested		

Homeless Data Links for Reference

Annual Homeless Census and Surveys
These are the point in time count reports conducted annually and usually in the last 10 days of January. They contain details and in-depth analysis of the the sheltered and unsheltered homeless families and individuals experiencing homelessness on the night of the count.

Permanent Housing Performance Dashboard
This dashboard shows permanent housing and return to homelessness rates. You can set date parameters and filter by program type, homeless service provider, or individual programs.

System Performance Measures Reports
The System Performance Measures are seven key measures that all CoCs must report to HUD annually. Measures include The Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless, The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness, Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects, Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time, and Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing. For more information on these report you can look here. National, state, or other comparisons can be made by viewing HUDs National Summary Report.

Longitudinal Systems Analysis Reports (STELLA)
These are print outs from HUDs STELLA system. The Stella Performance Module provides dynamic visuals of CoCs' Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data to illustrate how households move through the homeless system, and to highlight outcome disparities. For more information on this tool you can go here.

Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS)
This is a state run platform that has some core metrics that can be viewed by community or at the state level. Information includes racial disparities, demographics, and number of people who experience homelessness in more than one California CoC. Data is fed into this system quarterly.

All of the above reports and more can be found on the Homeless Data section of our website.