



**Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Continuation of Recessed March 24, 2021 Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2021

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

[Recording of Continued Meeting](#)

1. Continuation of Recessed Meeting:

The Continuum of Care Board held the Continuation of the Recessed March 24, 2021, regular meeting session on April 7, 2021.

- Jennielynn Holmes, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Jennielynn Holmes went over the agenda, clarified Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.
- Roll Call was taken:
 - *Present: Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Kevin McDonnell, City of Petaluma; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Chuck Fernandez, Committee on the Shelterless; Margaret Sluyk, Reach For Home; Ludmilla Bade, Community Member; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; Jed Heibel, proxy for Ben Leroy, Santa Rosa Community Health; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth; Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services; Bill Carter, Sonoma County Health Services; Alena Wall, Kaiser Permanente*
 - *Absent: Supervisor Chris Coursey; Kitchi Maron, Community Member*

Matt White, Housing and Urban Development Technical Assistant provided an update on the understanding of the recusal policy. Matt White clarified that board members may not participate in or influence conversations or resulting decisions on the award of grant. If the organization is receiving funding or benefit, board member may not participate in discussion or vote. The board requested clarification on the County's role and potential need for recusal because the County receives funding that may need a recusal. Staff will attempt to have a response by the next board meeting.

Board Comment

Kevin McDonnell: requested an update on other ways to recover quorum post recusals.

Don Schwartz: question for HUD: can recused members answer questions from board members?

HUD recommends that non-board members are present at discussions to answer questions or add in information.

2. Agenda Approval

Ludmilla Bade motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes: move item 3 to item 6 and add Word from the Street update after staff report; Don Schwartz seconded.

Public Comment

Teddie Pierce

Ayes: Jed Heibel, Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Kevin McDonnell, Chuck Fernandez, Bill Carter, Margaret Sluyk, Ludmilla Bade, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Lisa Fatu, Angela Struckmann, Alena Wall

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kitchi Maron, Chris Coursey

The motion passed.

3. Revised Funding Priorities

Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Program Manager for the Community Development Commission, presented on the funding scenarios to achieve flat funding for homeless service providers in the fiscal year 2021-2022. These scenarios include the addition of ESG CV-2 Funds. Approval of the funding priorities scenario A would mean no reduction in projects; Scenario B flat funding but reduced funds for coordinated entry providers. It is staff recommendation to approve a funding scenario today. Kevin McDonnell was voted temporary chair.

- *Necessary Recusals: Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; Chuck Fernandez, Committee on the Shelterless; Margaret Sluyk, Reach For Home; Jed Heibel, proxy for Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth; Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services; Bill Carter, Sonoma County Health Services*
- *Names pulled to be brought back: Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth; Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services*

Board Comment

Alena Wall: Asked for further clarification on Scenario A vs B specific to their impact to the Interfaith Shelter Network's program.

Lisa Fatu: Is the interest going to be in addition to Scenario A & B?

Don Schwartz: Asked about Project Homekey funding, the Interdepartmental Multidisciplinary Team (IMDT)/ Homeless Encampment Access and Resource Team (HEART) funding, and the CDBG funding and availability. Recommended that the board pull \$1.6 million available in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding to use later for capital projects.

Tina Rivera will follow up with Don Schwartz about IMDT/HEART data indicating a need for a focus for street outreach with IMDT in unincorporated areas.

Conversation ensued about need for increased communication with the IMDT and HEART team.

Public Comment

Thomas Ells

Board Comment

Kevin McDonnell: Will Coordinated Entry system be impacted by the vote?

Ludmilla Bade: Is it possible to see flow charts of the system of care and the data system?

Don Schwartz motioned to approve the Scenario A with an amendment to remove 1.6 million of HHAP funding and fill in with CA ESG CV Funds; Tom Schwedhelm seconded.

Tom Schwedhelm: How would it impact the system of care?

Discussion ensued on variance request and the impact of the removal of HHAP funds.

Don Schwartz withdrew the motion.

Tom Schwedhelm motioned to approve Scenario A; Don Schwartz seconded.

Ayes, Tom Schwedhelm, Kevin McDonnell, Ludmilla Bade, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Lisa Fatu, Angela Struckmann, Alena Wall

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Recused: Jed Heibel, Jennielynn Holmes, Chuck Fernandez, Bill Carter, Margaret Sluyk

Absent: Kitchi Maron, Chris Coursey

The motion passed.

Staff Report

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator, provided an update of committee status: 8 applications have been received for the HMIS Data Committee and 19 have been received for the Strategic Planning and Charter Review Committee. The Continuum of Care Evaluation Ad-hoc committee meeting will be on April 20th; the scoring will be presented to the board at the April 28th board meeting.

Kitchi Maron has stepped down from the board due to a scheduling conflict. Board members are welcome to provide *Transitional Aged Youth with Lived Experience* nominations during the next board meeting.

Ludmilla Bade provided an update on the local needs and encampment sweeps.

Public Comment was made by the following individuals:

Gregory Fearon

Teddie Pierce

Nick Goyhenetche

Thai Hilton, Coordinated Entry Coordinator, gave an update on the Coordinated Entry System operator Letter of Intent process. The Request for Information has been posted and the deadline for questions is April 9th. The responses will be posted by April 13, 2021.

Board Comments:

Tom Schwedhelm: Has staff researched funding opportunity SB 823? Michael Gause will research.

Ludmilla Bade: Is there an Interim CDC Director update yet?

Jennielynn Holmes: Provided an update on Catholic Charities' partnership with Santa Rosa Community Health to provide the one-time Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccination to Sonoma County's most vulnerable population.

4. Public Comment:

None at this time.

5. Approval of Agenda for April 28, 2021 meeting

Board Comments:

Ludmilla Bade: proposed to include an update on Redwood Alliance Congregate Shelter closing and would like to see a community roundtable to address encampment sweeps.

Don Schwartz: Would like to see the letter intent as an action item. In addition, he would like to provide input for the upcoming CoC Quarterly Membership meeting as well as reassess the CoC's Membership requirements.

6. Public Comment was made by the following individuals:

Teddie Pierce
Nick Goyhenetche
Gregory Fearon
Heather SCAOK

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.