



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Welcome and Roll Call (00:05:17 - 00:06:46)

- Jennielynn Holmes, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- Roll Call was taken:
 - *Present: Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health Center; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Megan Basinger as proxy for Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma; Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Supervisor; Margaret Sluyk, Reach for Home; Chris Keys, Redwood Gospel Mission; Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Sonoma County Behavioral Health; Chessy Etheridge, Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board; Kathleen Pozzi, Community Member; Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; 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: Una Glass*

A quorum was present. A minute of silence was observed honoring Kathleen Finnegan, a long-time Sonoma County community advocate and a member of the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, who recently passed.

1. Agenda, Consent Calendar, and Minutes Approval (00:09:31 – 00:14:14)

Jennielynn Homes went over the agenda and clarified Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines. Don Schwartz requested the Stability Vouchers Commitment Letter item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Public comment: None at this time.

Dennis Pocekay moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the suggested removal of the Stability Vouchers Committee Letter item for discussion later; seconded by John Moore.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Megan Basinger as proxy for Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Una Glass

The motion passed.

2. Stability Vouchers Committee Letter to HUD (00:14:15 – 00:19:42)

Don Schwartz opened the discussion. Rebecca Lane with the City of Santa Rosa provided additional information. Don Schwartz moved to send the letter to HUD of the CoC's intent to work with the PHAs in developing appropriate supportive services for the Stability Vouchers if they are secured; seconded by Madolyn Agrimonti.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Megan Basinger as proxy for Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Una Glass,

The motion passed.

3. CoC Board Representation on DHS' Director for Homelessness Interview Panel (00:19:43 – 00:30:16)

Tina Rivera, Director for the Department of Health Services, introduced Roy Dajalos, DHS Assistant Director, who shared the timeline for the recruitment of the DHS' Director for the Homelessness Services Division.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Chris Coursey moved to approve the CoC Board Chair and Vice Chair as panelists on behalf of the CoC Board for the Homeless Services Division Director first round interviews; Don Schwartz proposed a friendly amendment that would allow the Chair and Vice Chair to designate someone else if they are not available. Chris Coursey accepted the friendly amendment; motion seconded by Don Schwartz.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Megan Basinger as proxy for Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Kathleen Pozzi, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Una Glass,

The motion passed.

4. Reports from Lead Agency Staff (00:30:17 – 01:24:55)

- Karissa White reported that the annual application has been submitted, and she thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work.
- Dave Kiff provided an update on the MOU between the CoC Board and Lead Agency. Andrew Hening has been hired as a part-time consultant to work closely with the CoC Board and city officials to develop the MOU, which he hopes to bring a draft for review at the October meeting. Megan Basinger volunteered Tom Schwedhelm to participate on an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Andrew Hening; John Moore, Don Schwartz, Jennielynn Holmes, and Margaret Sluyk volunteered as well.
- Thai Hilton reported on some of the issues that have come up around supportive services and some potential solutions regarding Emergency Housing Vouchers.

Public Comment: Dannielle Danforth

5. 2022 Point in Time Homeless Count Report (01:24:56 – 01:56:26)

Michael Gause introduced John Connery from Applied Survey Research then shared a detailed presentation on the Point-in-Time Count for 2022. Michael and John answered questions and received feedback from the Board.

Public Comment: Teddie Pierce

6. 10-Minute Break (01:56:43 – 02:10:36)

A quorum was present.

7. Word from the Street (02:10:37: – 02:25:23)

Chessy Etheridge spoke about the two sides of Section 8 Vouchers and the need for Navigators. Martha Cheever, CDC Leased Housing Manager, explained the lack of Navigators was due to funding.

Public Comment: Lynn Scuri, Dannielle Danforth

8. Homeless Service Provider Group Update (02:25:24 – 02:28:19)

Margaret Sluyk reported 50% participation by service providers on providing pay and benefits information, and they will be moving on to the analysis phase.

Public Comment: None at this time.

9. Reports from Standing Committees: (02:28:20 – 02:51:41)

- **Funding and Evaluation Committee:** Teddie Pierce reported on their meeting in August. Andrew Hening is developing a spreadsheet that will bring together a concept of who is doing what around system rights and will present the model at the October meeting. Due to Andrew stepping down as Vice Chair, this position is now open.
- **Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee:** Thai Hilton reported the CEA Committee has recently approved the Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Standards.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Mark Krug moved to approve the CEA Advisory Standards for Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing Programs; seconded by Dennis Pocekay.

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

The motion passed.

- **Strategic Planning Committee:** Stephen Sotomayor reported they are currently working with Homebase on the final phase of the strategic planning process as well as the final stages of the stakeholder engagement.
- **HMIS Data Committee:** Daniel OverburyOHowland reported they are continuing its work on updating policies and documentation, which they hope to present to the Board at the October meeting.
- **Lived Experience and Advisory and Planning (LEAP) Board:** Rebekah Sammet shared most of their members are on standing committees to be able to offer their lived experience perspectives.

Public Comment: None at this time

10. Quarterly Membership Meeting Agenda for October (02:51:42 – 02:54:09)

Karissa White shared the agenda for the CoC Quarterly Membership on October 20, 2022, that include:

- CalFresh Application Training for Providers
- HUDs Equal Access Rule Training
- General Continuum of Care and Committee Updates
- Community Updates

Public Comment: None at this time.

Chessy Etheridge moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Madolyn Agrimonti.

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

The motion passed.

11. Review Agenda for October CoC Board Meeting (02:59:10 – 02:57:23)

The draft agenda for the October 26, 2022, was shown. Michael Gause requested an item be added for the Homeless Housing, Advocacy and Prevention HHAP 4 Application update. Jennielynn Holmes suggested moving the Homeless Service Provider Group update to earlier in the agenda.

Public Comment: None at this time.

12. Board Member Questions and Comments (02:57:24 – 02:59:44)

John Moore suggested a different agenda format that would make it easier to reference a particular section of the agenda and all the information involved. He will send an example to Alea Tantarelli.

Public Comment: None at this time.

13. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items (02:59:45 – 03:00:11)

Public Comment: None at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.