



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes (Draft)

May 25, 2022

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

Recording of Meeting: <https://youtu.be/vxGitmDUnMU>

Welcome and Roll Call (00:07:55 - 00:10:18)

- Tom Schwedhelm, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. He went over the agenda and clarified Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.
- Roll Call was taken:
 - *Present: Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health Center; Emily Quig as proxy for Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma; Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Supervisor; Margaret Sluyk, Reach for Home; Kathleen Pozzi, Community Member; Nora Mallonee-Brand, Sonoma County Behavioral Health (joined late); Chessy Etheridge, Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board (joined late); Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; John Moore, City of Cotati; Madolyn Agrimonti, City of Sonoma; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg*
 - *Absent: Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Chris Keys, Redwood Gospel Mission; Una Glass, City of Sebastopol; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth*

A quorum was present.

1. Agenda and Minutes Approval (00:10:19 - 00:17:31)

Don Schwartz requested an agenda item on ESG-CV funding be added to the agenda after item 7 and clarification that item 7 is an action item and should be voted on by board.

Publiccomment:

None at this time.

Dennis Pocekay moved to approve the meeting's agenda with the two agenda adjustments, as well as the minutes from the April 27, 2022, CoC Board Meeting; Madolyn Agrimonti seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Emily Quig, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Chris Keys, Una Glass, Lisa Fatu

The motion passed.

Kathleen Pozzi moved to approve the consent calendar, as well as the minutes from the 4/27/22 CoC Board Meeting; John Moore seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Emily Quig, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: Emily Quig on the Rohnert Park item on the agenda, Don Schwartz on the Rohnert Park Homekey agenda item

Absent: Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Chris Keys, Una Glass, Lisa Fatu

The motion passed.

2. Report from Lead Agency Staff (00:17:32 – 00:33:19)

Michael Gause reported on the recent Point in Time Count.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg

3. Word from the Street (00:33:20 - 00:45:44)

Chessy Etheridge spoke on the relationship between animals and their homeless owners and the challenges they face. She shared information about *Ruthless Kindness*, a non-profit organization that offers mobile clinics providing veterinary services to unsheltered residents. Tom Schwedhelm encouraged Chessy to provide more information to CDC staff for distribution.

Public Comment:

Victoria Yanez

4. Standing Committee Reports (00:45:45 – 01:56:59)

- Funding and Evaluation Committee: Chair Tom Schwedhelm reported only a few applications were received during the brief period where people could apply. He and Vice-Chair Jennielynn Holmes suggested the application period be reopened until June 7 to allow additional members to submit their applications to the CDC staff to join the committee.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg

Dennis Pocekay moved to reopen the application period through June 7; Madolyn Agrimonti seconded the motion. Friendly amendment by Ben Leroi to request legal advice regarding membership of service providers, which was not supported by Dennis Pocekay or Madolyn Agrimonti.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Emily Quig, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cheyenne McConnell, Chris Keys, Una Glass, Lisa Fatu

The motion passed.

- Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee: Thai Hilton reported the Committee met last week to address concerns by the providers. HomeFirst will present an initial draft of the new policies and procedures at the June Board Meeting.
- Strategic Planning Committee: Tom Schwedhelm reported they are working with Homebase to complete Phase 1. He also provided updates on the other work groups.
- Homeless Management Information System/Data Committee: Committee Chair Heather Sweet provided an update. Went over proposal and requested action item; The HMIS Lead Agency Evaluation Plan.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Don Schwartz moved to approve the report as submitted and ask the Committee to take back the idea about public communications as a role with the intent of adding something to the plan that addresses that and then bring any proposed amendments back to the Board; John Moore seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Emily Quig, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cheyenne McConnell, Chris Keys, Una Glass, Lisa Fatu

The motion passed.

- CoC Competition Evaluation Committee: Karissa White provided a brief update on site visits; they will meet on June 8 to finalize the renewal project scoring.
- Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board: Andrew Akufo provided an update.
- Youth Action Board: Thai Hilton reported that he and Araceli Rivera met with a group of TAY who are interested in forming a Youth Action Board.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg

Jasmine Palmer

5. Break (01:57:00 – 02:06:30)

6. California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) and CalAIM's Interaction with Homelessness Services and Care (02:08:41 – 03:09:32)

Lynn Scuri and Danielle Biasotti with Partnership Health Plan shared a presentation that was well received by the Board. They will provide copies of the slides.

Public Comment:

Kelli Kukendall

Victoria Yanez

Sasha Cohen

7. KPMG's Report on Homelessness Services Organizational Recommendations (03:09:33 – 03:57:10)

Christel Querijero, Sonoma County Deputy County Administrator, gave a presentation on the County staff's recommendation for the organizational placement of the County's homelessness services.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg

Victoria Yanez

Tom Schwedhelm offered to compile any comments from the CoC Board to give to the Board of Supervisors.

John Moore moved to follow the staff's recommendation; Kathleen Pozzi seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Emily Quig, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Kathleen Pozzi, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Chessy Etheridge, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cheyenne McConnell, Chris Keys, Una Glass, Lisa Fatu

The motion passed

8. ESG-CV Funding (03:57:11 – 04:12:51)

Don Schwartz reported on conversations he had with people in Petaluma and Rohnert Park that people who have been placed into permanent housing with vouchers are at risk or have fallen out of the placements because of the lack of supportive services. He would like information from providers on what is really happening on the ground.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg

Matt Verscheure

9. Review Agenda for June 22 CoC Board Meeting (04:13:01 – 04:16:40)

Don Schwartz suggested adding CALAim's potential to use for housing navigation deposits and what are the providers' capacity to leverage this funding source/services.

Public Comment:

Victoria Yanez

10. Board Member Questions and Comments (04:16:41 – 04:18:12)

Kathleen Pozzi has questions about Governor Newsome's proposed CARE courts. She will have an off-line conversation with Tom Schwedhelm.

11. Public Comments on Non-Agendized Items (04:18:13 – 04:29:39)

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg

Michael Titone
Victoria Yanez

Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.