

**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Strategic Planning  
Agenda Report**

**Item No:** 1  
**Subject:** April 19, 2024 Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda  
**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2024  
**Staff Contact:** Alea Tantarelli, Alea.Tantarelli@Sonoma-County.org

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report presents the April 19, 2024 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 April 19, 2024 agenda.



**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Strategic Planning Committee  
Agenda for April 19, 2024  
9:00am-10:00am Pacific Time**

Virtual Meeting: Join Zoom Webinar

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/94677887388?pwd=VnNGTWdodElicm94OHpqWGxWOFBtQT09>

Passcode: 007651

Webinar ID: 946 7788 7388

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#	Agenda Item	Packet Item	Presenter	Time
	Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions		Tom Bieri /Alea Tantarelli	9:00am
1.	Approve Agenda <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b>	4/19/24 Agenda	Tom Bieri	9:05am
2.	Approve Minutes <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b>	2/16/24 Minutes	Tom Bieri	9:07am
3.	Year 2 Priorities Progress Update from Staff  • Committee Discussion <b>(Potential ACTION ITEM)</b>	Staff Report	Dave Kiff/Michael Gause	9:10am  9:30am
4.	General State Funding Conversation  • HHAP Future Funding • Proposition 1 Conversation Planned for Next Meeting <b>(Potential ACTION ITEM)</b>		Michael Gause	9:45am
5.	Committee and Public Comment on Non- agendized Items <b>(Potential ACTION ITEM)</b>		Tom Bieri	9:55am

Public Comment may be made via email or during the live zoom meeting. To submit an emailed public comment to the Committee email [Alea.Tantarelli@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Alea.Tantarelli@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.



**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Strategic Planning Committee  
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**Item No:** 2  
**Subject:** CoC Strategic Planning Committee Minutes for 2.16.24  
**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2024  
**Staff Contact:** Alea Tantarelli, Alea.Tantarelli@Sonoma-County.org

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report briefly summarizes the minutes from the previous meeting on February 16th, 2024. The minutes reflect a general summary of the previous meeting's activities and are not intended to reflect verbatim comments. The minutes are attached as Attachment **A**.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Approve minutes from 2.16.24



**ATTACHMENT A**

**Committee members:** Chair Tom Bieri | Co-Chair Ludmilla Bade  
Dennis Pocekay, Rebekah Sammet, Jennielynn Holmes, Ben Leroi, Matt Barnes, Angela Struckmann, Tim Miller, Wendell Coleman

## **Strategic Planning Committee Minutes for February 16, 2024**

0. **9:04am WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-Alea**
  - a. **DHS Staff Present:** Alea Tantarelli, Michael Gause, Dave Kiff
  - b. **Members Present:** Dennis Pocekay, Tom Bieri, Ludmilla Bade, Rebekah Sammet, Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Tim Miller
  - c. **Absent:** Wendell Coleman, Matt Barnes, Angela Struckmann

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Motion from Tim Miller. Second from Ludmilla Bade. Passed

**No Public Comment**

**2. APPROVE MINUTES:**

Motion to approve 12/15/23 minutes from Dennis Pocekay. Second from Ben Leroi. Passed

**No Public Comment**

**3. Strategic Planning Update from Staff**

Staff continue to update the Strategic Planning Committee on the progress of the year 1 Strategic Planning priorities. Progress is currently being made in all priority areas and specific details can be found in the progress update document. Many areas are complete.

There are outstanding questions about the subregional outreach that will be addressed in the outreach standards.

**No Public Comment:**

Gregory Fearon

**4. Proposing Year 2 Priorities:**

**Building out of implementation steps for remaining action steps (those not currently outlined in Early Action Steps)**

**Strategic Planning Committee Vote on Priorities**

Michael Gause presented staff recommendation for year 2 priorities. Tom Bieri and Margaret Sluyk presented the provider group recommendations. Both sets of recommendations were endorsed by the LEAP Board. Discussion ensued.

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Jennielynn Holmes made a motion to recommend to the Board Attachment A (Staff recommendations) for consideration of our year 2 priorities.

Ben Leroi seconded the motion.

