



**Sonoma County Continuum of Care  
Agenda for Thursday, May 11, 2023  
2:00 - 5:00 pm Pacific**

**Funding & Evaluation Committee Meeting**

Finalize Evaluation Reviews and Recommendations of the FY 2023-24 Applications

**Zoom Link:**

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/91073983229?pwd=cW5RR0dFK1FEbk5IZEVYWkVqZHdaQT09>

Meeting ID: 910 7398 3229 Passcode: 567106

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Packet Item</b>	<b>Time</b>
1.	Welcome/Call to Order	Chair	-n/a	2:00-2:05 pm
2.	Consent Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Agenda Review</li><li>5.3.23 F&amp;E Minutes</li></ul> [ACTION ITEM] Approve minutes from 5.3.23 F&E Committee meeting	Chair	-F&E Agenda	2:05-2:10 pm
3.	Resume FY 2023-24 Funding Recommendations [ACTION ITEM] Finalize F&E Committee Recommendations to the CoC Board	Chair/Staff/ Committee	-revised /updated recommendation tools	2:10 – 4:40 pm
4.	June 2023 meeting topic discussion	Chair/Committee	-discussion only	4:40 – 4:45 pm
5.	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda	All		4:45 – 5:00 pm
	Adjourn <b>Next F&amp;E Regular Meeting June 8, 2023</b>	Chair		

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment may be made via email or during the live Zoom meeting. To submit an emailed public comment to the Committee email Andrew.Akufo@sonoma-county.org. Please provide your name, the agenda number(s) on which you wish to speak, and your comment. These comments will be emailed to all Committee members. Public comment during the meeting can be made live by joining the Zoom meeting. Available time for comments is determined by the Chair based on agenda scheduling demands and total number of speakers.

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## Continued Funding and Evaluation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

2:00pm-5:00pm

### Minutes

#### 1. Meeting called to order at 2:03pm

##### **Present**

Dennis Pocekay  
Teddie Pierce  
Margaret Sluyk  
Dannielle Danforth  
Una Glass  
Chessy Etheridge  
Don Schwartz  
Rebekah Sammet  
Kelli Kuykendall  
Matthew Verscheure  
John Baxter  
Wendell Coleman  
Hunter Scott

##### **Not Present**

None

##### **Public**

37 members

##### **Staff**

Andrew Akufo  
Michael Gause  
Chuck Mottern  
Suzanne Whipple  
Erika Bernheimer  
Thai Hilton  
Dave Kiff

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### **2. Consent Calendar**

- Teddie opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- The agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.
- Minutes from the 4.27.23 and 4.19.23 Continued Funding and Evaluation (F&E) Committee meetings were tabled to May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Teddie recused.
- Una was approved to chair the meeting.
- Una led discussion about the review process and proposed a new process.
- Dave elaborated about his suggestion to the committee for reviewing the applications.
- Don suggested a different review process and asked about the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to allocate funds. Michael responded some funds could be reserved and the rest forwarded.
- Don wanted to continue reviewing projects not covered during the last F&E meeting.

#### Public comment

No public comment

### **3. Resume FY 2023-24 Funding Recommendations**

- Recusals: Teddie Pierce, Dennis Pocekay, Margaret Sluyk, Chessy Etheridge, Hunter Scott
- Teddie recused.
- Other Recusals: Dennis Pocekay, Margaret Sluyk, Danielle Danforth, Kelli Kuykendall, Chessy Etheridge, Matthew Verscheure, Hunter Scott
- Una was approved to chair the meeting.
- Una led discussion about the review process and proposed a new process, not making major changes to projects.
- Dave elaborated about his suggestion to the committee for reviewing the applications.
- Don suggested a different review process, mentioned "needing to see the bigger picture" and asked about the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to allocate funds. Michael responded some funds could be reserved and the rest forwarded.
- Don wanted to continue reviewing projects not covered during the last F&E meeting.
- Rebekah agreed with Una about not making any major changes to projects. She also agreed with Don about needing to see the big picture.
- Wendell agreed with Don and wanted more time to review data.
- John expressed his participation as orientational and decided to abstain from voting.
- Una mentioned issues with the process, disagreed with Don about geographic equity and basing decisions on the Point in Time (PIT) count.
- **Don motioned for the committee to continue the process of asking service providers**

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**questions, build a list of projects to support or eliminate funding then decide the funding for each selected project.**

