



## Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time – Meeting held by Zoom

### Welcome and Introductions (00:05:17-00:07:49)

- Ben Leroi, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ben went over the agenda and clarified Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines.
- Roll Call was taken:
  - *Present: Supervisor Chris Coursey; Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa; Ben Leroi, Santa Rosa Community Health; Dennis Pocekay, City of Petaluma; Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, Committee on the Shelterless; Nora Mallonee-Brand, County of Sonoma Safety Net; Margaret Sluyk, Reach for Home; Ludmilla Bade, Lived Experience Representative; Cheyenne McConnell, Youth Community Member; Alena Wall, Kaiser Permanente; Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park; Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg Services; Lisa Fatu, Social Advocates for Youth*
  - *Absent: Angela Struckmann, Sonoma County Human Services; Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (arrived at approximately 2:20 p.m.)*

### 1. Agenda and Minutes Approval (00:07:50-00:10:54)

Tom Schwedhelm requested that the topic of Warming Centers be added as an emergency item to the agenda.

Publiccomment:

None at this time.

***Tom Schwedhelm motioned to approve the consent calendar with the addition of the Warming Centers emergency item and approve the minutes from 1/26/22; Lisa Fatu seconded.***

*Ayes: Ben Leroi, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Margaret Sluyk, Ludmilla Bade (agenda only), Cheyenne McDonnell, Alena Wall, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor, Lisa Fatu*

*Noes: None*

*Abstain: Ludmilla Bade (minutes only) because she was not present at that meeting*

*Absent: Angela Struckmann, Jennielynn Holmes*

**The motion passed.**

### 2. State ESG-CV Expenditure Update and Revised Action (00:10:55-00:46:)

**Board members that voluntarily recused themselves:**

Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez  
Lisa Fatu  
Margaret Sluyk  
Ben Leroi

Don Schwartz volunteered to be Acting Chair.

Interim Executive Director Dave Kiff reported the Sebastopol Safe Parking Project, which was allocated \$368,000, is now providing care for people and safer accommodations. Because safe parking is likely not an eligible ESG-CV expense but street outreach is, the SAV project is being moved to a project funded by the County's Safe Parking Program, which will require an action by the Board of Supervisors. The requirement that CoC State ESC-CV funds be fully obligated and spent by 7/31/2022 has been extended to at least 9/30/2022. CDC on behalf of CoC submitted waiver to request that additional flexibility be granted to 9/30/2022, request was authorized. Director Kiff proposed reallocating County Safe Parking Funds from George's Hideaway to the SAVS project and reallocating residual County HHAP-2 funds to the George's Hideaway Project, which would result in \$368,000 going back to the CoC's ESG-CV committee for reallocation to either provide more support for Rapid Rehousing programs or the WCCS' West County Navigation Center. The ESG-CV Committee would report back at the March 2022 meeting.

Public comment:

None at this time.

Tom Schwedhelm made a motion that the ESG-CV Committee be reconvened to consider the possible uses for the ESG-CV funds returned by the re-programming of the SAV project, and the Committee be empowered to act on the Board's behalf in directing staff to allocate the funds according to the Committee's recommendation and resulting contract amendments and that the actions taken be reported to the CoC Board as an information update item at the March meeting. Dennis Pocekay seconded the motion. Don Schwartz offered a friendly amendment that the Board delegate the responsibility to the ESG-CV Committee to reallocate any ESG-CV funds that become available before the expenditure deadline if there's not time to come to the CoC Board for the Board's full consideration. Dennis Pocekay agreed with the amendment.

*Ayes: Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Ludmilla Bade; Cheyenne McDonnell, Alena Wall, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor*

*Noes: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Angela Struckmann, Jennielynn Holmes*

**The motion passed. Recused members were brought back into the meeting.**

**3. CoC Board Lived Experience Seat Election Process (00:46:28-01:21:35)**

Andrew Akufo and Rebekah Sammet reported that the LEAP Board is fully functioning and made up of 14 members that were elected at their January 24, 2022, meeting. Leadership was established at their meeting on February 7, 2022. The majority of members voted to start with just people who have

lived experience and do not work for service providers. The Board is in the process of defining its priorities and developing its charter.

Public Comment:

Alice Linn  
Leona Judson

Nora Mallonee-Brand moved to allow the Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board to appoint the Lived Experience seat for all ages at the February 25<sup>th</sup> LEAP election; seconded by Supervisor Coursey.

