



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2022
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

Recording of Meeting: <https://youtu.be/SVoAxup8Hlg>

Welcome and Roll Call (00:05:51 - 00:07:51)

- Tom Schwedhelm, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 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; 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; Chris Keys, Redwood Gospel Mission; Kathleen Pozzi, Community Member; Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Sonoma County Behavioral Health; Chessy Etheridge, Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board; Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass, 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: None*

A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Agenda (00:07:52 – 00:19:17)

Don Schwartz requested Item #3, Housing Voucher Information, be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion later in the meeting.

Public comment: None at this time.

Don Schwartz moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the suggested removal of Item #3; seconded by Dennis Pocekay.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022, CoC Board Meeting (00:19:18 – 00:20:36)

Mark Krug moved to approve the Minutes as submitted; seconded by Jan Cobaleda-Kegler.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, 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: Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass

Absent: None

The motion passed.

3. Approval of Consent Calendar (00:20:37 – 00:25:09)

After further discussion on Consent Calendar Item #3, it was decided to include a discussion on vouchers at the November 30, 2022, CoC Board Meeting.

Don Schwartz moved to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar; seconded by John Moore.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion passed.

4. CoC Board Elections Timeline (00:25:10 – 00:35:08)

Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator shared a presentation with details of the upcoming Continuum of Care Board Elections, which will take place during the Quarterly Membership Meeting on December 15, 2022, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None at this time.

5. Homeless Service Provider Group Update (00:35:09 – 00:46:54)

Margaret Sluyk reported the group will be meeting every other month going forward and will submit written feedback to Homebase when appropriate.

Public Comment: None at this time.

6. MOU Between CoC Board and Lead Agency (00:46:55 – 01:17:57)

Andrew Hening shared a presentation on the progress of the draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining the County of Sonoma's roles and responsibilities as Lead Agency for the CoC, which would come back to the Board for approval at the November 30, 2022, CoC Board Meeting. Feedback from Board members should be sent to Dave Kiff or Alea Tantarelli

Public Comment: Gerry La Londe-Berg, Teddie Pierce

7. Homeless Housing Advocacy & Prevention 4 (HHAP 4) (01:17:58 – 02:06:01)

Michael Gause shared a presentation on HHAP 4 for funding that will begin in July 2023, and responded to questions from the Board.

Public Comment: Teddie Pierce

Don Schwartz moved the documents be referred to the Funding and Evaluation Committee to review, amend, and approve as they see fit before forwarding to the State before the November 30, 2022, deadline; seconded by Dennis Pocekay.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, 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: Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass

The motion passed.

8. Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) and/or Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) Funding Request (02:06:02 – 02:35:11)

Veronica Ortiz-De Ana, Community Development Associate, shared a presentation that provided background information, the role of the CDC, changes in program administration, and funding recommendation of \$75,000 for Homeless Action Sonoma that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in January, 2023. Veronica and Rhonda Coffman, Community Development Assistant Manager, answered questions from the Board.

Public Comment: Gerry La Londe-Berg

Dennis Pocekay moved to support the proposed funding; seconded by Kathleen Pozzi.

Ayes: Ben Leroi, Jennielynn Holmes, 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: Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass

The motion passed.

9. Word from the Street (02:35:12 – 04:41:00)

Chessy Etheridge shared information on the Samaritan Program that was initiated in Seattle, Washington, that is a support platform that encourages and empowers homeless individuals with a cash incentive program funded by the community for gaining ground towards becoming independent and housed.

Public Comment: Gerry La Londe-Berg

10. 10-Minute Break (02:41:01 – 02:50:38)

Meeting resumed; a quorum was present.

11. CoC Strategic Planning Presentation by Homebase (02:52:03 – 04:09:54)

Lauren Larin with Homebase shared a presentation on the emerging goals, strategies, and actions for the Strategic Plan and requested written feedback from the members before the special joint meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on November 18, 2022, with the CoC Board, Strategic Planning Committee, and the LEAP Board. The CoC Board will be asked to adopt the final plan at the November 30, 2022, regular meeting; the Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve the final Strategic Plan on December 13, 2022.

Public Comment: Christel Querijero, Gerry La Londe-Berg, Teddie Pierce, Ludmilla Bade

12. Reports from Standing Committees: (04:09:55 – 04:23:04)

- **Funding and Evaluation Committee:** Teddie Pierce reported that Dennis Pocekay has been elected as Vice Chair; they will not be electing a Secretary as Andrew Hening is filling that role. An orientation on system level data sets was provided to Committee members at their last meeting. They are looking into using a new report card system that is being used on the East Coast that incorporates both compliance and impact information, as well as how good are programs performing and what might help them perform a little better.
- **Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee:** Thai Hilton shared a presentation on the proposed updates to coordinated entry policies and procedures.

Public Comment: None at this time.

John Moore moved to adopt the updated policies and procedures; seconded by Chessy Etheridge.

Ayes: Jennielynn Holmes, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Margaret Sluyk, Chris Keys, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Chessy Etheridge, Cheyenne McConnell, Don Schwartz, John Moore, Mark Krug, Stephen Sotomayor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ben Leroi, Kathleen Pozzi, Diana Rich as proxy for Una Glass, Madolyn Agrimonti, Stephen Sotomayor

The motion passed.

- **Strategic Planning Committee:** Tom Schwedhelm reported they are moving forward with finalizing the Strategic Plan.
- **HMIS Data Committee:** Daniel Overbury-Howland reported they did not meet in October but worked on reviewing a new release of information that is intended to combine coordinated entry and HMIS.
- **Lived Experience and Advisory and Planning (LEAP) Board:** Chessy Etheridge reported they finalized their Charter and currently have 2 vacant Board member seats.
- **Youth Action Board:** Michael Gause reported they are reconvening a homeless youth task force at VOICES in person next week with the hope it will morph into a Youth Action Board. Tom Bieri has volunteered to help administer the stipends.

Public Comment: None at this time.

10. Review Agenda for November CoC Board Meeting (04:23:05 – 04:24:59)

The draft agenda for the November 30, 2022, was reviewed. Chris Coursey suggested moving the Strategic Plan discussion towards the end of the agenda.

Public Comment: None at this time.

11. Board Member Questions and Comments (04:25:00 – 04:26:36)

Don Schwartz shared details about the ribbon cutting ceremony on October 24 at the Labath Landing Project in Rohnert Park and thanked Dave Kiff for his contributions and the CoC Board for their support.

Public Comment: None at this time.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items (04:26:37 – 04:31:35)

Public Comment: Ludmilla Bade

Meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.