- **Wendel seconded.**

### Public comment

- Adrian Brumley expressed concern that the CoC focused largely on funding larger organizations as opposed than smaller providers like SAVS. He also agreed with Don and Wendell's points and felt more support was needed for smaller service providers.
- Lynda Hopkins felt West County Community Services funding was being taken away by Don's decisions and there would likely be an increase in homelessness in West County. She expressed appreciation for the Continuum of Care (CoC) staff's work.
- BJ Bischoff encouraged the committee to consider funding for Sonoma Valley.
- Leo expressed that West County was not overfunded. They receive a lot of telephone calls for a lot of needs. The committee needs to support CoC staff recommendations and not so much the Point in Time (PIT) count.
- Elizabeth Goldman suggested judging based on the criteria within the applications and encouraged the committee to look at staff recommendations.
- Sarah Vetter expressed that programs had to be changed to meet Coordinated Entry requirements and it was suggested to them from Coordinated Entry to allocate more funding to less clients. It would be a disservice if funding was lost due to the suggested changes.
- Tim Miller agreed with Elizabeth Goldman. He expressed the portal was good and provided equity. The applications should be judged according to the information entered into the portal.
- Tracy Lyons discussed the Russian River area, West County and West County services data.
- **Don restated his motion.**
- John asked about deadlines.
- Rebekah asked about Una's recommendations with tweaks.
- **Roll call vote: Yes - Wendell, Don, Rebekah No – Una Abstain – John**
- **Motion passed.**
- Rebekah asked questions about the HEART and IMDT teams, SHARE, Homeless Action and Reach for Home. Dave responded the teams visited residents after they were housed.
- Amy Appleton answered questions on behalf of SHARE.

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- BJ answered questions on behalf of Homeless Action about the navigation center, tiny homes and non-congregate shelter.
- Ana answered questions on behalf of Reach for Home about permanent supportive housing. They didn't leverage housing vouchers. They have 5 units in Cloverdale and 7 units in Healdsburg for rapid rehousing and permanent shelter housing.
- Don asked SHARE questions about the purpose of their request for an additional \$90,000. Amy responded it was to cover their capacity. Don asked a second question. Chuck responded and discussed prevention and HUD guidelines. Only local funds can support the other project. Don suggested decreasing the funding and mentioned the need to find funding to support non-funded projects by creating a pot.
- John supported Don's point.
- There was discussion about the HEART Team. Amy mentioned going through Coordinated Entry and the HEART Team's information being outdated. Thai and Chuck clarified.
- Don asked questions about the gap for George's Hideaway. Tim Miller responded the cost had expanded. Dave mentioned vouchers. Michael added information about Measure O funding for a separate project. Don expressed disappointment about the lack of funding recommendations for capital projects and was in support of adding the projects to Category #2 list to be considered for funding. Chuck added that the request was solely for capital expenses, no services. Rebekah recommended fully funding the project and decreasing funding for other West County Community Services (WCCS) projects.
- Rebekah didn't recommend funding for Sam Jones Hall.
- Una agreed with the need for more permanent supportive housing but didn't want to decrease funding for services while building a capital project. Rebekah clarified some expansions may not happen, but other services would still be intact.
- Dave explained the reason George's Hideaway was not originally recommended for funding and he was looking for other funding sources to support capital projects as opposed to Notice of Funding Application (NOFA) funds.
- Wendell suggested figuring out the pot of funding then deciding how much funding would be available to support capital projects at the end of the review process.
- Una suggested not funding any new projects and reducing the amount for current projects.
- The committee reviewed Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects.
- Don suggested keeping RRH projects and increasing them by 15%.

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### Public Comment

- Elizabeth Goldman recommended reviewing applicants that already submitted.
- Shelby from TLC discussed transitional youth and preventing homelessness.
- Juan was not in favor of the committee disregarding staff recommendations and mentioned increasing projects by 15% across the board didn't seem like the perfect approach.
- Don changed his decision and mentioned adding \$534,000 for RRH.
- Wendell asked about the City of Santa Rosa's capital estimates.
- Don expressed interest in taking advantage with permanent supportive housing (PSH) vouchers.
- Rebekah mentioned the Palms Inn needed infrastructure work. Wendell agreed. Matthew Verscheure responded that Catholic Charities does not own or control the property which is why there was no request for the Palms Inn. He also answered questions about the Veteran's home, stating more people moved into the Windsor location and others moved out on their own.
- Kathy answered questions about Sloan House.
- Don suggested eliminating COTS reduction.
- **Don motioned to reduce WCCS by \$96,000. Rebekah seconded.**
- **There was a second motion to reduce by \$464,000 in addition to the \$96,000.**
- **Wendell seconded.**
- Public comment was suggested for the motion.
- Don suggested continuing the meeting to a later date since it was 5:00pm.
- **Rebekah motioned to continue the meeting during the regularly scheduled May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting date from 2:00 – 5:00pm.**
- **Wendell seconded.**

### 4. May 2023 Meeting Topic Discussion

Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

### 5. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Public comment to be continued at next meeting

### 9. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

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