*Ayes: Ben Leroi, Tom Schwedhelm, Dennis Pocekay, Chris Coursey, Ouida Cooper-Rodriguez, Nora Mallonee-Brand, Margaret Sluyk, Cheyenne McDonnell, Alena Wall, Lisa Fatu*  
*Noes: Ludmilla Bade, Don Schwartz, Stephen Sotomayor*  
*Abstain: Jennielynn Holmes (just joined the meeting)*  
*Absent: Angela Struckmann*

**The motion passed.**

**4. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (01:21:36-02:10:23)**

Rhonda Coffman, Community Development Assistant Manager, and Julie Garen, Program Specialist with the Santa Rosa Housing and Community Services Department, provided a joint presentation summarizing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (FY2021-2022). This is the beginning of the consultation process with the CoC Board and members of the public to identify needs, challenges, and gaps in resources for the qualifying populations.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg

**5. 5 Minute Break (02:10:24-02:14:57)**

**6. Word from the Street (02:14:58-02:33:08)**

Ludmilla Bade shared her experiences from her recent visit to the SAV Village.

Public Comment:

Tobias Weare  
Madolyn Agrimonti  
Gerry La Londe-Berg

**7. Inclement Weather Response (Warming Centers) (02:33:09-02:52:24)**

Tom Schwedhelm suggested a work group of the Strategic Planning Committee to begin discussions and bring in other stakeholders to explore options for a coordinated response across jurisdictions. No formal motion was made on this item. It was confirmed the Coordinated System of Care Workgroup would take on this item and would bring in other stakeholders to explore options for a coordinated response across jurisdictions.

Public Comment:

Gerry La Londe-Berg  
Alice Linn

#### 8. **Standing Committee Reports (02:52:25–03:31:05)**

- a) **Strategic Planning Committee:** Stephen Sotomayor reported they are continuing to work with HomeBase on the HHAP-3 funding and overall strategic plan.
- b) **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)/Data Committee:** Daniel Overbury-Howland shared a presentation on FY21 System Performance Measures and responded to questions from Board members.
- c) **Youth Action Board:** Michael Gause welcomed new CDC staff member Araceli Rivera and reported that they will be mirroring the LEAP group to pursue a similar format in forming this Board with 7-9 young people. The goal is to have it up and running by May.

Public Comment:

Alice Linn

#### 9. **Staff Report (03:31:06–03:43:50)**

- Point in Time Count Update: Begins in less than 48 hours. Michael Gause thanked staff, providers, and outreach workers for stepping up. Approximately 70 teams have been formed with 5 maps still not assigned.
- Announcement of 2022 CoC Board Appointments: Karissa White shared a presentation of the confirmed appointments for the 2022 CoC Board that will commence on March 2, 2022.
- Staff is working to finalize the list of confirmed individual voters from the approved organizations, which Karissa will distribute and post on the website either Thursday evening or Friday morning.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

#### 10. **Review Agenda for March CoC Board Meeting (03:43:51–03:47:31)**

- CoC Board Chair & Vice-Chair Election
- CoC Membership Meeting Agenda Discussion & Approval
- Consultation as to Proposed FY 2022-23 CoC Budget

Don Schwartz requested funding calendars, discussion on committee structure and membership, and HMIS evaluation and possible demonstrations.

Jennielynn Holmes would like the presentation that HomeBase gave to the Strategic Planning Committee shared with the entire Board.

Ludmilla Bade asked if the new LEAP Board take over the **Word on the Street** agenda item going forward. She would be happy to be a guest speaker from time to time.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

#### 11. **Board Member Questions & Comments (03:47:32–03:55:31)**

Ludmilla Bade shared that it would be exceptionally cold tonight, and Thursday and Friday nights as well. She asked what was being done this week to spread information and asked that the links on the website be updated. She reported that 211 does not have any information on warming centers and asked who on the CoC Board is responsible for providing information to the 211 call center. Karissa asked Ludmilla to send her the location of the links that are not working. Ben Leroi and Michael Gause said it was up to each individual organization to update their own information with 211.

Public Comment:

Alice Linn

**12. Public Comments on Non-Agendized Items (03:55:32-03:56:45)**

Public Comment:

John Moore

Director Kiff thanked Ben Leroi and Jennielynn Holmes for their hard work the past year being co-chairs on behalf of the lead agency staff.

*Meeting Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.*