



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Attachment A

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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

Welcome and Roll Call (00:18: - 00:02:25)

- Dennis Pocekay called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m and went over the Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.

➤ *Absent: Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health; Cheyenne McConnell*

A quorum was present.

- 1. Approval of Consent Calendar (00:02:28 – 00:05:09)** Dennis Pocekay, CoC Board Chair went over consent calendar, 3/22 meeting agenda, 2/22/23 Minutes.

Una Glass requested Item #3 be pulled; Summary of Follow-ups from the Previous Meeting(s) (Consent Calendar).

Jackie Elward requested Item #5 be pulled; Update on Housing Voucher Public Comment Recommendation.

Public Comment: None at this time

CoC Board Chair asked if there are any objections or abstentions to consent calendar items 1, 2, 4 and 6.

Abstentions or objections: None

Approved

- 2. Summary of Follow-ups from Previous Meeting(s) (Consent Calendar) (00:05:31 – 00:13:04)** At the previous meeting, CoC Board members and others asked for the Lead Agency staff to follow up on specific items. Follow up item 1. Rationale behind the complex transition at Elderberry Commons was pulled for discussion.

Public Comment: None at this time

Approve Summary of Follow ups from the previous meeting in the consent calendar.

Abstentions or objections: None

Approved

- 3. Update on Housing Voucher Public Comment Recommendations (Consent Calendar) (00:13:19 – 00:31:06)** Clarification was requested on consent item feedback that information presented could be confusing for those not involved in work. CoC Board Members who participate in Provider meetings gave updates and insight. Board Requested staff bring back this item for discussion at future meeting and to include Martha Cheever.

Abstentions or objections: None

Approved

4. Reports from Lead Agency Staff (00:31:17 – 01:19:41)

- **Racial Equity Work:** Karissa White provided update on Racial Equity work and technical assistance from Homebase provided by the California Department of Housing & Community Development (CA HCD) to work on addressing racial inequities within our system. Technical assistance is assisting in the following areas: Coordinated Entry assessment, building partnerships with Tribal Nations and creating a CoC Lead Agency Racial Equity Workgroup.

Dennis Pocekay nominated Jackie Elward for seat on Racial Equity Workgroup; Jennielynn Holmes as alternate.

Public Comment: Adrienne Lauby

- **Emergency Shelters from the County of Sonoma in Response to Shelter Crisis:** Dave Kiff provided update on 87 tent managed encampment on the County Campus site, site is now open.

Public Comment: Hunter Scott, Gerry La Londe-Berg, Alice Linn

5. Service Provider Roundtable (SPR) Update (01:20:02 – 01:23:47)

Margaret Sluyk shared that at previous meetings inclement weather was a topic of concern and conversation. Feedback on BFZ from providers is that providers need more communication on BFZ efforts to ensure understanding of timelines/plan/goals, etc. Service providers request regular updates.

Public Comment: none at this time

6. Word from the Street (01:24:01 – 01:29:20)

Chessy Etheridge provided information on Samaritan App and what/how it is used; reported app has been helpful in other communities. Elderberry commons update was shared on what was reported. Share went out and offered the guests options for their programs. They have other options to place people without being paired up, master key program, master leases to not have to go to landlord to do a credit check.

Public Comment: None at this time

7. CoC Governance Charter Revision #9- Posting Agenda Packets and Videos (01:29:47 – 01:44:04): Karissa White provided update on staff proposal made at the February CoC meeting to not post meeting material and meeting videos to website and went over new staff recommendation.

Public Comment: Alice Linn, Gerry La Londe-Berg

Jennielyn Holmes motioned to approve staff recommendation; Una Glass seconds.

Abstentions or objections: None

Approved

8. Built for Zero & Subregionalization (01:44:34 – 02:31:30) Andrew Hening provided an overview of Built for Zero the proposed subregionalization strategy for Sonoma County and the by names list case conferencing structure.

