



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2022
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Recording of Meeting:

Welcome and Roll Call (00:05:01 - 00:06:56)

- Tom Schwedhelm, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and reminded everyone that it is a continuation of the November 30, 2022, Continuum of Care Board Meeting.
 - Roll Call was taken:
 - *Present: Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma; Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Supervisor; Margaret Sluyk, Reach for Home; Kathleen Pozzi, Community Member; Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Sonoma County Behavioral Health; Chessy Etheridge, Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board (arrived late);*
 - *Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Una Glass, City of Sebastopol; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; John Moore, City of Cotati; Mark Krug, Burbank Housing; Madolyn Agrimonti, City of Sonoma; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg*
 - *Absent: Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health Center; Chris Keys, Redwood Gospel Mission*
- A quorum was present.**

1. Agenda (00:06:57 – 00:11:25)

Tom Schwedhelm asked that a new agenda item - #14.5 Encampment Resolution Fund – be added to the agenda. Dave Kiff requested #14.6 be added to get feedback from the Board regarding the late submittal of a Board membership application.

Public Comment: None at this time.

John Moore moved to add #14.5 and #14.6 to the agenda; seconded by Una Glass.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Cheyenne McConnell, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Chris Keys, Chessy Etheridge

The motion passed.

13. Strategic Plan Presentation (00:11:26 – 01:17:02)

Dave Kiff shared a presentation of a red-line document, which he referred to as the discussion draft, showing additions, deletions, and changes to the proposed Strategic Plan. Dave and Aram Hauslaib with Homebase answered questions from Board members.

Public Comment: Alice Linn, Teddie Pierce, Margaret DeMatteo, Denise, Gerry La Londe-Berg, Ludmilla Bade

Dennis Pocekay moved to accept the red lining to the Strategic Plan that's been presented as well as the changes made between yesterday and today; seconded by John Moore. Don Schwartz proposed a friendly amendment to add the words "and meets the job qualifications" to 3.3d. Dennis and John accepted the friendly amendment.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Chris Keys

The motion passed.

14. Reports from Standing Committees: (01:17:03 – 01:32:13)

- **Funding and Evaluation Committee:** Teddie Pierce reported they have developed an evaluation tool that will be applied to 5 rapid rehousing projects: Catholic Charities, Interfaith Shelter Network, Social Advocates for Youth, SHARE Sonoma, and TLC Child and Family Services. The CDC released a NOFA on December 7 that includes 2 funding streams for eligible homeless services activities. They are requesting this Committee be involved in the review of these homeless-focused applications. Margaret Sluyk and Dannielle Danforth are new members that will participate as subject matter experts but will not be voting members.
- **Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee:** Thai Hilton shared a presentation of a proposed change to CD policies and procedures that would allow for Transitional Aged Youth who are at imminent risk of homelessness to be immediately referred to RRH providers who can serve Category 2.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Madolyn Agrimonti moved to include Category 2 for Transitional Age Youth in Coordinated Entry referrals; seconded by Kathleen Pozzi.

The motion passed.

- **HMIS Data Committee:** Chair Heather Sweet reported the Committee welcomed Manny as a new member; the position of Secretary is still open. At the January

meeting, they will be submitting recommendations for the release of information to the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, as well as information on their review of systems performance measures. The evaluation of HMIS function will be performed in March, 2023.

- **Lived Experience and Advisory and Planning (LEAP) Board:** Chair Rebekah Sammet said they recently hosted conversations with Homebase, provided input into the Strategic Plan, and are reviewing the applications for the Lived Experienced open. Chessy Etheridge reported their Shelter Monitoring Committee will start action soon.
- **Youth Action Board:** Michael Gause said an update will be provided at the January meeting.

Public Comment: None at this time.

14.5 Encampment Resolution Fund Grant Applications (01:32:13 – 1:39:07)

Dave Kiff reported the State released a NOFA on December 1 for the second round of funding for Encampment Resolution Funds totaling approximately \$280,000,000 with applications due by the end of February. Lead agency staff is requesting authorization to issue statements on the CoC's behalf that would include a letter under the Chair's signature expressing the collaboration between the County and local jurisdictions who are considering submitting an ERF Grant application.

Public Comment: Alice Linn, Ludmilla Bade

Dennis Pocekay moved to authorize Lead Agency staff to issue letters of support; seconded by Mark Krug.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ben Leroi, Chris Keys

The motion passed.

14.6 Late Application Received for Board Membership (01:39:08 – 01:45:19)

Dave Kiff reminded the members that the Charter states a membership application should be submitted no later than 7 working days before the vote of the general membership. One application came in after the 7-day window, although a partial application was completed at the 6-day window. He is asking the Board to consider waiving that requirement and have that application considered by the general membership at the meeting on December 15.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Chris Coursey moved that the Board make a one-time exception and allow this applicant to be part of the group tomorrow; seconded by John Moore.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Chris Keys

The motion passed.

15. Review Agenda for January Board Meeting (01:45:20 – 01:50:40)

The draft agenda was reviewed, and Tom Schwedhelm suggested moving #5 (Elect a Board Chair & Vice Chair) to the very end of the meeting. Don Schwartz asked if the draft of the County Housing Authority's Administrative Plan would be included on the January agenda.

Public Comment: Teddie Pierce, Alice Linn

16. Board Member Questions & Comments (01:50:41 – 01:59:05)

Don Schwartz recognized and thanked the Board of Supervisors for the \$4 million in ARPA funds they committed to address homelessness. Mark Krug thanked Tom Schwedhelm for his years of service on the Santa Rosa City Council and congratulated Tom on his retirement. Kathleen Pozzi expressed her thanks and admiration to Tom, as did Madolyn Agrimonti and Jennielynn Holmes.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.