



**Sonoma County Continuum of Care Strategic Planning
Agenda Report**

Item No: 1
Subject: August 18, 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda
Meeting Date: August 18, 2023
Staff Contact: Alea Tantarelli, Alea.Tantarelli@Sonoma-County.org

SUMMARY

This staff report presents the August 18, 2023 CoC Strategic Planning Committee Meeting proposed agenda. The agenda contains all proposed items that will be discussed by the Strategic Planning Committee. The proposed agenda is attached as Attachment A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Approve August 18, 2023 agenda.

Attachment A

**Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Strategic Planning Committee
Agenda for August 18, 2023
9:00am-10:00am Pacific Time**

Virtual Meeting: Join Zoom Webinar

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/94233222676?pwd=TlExUDVEdnRpSFkrVGQzSmxZMS9BZz09>

Passcode: 976436 Webinar ID: 942 3322 2676 Telephone: 1 669 900 9128

	Agenda Item	Packet Item	Presenter	Time
	Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions		Tom Bieri /Alea Tantarelli	9:00am
1.	Approve Agenda (ACTION ITEM)	08/18/23 Agenda	Tom Bieri	9:05am
2.	Approve Minutes (ACTION ITEM)	06/16/23 Minutes	Tom Bieri	9:07am
3.	Strategic Planning Year 1 Priority Update General Clarifying Questions from SPC Specific questions related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • Safety *Equity & Communications to be discussed at the following mtg (Potential ACTION ITEM)	Year 1 Priority Update Document	Dave Kiff/ Michael Gause Tom Bieri	9:10am 9:25am 9:30am 9:40am
4.	Benioff Study Discussion & Potential Workgroup (ACTION ITEM)	Benioff Study Staff Report	Tom Bieri	9:50am
5.	Committee and Public Comment on Non-agendized Items (Potential ACTION ITEM)		Tom Bieri	9:55am

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 Araceli.Rivera@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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Item No: 3
Subject: Strategic Planning Year 1 Priority Update
Meeting Date: August 18, 2023
Staff Contact: Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Program Manager,
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SUMMARY

At each Strategic Planning Committee meeting, staff provide an overview of progress on the year one strategic planning efforts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Informational Item only.

ATTACHMENTS:

A: Strategic Planning First Year Efforts Update

Lead Agency Initial 2023 Efforts	Plan id	Start Date	Projected End date	Assigned	Notes
In alignment with Built for Zero, establish a single By Names List to better serve all individuals experiencing homelessness in Sonoma County	3.6a	1/1/2023	9/1/2023	Thai	Target date of completion - September 2023. In progress. Presentation to CoC Board at August 2023 meeting.
Create a new vulnerability assessment, prioritization, and placement process to replace the VI-SPDAT that includes an analysis of individuals' housing strengths and results in equitable housing placement	3.7a	6/1/2023	12/31/2023	CE redesign working group	Home Base's Technical Assistance is helping with this effort. Meetings are taking place with providers for feedback on a weekly basis with Homebase. August update - meetings are being held with stakeholders.
Develop a robust communication strategy to keep the public and individuals experiencing homelessness more informed of services, policy changes, challenges, and successes	3.5a	5/1/2023	9/1/2023	Michael and Alea	An Internal DHS Workgroup is now meeting weekly to develop this strategy; focus is on website development and also communicating success stories. A redesigned website is in staging process and can be shared with CoC Board in September 2023. Success stories were circulated online via Public Affairs on the County Facebook page in July 2023.
Strengthen and prioritize the supportive services in the existing homeless response system	2.1 a+b	1/1/2023	Ongoing	Systemwide	The FY 2023-24 NOFA has attempted to start to address this. A draft NOFA will be developed by mid-September 2023 and shared with providers for feedback and discussed in person with all providers in the first week of October 2023.
Build an effective and equitable subregional street outreach model	2.5b	7/1/2023	12/31/2023	BFZ improvement team	In progress. Sonoma Valley is starting a subregional street outreach project funded by Measure O. Petaluma is also being funded by Measure O for a similar endeavor. Outreach teams are meeting as part of BFZ efforts as well.
Adopt a long-term funding strategy for homeless services	3.1b	1/1/2203	9/30/2023	Lead Agency and CoC Board	Reviewed at July 2023 CoC Board meeting. Targeted for another round of feedback at September CoC Board meeting. Utilization of Stella M, a HUD HMIS reporting/data visualization system, is being explored internally to provide a better way to look at how system flow and performance can be used in projecting long-term funding.
Ensure the system of care and its individual programs are evaluated based on key performance metrics	3.14a	1/1/2023	10/15/2023	F&E Committee	Internal working group has developed a metric template. Shared with providers in person at August meeting. Targeted for CoC Board review in September and then will be utilized in 23-24 NOFA (end of 2023)
Add 200 PSH and 100 non-congregate shelter beds	1.2a , 1.3a	1/1/2023	Tally by 12/31/2023	Systemwide	In Calendar 2023, the County of Sonoma added 87 NCS Beds. Catholic Charities/Burbank will add 30 NPLH PSH beds towards the end of June 2023. Studios at Montero added 60 PSH beds in May - June 2023. Housing inventory Chart reflected over 200 new PSH beds in 2023. Achieved for PSH.
Ensure an effective transition to Department of Health Services	N/A	1/15/2023	7/1/2023	Lead Agency	August update - contracts still in process of being transferred to DHS from CDC. All current contracts are now being processed through DHS. Continued integration of IMDT/HEART/EHT via in-person all hands meetings.

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Item No: 4
Subject: Benioff Study Discussion & Potential Work Group
Meeting Date: August 18, 2023
Staff Contact: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonoma-county.org

SUMMARY

CoC Strategic Planning Committee Vice Chair, Ludmilla Bade, requested time on the agenda to discuss the recently released Benioff Study and how the findings might impact our strategic planning efforts.

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative conducted the California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness (CASPEH), the largest representative study of homelessness since the mid-1990s and the first largescale representative study to use mixed methods (surveys and in-depth interviews). Guided by advisory boards composed of people with lived experience of homelessness and those who work on homelessness programs and policies, eight counties were selected that represent the state's diversity and recruited a representative sample of adults 18 and older experiencing homelessness throughout California. The investigators conducted the research between October 2021 and November 2022. Questionnaires were administered to nearly 3,200 participants, selected intentionally to provide a representative sample, and weighted data to provide statewide estimates. To augment survey responses, 365 participants were recruited to participate in in-depth interviews. With this context, CASPEH provides evidence to shape programs and policy responses to the homelessness crisis.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Action Item: Form a workgroup to discuss the Benioff Study findings.

ATTACHMENTS:

A: Link to Benioff Study: https://homelessness.ucsf.edu/sites/default/files/2023-06/CASPEH_Report_62023.pdf