



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022

1:00 -5:00 pm Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

[Recording of Meeting](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions (0:05-:11)

- Ben Leroi, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Ben Leroi went over the agenda, clarified Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.
- Three new members had the opportunity to introduce themselves: Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, Nora Mallonee-Brand, and Dennis Pocekay.
- Roll Call was taken:
 - *Present: Supervisor Chris Coursey; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, Committee on the Shelterless; Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health; Margaret Sluyk, Reach For Home; Alena Wall, Kaiser Permanente; Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth; Nora Mallonee-Brand, Sonoma County Health Services; Rebekah Sammet, proxy for Ludmilla Bade, Lived Experience Representative; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg Services; Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma, Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa*
 - *Absent: None*

2. Agenda and Minutes Approval (00:12-00:18)

Public Comment:

Madolyn Agrimonti

Stephen Sotomayor motioned to approve the agenda; approve minutes from 12/15/21 with Alena Wall's edits to add a note to board comments about public comments; Tom Schwedhelm seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Don Schwartz, Chris Coursey, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Jennielynn Holmes, Lisa Fatu, Cheyenne McConnell, Stephen Sotomayor, Tom Schwedhelm,

Noes: None

Abstain: Rebekah Sammet, absent; Dennis Pocekay, was not at meeting; Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, absent; Angela Struckmann, absent; Nora Mallonee-Brand, absent

Absent: None

3. Coordinated Entry Operator (00:18- 00:57)

Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee Chair Jennielynn Holmes and Thai Hilton provided an overview of the committee's recommendation to select Home First as the new operator. Staff will follow up on development of contract with HomeFirst.

Public Comment:

Gia

Jennifer Harte

Don Schwartz motioned to approve Home First as the Coordinated Entry Operator with three additional annual renewals based on mutual satisfaction of provider and Continuum of Care Board; Tom Schwedhelm seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Don Schwartz, Chris Coursey, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Jennielynn Holmes, Lisa Fatu, Cheyenne McConnell, Stephen Sotomayor, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Rebekah Sammet, Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, Angela Struckmann, Nora Mallonee-Brand

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Emergency Solutions Grant Covid-19 Update (0:57-1:10)

Chuck Mottern, Homeless Services Coordinator, provided an update on SAVS Sebastopol RV Project. Dave Kiff, Interim Executive Director, discussed available funding and provided a recommendation for the final allocation.

Lisa Fatu recused for this item.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Tom Schwedhelm motioned to approve remaining amount of unallocated ESG-CV funds be allocated to SAY for their Rapid Rehousing program; Alena Wall seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Don Schwartz, Chris Coursey, Alena Wall, Margaret Sluyk, Jennielynn Holmes, Cheyenne McConnell, Stephen Sotomayor, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, Angela Struckmann, Nora Mallonee-Brand

Noes: Rebekah Sammet

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Recused: Lisa Fatu

5. Sonoma County Human Services Department Presentation on Older Housing Needs (1:11-1:54)

Sharon Rapport, Director of California State Policy Corporations for Supportive Housing; Nadia Woodcock, Program Development Manager Sonoma County Adult Protective Services; Esther Lemus, Supervising Attorney from Legal Aid of Sonoma County; and Ronit Rubinoff, Executive Director of Legal Aid Sonoma County presented on Older Adult Housing Needs. The presentation included interventions and services that can aid older adults experiencing homelessness and work to increase housing stability.

Public Comment:
None at this time.

6. 5 Minute Break (1:55-2:00)

7. Word From the Street (2:00-2:06)

Rebekah Sammet presented on her personal experience at the Palms Inn through Catholic Charities. Other updates include that Burbank Housing is beginning to contract with Catholic Charities as property management.

Public Comment:
None at this time.

8. Standing Committee Updates (2:07-3:16)

- a. **Coordinated Entry Assessment (CEA) Committee:** Thai Hilton provided an update on the Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). All voucher referrals have been made and the referral group is now shifting focus to housing navigation. Some partners are participating in a centralized housing location program to assist in generating housing leads for EHV partners. 19 vouchers are currently leased and 5 are pending for Sonoma County Housing Authority. There were no current numbers provided for the Santa Rosa Housing Authority.
- b. **Strategic Plan Committee:** Tom Schwedhelm presented on the three work groups and emerging funding. The Housing Work Group has assessed available housing and worked with HomeBase on housing challenges. The Increased Income Work Group is working to identify what income is available, establishing accessible documents, and how increased income impacts unsheltered individuals. The Coordinated System of Care Work Group seeks approval to work toward a centralized housing location system. Jennielynn Holmes provided an update on the open HMIS discussion and the efforts to ease the transfer of and enhancement of data collection.

Public Comment:
Gerry La Londe Berg
Gregory Fearon
Adrienne Lauby

- c. **Charter & Policy Review Committee:** Alea Tantarelli reported that the committee completed the revision of the CoC Governance Charter, and the committee is no longer meeting until a policy need or Charter review arises.
- d. **HMIS Data Committee:** Daniel Overbury-Howland provided a brief update on the last committee meeting which included HUD 2021 System Performance Measures. An update was

provided to the board on intra-agency communication and previously submitted documents in HMIS. It was confirmed the sharing of these documents is allowable per HUD guidelines.

- e. **Lived Experience Advisory Body (LEAP):** Andrew Akufo presented on the board's current status, established as of January 24, 2022. The board will meet every two weeks starting Monday, February 7, 2022.

Ludmilla Bade arrived at this time.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

9. Staff Report 2022 (3:17-3:40)

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator, provided an update on the upcoming 2022 Continuum of Care Board election. Michael Gause provided an update on the 2022 Point in Time Count. A confirmed list of individuals with appointed seats will be provided at the next board meeting. Daniel Overbury-Howland discussed current shelter bed utilization. Thai Hilton spoke about Built for Zero. Dave Kiff provided an update on lived experience stipends.

Public Comment:

Gregory Fearon

10. Review Agenda for February 23, 2022 (3:41-3:44)

Don Schwartz requested comments on the System Performance Measures.

Public Comment:

None at this time

11. Board Member Questions and Comments (3:45-3:50)

12. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items (3:50)

Joh Moore

Meeting Adjourned at 4:53 PM