

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Funding and Evaluation Committee



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Funding and Evaluation Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022

2:00pm-4:00pm

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order 2:03

Present

Don Schartz
Dennis Pocekay
Kelli Kuykendall
Rebekah Sammet
Teddie Pierce
Ludmilla Bade
Chessy Etheridge
Madolyn Agrimonti

Not Present

Una Glass
John Moore

Public

Chelli Rivera
Kaitlin Carney
Saskia Garcia

Staff

Andrew Hening
Alea Tantarelli
Karissa White
Daniel Overbury-Howland
Dave Kiff
Leah Benz
Chuck Mottern
Adam Siegenthaler
Thai Hilton

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Michael Gause

2. Consent Calendar (2:06)

- Teddie Pierce
 - o Can we completely remove or abbreviate Point in Time (PIT) update?
 - Don Schwartz motion ... move to after Item 8 ... Rebekah seconds
 - Unanimous
 - o Chair wants to pull funding sources calendar ... move after committee elections

3. Committee Officer Elections (Vice Chair) (2:08)

- Dennis Pocekay has indicated interest in Vice Chair position on the Funding and Evaluation Committee
- Don moves to elect ... Rebekah Sammet seconds
- Unanimous

Funding Calendar Discussion (2:11)

- Teddie
 - o The timing of the long-term funding strategy should sync with HomeBase's work
- Andrew Hening and Dave Kiff
 - o Actively working to sync with Homebase
 - o Friday November 18th - HomeBase hosting discussion / review of draft plan with:
 - Strategic planning committee
 - Lived Experience board
 - And Continuum of Care Board (COC) Board, who is interested
 - o November 30th - COC Board discusses with the public, potentially adopts strategic plan
 - o Might have one more meeting, if needed
 - o Trying to avoid adoption past 12/15 ... will be losing Board members with term limits ... want to adopt with current CoC Board if possible
- Don – Should also be focusing on systems, program, provider evaluation as well
 - o By Feb 9th ... F&E will want to have final recommendations on evaluation
 - o NOFA potentially coming out in January 2023
 - We should try to incorporate some new metrics / ideas in the Notice of Funding Application (NOFA) ... or at least indicate in the Notice of Grant Application (NOGA) that the CoC will be moving forward with revised and

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updated eval measures

- We're not just evaluating compliance ... more about effectiveness
- Try to create way to compare programs / outcomes ... last year's NOFA not very effective
- Michael responding to Ludmilla Bade's questions about frequency of data analysis
 - Providers – outcomes reported quarterly
 - System – outcomes reported annually to HUD
- Teddie and Don – goal of this group ... get more detailed and nuanced than what goes to
- Kelli Kuykendall ... want to look at the causes of what's making programs effective or not
- Dennis ... concerned "wraparound services" means different things to different people
- Ludmilla
 - Does not appear to be a collaborative among providers who can consult each other when there were issues or challenges
 - Ensure data report outs are covering same time periods or horizons and that decisionmakers are not getting significantly outdated data
 - Benioff statewide program analysis should be coming out in early 2023 ... would highly recommend incorporating their findings
- No public comment

4. CoC Efforts to Acknowledge/Establish Funding Recommendations and Evaluate Progress of Needs Discussion (2:37) (discussion in next section)

5. Progress on System Right-sizing Update (2:38)

- Andrew H presents table provided in meeting packet, and then feedback from the group
 - Kelli ... loves it, helpful to have tools ... Santa Rosa is working with Focus Strategies ... also modeling ... can work to get SR specific numbers, and we can use those that extrapolate to the county as a whole
 - Chessy Etheridge ... status of Homekey projects ... Andrew H. can include approved projects in the funding strategy
 - Ludmilla ... love consolidation – requests to resend document with revised recommendation section
 - Don
 - combine columns 1-3 into 1

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- Annual recommendation needs to be apples ... permanent shelter housing (PSH) is one-time and rapid rehousing (RRH) is annual
- Appreciates case ratios
- Incorporate staff increase costs
- Like staging ... how does this feed into implementation plan
- Chessy ... rapid rehousing ... should be identifying the best versions of these programs ... and then fund and invest to make that happen
- Also think of soft factors:
 - Staff wages
 - CE policies
- Don ... like what Petaluma is doing ... funders set the standard vs. asking for proposals
- Kelli ... when evaluating best versions of programs, like prevention, important to include local providers
- Ludmilla ... requests for proposals (RFPs) to be based on best practices ... if providers aren't operating that version, give them a chance to explain how they can get there
- Chessy ... pivotal to level set outreach
- Summarizing recommendations
 - Immediate funding focus on PSH, North County Services (NCS), Outreach, and Coordination
 - Research and rollout best practices for RRH, Prevention, Diversion
- No public comment

6. Point-in-Time

- Did not discuss

7. Stella P (3:30)

- Adam presented overview of Stella P and then took questions
 - Rebekah ... where does data come from ... all from HMIS
 - Teddie answering Ludmilla's question ... fields come from HUD guided best practices but highly customizable
 - Don ...
 - The measures he wants to see ... how long have people been homeless, how many exits to housing, how many returns?
 - Would like to see trend over 3-5 years

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- Comparison to regional, state, and national CoC
 - Teddie ... almost impossible to get other CoCs
- Ideally quarterly to CoC Board and on website
- Staff to make recommendations for best data fields to measure
- Can't read the slides
- Dennis ... agree with others, how do we drill down deeper to providers to understand what's happening
- Ludmilla ... use Benioff study questions / data
- No Public comments
- Don's motions – seconded and passed unanimously
 - Recommendation #1: High-level data, reported quarterly to CoC Board and posted on CoC website in a format easily understandable to the uninformed public:
 - Data will include
 - How long are people homeless?
 - How many became permanently housed?
 - How many returned to homelessness?
 - For each of the above, and to the extent possible, provide the data in a format illustrating trends, so data over 3-5 year period with comparisons to, in order of importance:
 - State data
 - National data
 - Provide below to the CoC Board for their consideration and approval:
 - Recommendation #2: Staff to provide recommendations on performance measures that will best inform funding and system improvement decisions.
 - Have Homekey projects included in programs

8. Public Comments (4:12)

No public comment

9. Adjourn (4:17)

Next Meeting: November 10, 2022, 2-4PM

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

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