Ben Leroi made a friendly amendment that we are approving attachment A (the staff priorities) as this committees recommendations, but certainly not precluding the other information (from providers) could be sent to the full Board and the staff for review. It's just that we're not endorsing them.

Jennielynn Holmes accepted the friendly amendment.

### **2024 Year 2 Recommendations (to be presented to the SCHC Board)\***

**\*with the addition of 100 NCS units**

1. Add 200 units of PSH (1.3a) - SYSTEM OF CARE
2. Affordable Housing: Collaborate with local jurisdictions to achieve a Prohousing Designation<sup>10</sup> from the California Housing and Community Development Department to increase the competitiveness of local grant applications to the State (1.4a) - ACHIEVED FOR COUNTY, ROHNERT PARK, WINDSOR, SANTA ROSA.
3. Establish minimum compensation (wages and benefits) for supportive services staff as based on the recommendations from the Sonoma County Service Providers' Roundtable (2.1a) - SERVICE PROVIDERS
4. Leverage CalAIM's Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports programs to assist in funding intensive care coordination across multiple systems (2.2b) - SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE IMPLEMENTED, DHS/HS WILL WORK ON IN 2024
5. Report back regularly as to program accountability with Measure O (2.2g) - DHS Measure O Team
6. Adopt Long-Term Funding Strategy (3.1b) - LEAD AGENCY/COALITION BOARD
7. In updated NOFAs:
  - o Fund new and renewing programs that have demonstrated success in supporting people experiencing homelessness in achieving housing stability. The homeless system of care should strive for a funding ratio of up to 80% for existing, evidence-based, or proven programs and 20% for innovative or "promising practice" program concepts (3.2a).
  - o Incorporate equity goals into performance measures and invest in programs closing equity gaps, disaggregating data by age, race, ethnicity, and language and ensure that all funding opportunities include outreach to BIPOC led organizations and tribal partners (3.2b).
  - o Strengthen and prioritize the supportive services in the existing homeless response system (2.1a+b)
8. Provide standing opportunities for input from the Sonoma County Lived Experience Advisory and Planning (LEAP) and (when established) Youth Action Boards at CoC Board (including the Strategic Planning Committee), City Council and Board of Supervisors meetings, and by invitation to other meetings regarding available funding awards and service delivery (3.3a) - LEAD AGENCY / COALITION BOARD

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9. Communications Plan next steps (3.5a), including developing and distributing materials that explain and educate about the local causes of homelessness (3.5b) - DHS TEAM
10. Ensure that the CoC Board's and the system of care's racial and ethnic representation reflects the population of Sonoma County's homeless community. Consider updating the Charter to include designated seats for BIPOC members (3.7e) - COALITION BOARD
11. Ensure that the Coordinated Entry process maintains a person-centered approach that involves the respectful consideration of the following factors (3.6e):
  - o Client Choice
  - o Client Needs
  - o Safety Considerations
  - o The Value of Reducing Barriers
  - o Provider Capacity, Expertise, and Competency

### **Public Comment**

**Gregory Fearon**

**Approve:** Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Dennis Pocekay, Rebekah Sammet, Tim Miller  
**Abstain:** Ludmilla Bade

**Objection:** Tom Bieri – Comment: “If this is not the appropriate place to discuss this, I look forward to hearing where the place is to discuss these important matters are”

**Motion passes**

### **5. Making Progress on the Benioff Study Brief Discussion**

Ludmilla doesn't have the capacity to convene this group. If someone wants to support this group, reach out to Ludmilla Bade or Tom Bieri.

**No Public Comment**

### **6. Committee and Public Comment on Non-agendized Items**

**Public Comment**

Gregory Fearon

**10:04am Meeting adjourned**

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**Item No:** 3  
**Subject:** Year 2 Priorities Progress Update from Staff  
**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2024  
**Staff Contact:** Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Program Manager,  
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**SUMMARY**

At each meeting, staff provide an overview of progress on the year one and two efforts. This report identifies progress made.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Informational Item only.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Strategic Planning Year 2 Efforts Update located here: <https://share.sonoma-county.org/link/XunPRLPTwG4/>