Public Comment: Lynn Luther, Alice Linn, Gerry La Londe-Berg, Mary Haynes, Adrienne Lauby

Jack Ding moves to approve and endorse the subregionalization concept; Jackie Elward seconds.

Abstentions or objections: None

Approved

9. 10-Minute Break (02:31:45 – 02:40:58)

Meeting resumed; a quorum was present.

10. Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Update: (02:41:26 – 03:13:51) Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, SCBH shared a presentation on Care Court Senate Bill, SB 1338 now in law. Presentation covered new care court framework, Eligibility, Plan and Process for care, Care Plan program length, Sonoma County implementation timeline.
Public Comment: Adrienne Lauby, Gerry La Londe-Berg

11. Presentation: Long-term Funding Plan: (03:14:23-03:44:18) Andrew Henning provided a high-level overview of the long-term funding strategy. Should be revisited often to make sure it is reflected in the community. Requesting the board’s endorsement to fund the strategic plan.
Board directed staff to schedule a separate Board meeting by early May for a full Board discussion.
Public Comment: Alice Linn, Gerry La Londe-Berg

12. Reports from Standing Committees: (03:45:14-04:18:00)

- **Funding & Evaluation Committee:** Teddie Pierce provided update on debriefing that was done in February for January mini evaluations. Currently prepping for April evaluation process. Shared new committee member names and inquiry on opening up more provider seats. Committee is slated to participate in HMIS evaluation.

Don Schwartz recommends that staff reopen the application process for the Funding and Evaluation Committee and solicit applications that can be received in time for the next Funding and Evaluation Committee meeting to develop recommendations to CoC Board Chair and Vice Chair for appointments to committee.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, Sasha Cohen, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Dot Iriks, Chessy Etheridge, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, Jackie Elward, Mark Krug, Jack Ding, Dannielle Danforth

Noes: Dennis Pocekay

Abstain: None

Absent: Chris Course, Chris Keys, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnel

The motion passed.

- **Funding and Evaluation Competition Workgroup:**
Karissa White provided update on creation of workgroup and process.
- **Coordinated Entry Advisory (CEA) Committee:**
No update at this time

- **Homeless Information System (HMIS)/Data Committee:** Thai Hilton provided presentation on BFZ, By names list and information that is needed in HMIS where BNL will live.

Public Comment: Teddie Pierce

Una Glass moves to support staff's recommendation and add the listed data to the HMIS system as required and as works best in the HMIS system; Jack Ding seconds.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Dennis Pocekay, Jennielynn Holmes, Sasha Cohen, Margaret Sluyk, , Dot Iriks, Chessy Etheridge, Una Glass, Don Schwartz, Jackie Elward, Mark Krug, Jack Ding, Dannielle Danforth

Noes:

Abstain: Kathleen Pozzi

Absent: Chris Course, Chris Keys, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnel

Approved

- **Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board (LEAP):**

Rebekah Sammet provided update. One new members elected to LEAP Board, one member received scholarship to attended 2023 NAEH conference, appointed three members to CoC Competition Evaluation Workgroup.

Public Comment: none

- 13. April 20, 2023, CoC Quarterly Membership meeting: (04:19:17-04:21:44)** Action item to approve proposed agenda.

Don Schwartz motions to approve agenda; Una Glass seconds.

Public Comment: Alice Linn, Ludmilla Bade

Abstentions or objections: None

Approved

- 14. Review Agenda for Next CoC Board Meeting: (04:21:49-04:23:32)**

Dennis Pocekay went over April 2023 draft agenda.

Don Schwartz recommends Funding and Evaluation Committee capacity permitting weigh in on Measure O to come up with recommendations for board.

Public Comment: none at this time



15. Board Member Questions & Comments: (04:24:49-04:26:07)

Rebekah Sammet asked questions, for the emergency sleeping sites is their peer counseling or peer support /collaboration with West County Community Services to allow peer counseling on site or can this be something that can be added.

16. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: (04:26:17-04:30:20)

Anandamayi, Ludmilla Bade

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.