



Contra Costa Council on Homelessness Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, June 4, 2020
1 pm – 3 pm
By videoconference

Council Member Attendance: Candace Collier, Dan Sawislak, Deanne Pearn, Doug Leich, Leslie Gleason, Manjit Sappal, Sherry Lynn Peralta, Lindy Lavender, Patrice Guillory, Shawn Ray, Teri House, Tony Ucciferri, Alejandra Chamberlain, Manuel Arredondo,

Absent: Gabriel Lemus, Dan Peddycord, Tracy Pullar

Staff Attendance: Lakisha Langston, Jamie Klinger, Erica McWhorter, Jaime Jenett

Public Attendance: Maria Aliotti, Tamina Alon, Claude Battaglia, Miguel Becerra, Irma Bodden, Jazmin Caliman, Michael Callanan, Denise Clarke, Julie Clemens, Tamara Diaz, Karri Eggers, Shelby Ferguson, Andrea Foti, Rosa Elaine Garcia, George Fulmore, Nicole Green Carey Gregg, William Goodwin, Lily Harvey, Juno Hendrick Kimberly Jinnett, Nina Jorgensen, Theresa Karr, Jane King, Kimberly Krisch, Lauren Larin, Hector Malvido, Lynna Magnuson, Michelle Mankewich, Jonathan Marsh, Susannah Meyer, Lori Michele, Dawn Morrow, Mariana Moore, Maureen Nelson, , Leonard Ramirez, Jill Ray, Kim Ritchie, Nate Rose, Stephanie Sewell, Rosina Shipman, Barbara Simpson, Kathleen Sullivan, Mary Terjeson, Mark Walker, Tiffany Washington, Ané Watts, Amanda Wehrman, Scott Williams, Sandra Wohali, Christine Zavala, John Eckstrom

Time	Agenda Item	Presenters	Desired Outcome
1:01 PM	Introductions	Lindy Lavender, Chair	Call to order.
1:15 PM	Approve Minutes (ACTION ITEM)	Lindy Lavender, Chair	Review and adoption of minutes from the May 7, 2020 Council meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion • State of Motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To approve minutes from May 7th, 2020 CoH meeting. • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participants discussed which version of the minutes would be approved, as there was confusion about the most recent version. Due to this confusion, Deanne Pearn suggested to withdraw the motion and approve the minutes during the July 2nd, 2020 CoH meeting. • Procedural Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MOTION WITHDRAWN ○ Council will review the minutes and move to approve them during the July 2, 2020 CoH meeting. 			
1:20 PM	Recruitment of New COH Seats (ACTION ITEM)	Lindy Lavender, Chair	Discussion of recruitment for new COH seats. Possible action to select a nominating committee.
<p>Jaime Jenett stated that the Council is selecting a nominating committee to recruit members for two seats: Workforce Development Representative and Youth Representative. Jaime provided background on the</p>			

nominating committee and roles and responsibilities for potential members. The Council is looking to select three people to join the nominating committee. Alejandra Chamberlain, Candace Collier, and Doug Leich expressed interest in joining the committee.

- Motion
- State of Motion:
 - To create a nominating committee composed of Alejandra Chamberlain, Candace Collier, and Doug Leich.
- Discussion
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Leslie Gleason
 - Seconded by: Deanne Pearn
 - AYES: Manuel Arredondo, Alejandra Chamberlain, Candace Collier, Leslie Gleason, Patrice Guillory, Teri House, Lindy Lavender, Doug Leich, Deanne Pearn, Sherry Lynn Peralta, Tracy Pullar, Shawn Ray, Manjit Sappal, Dan Sawislak, Tony Ucciferri
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: None
 - ABSENT: Gabriel Lemus, Dan Peddycord
 - MOTION APPROVED

1:26 PM	CoC NOFA 2019 Review	Lauren Larin, Homebase	Review of HUD feedback and scoring results for 2019 CoC application
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Lauren Larin shared an overview of the 2019 CoC NOFA. Even though the CoC’s scores dropped in comparison to the previous year, Contra Costa consistently scored above the national median scores. The number of first time homeless in the CoC increased by 8.6%. There was a 105 bed-reduction in RRH in FY2019 in the CoC.

Discussion

- Leslie Gleason asked whether the reduction in RRH beds may have affected the score and if it could be a factor in the upcoming NOFA.
 - Lauren Larin stated that it is possible that it affected the score, since the feedback from HUD mentioned that there was no increase in RRH beds.
 - Amanda Wehrman explained that if there is a NOFA this year, it should be in alignment with previous NOFA competitions, and HUD may continue to emphasize RRH. However, it is possible that there may not be a 2020 competition.
 - Erica McWhorter stated that H3 is analyzing and strategizing around the issue of RRH bed-reduction.
- Doug Leich asked about the source of data for the increase in first time homelessness by 8.6%.
 - Amanda clarified that HUD usually uses a combination of PIT and System Performance Measures (SPM)s that were submitted by the CoC, and in this case the data is probably from SPMs.
- Jill Ray asked whether there has been an increase in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness for the first time during the last months, given the impact of COVID-19, and asked about the impact this may have on scores.
 - Erica McWhorter stated that this metric is one of HUD’s System Performance Metrics, but it is uncertain whether HUD might score this metric differently given the impact of COVID-19. Erica also

discussed shifts in their practices, which could affect metrics, such as whether shelters accept or do not accept new intakes.			
1:42 pm	CoC NOFA 2020 Renewal Scoring Tool	Lauren Larin, Homebase	Possible action to approve scoring tool for renewal projects for CoC NOFA.
<p>CoC/ESG subcommittee met on April 23rd, 2020 to review the NOFA scoring tool and members agreed to not make changes from previous year's competition, acknowledging limited capacity and time for H3 and providers in response to COVID-19. Additionally, participants in the subcommittee agreed that the tool worked well the previous year. There were only two minor wording changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion • State of Motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To approve CoC NOFA 2020 Renewal Scoring tool as submitted. • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doug Leich stated that he was in R&R panel last year and the tool seemed to work well. ○ Participants discussed issues around the alignment of outcomes of this tool with outcomes of the new project scoring tool, mentioning that RRH was dropped from the new project tool. ○ Leslie Gleason suggested waiting to vote on this item since the NOFA does not seem imminent and discussed the relative value of RRH. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amanda Wehrman provided additional context and clarification on why Homebase recommended moving forward with the vote. Amanda stated that making a motion on this will allow Homebase to start setting up the pre-NOFA work with H3 and providers, in case there is a competition. Additionally, the language allows for flexibility in case it needs to be modified. ▪ Leslie agreed with moving forward but suggested reassessing the tool if there is a NOFA competition this year. • Procedural Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion made by: Doug Leich ○ Seconded by: Tony Ucciferri ○ AYES: Manuel Arredondo, Alejandra Chamberlain, Candace Collier, Leslie Gleason, Patrice Guillory, Teri House, Lindy Lavender, Doug Leich, Deanne Pearn, Sherry Lynn Peralta, Tracy Pullar, Shawn Ray, Manjit Sappal, Dan Sawislak, Tony Ucciferri ○ NOES: None ○ ABSTAINS: None ○ ABSENT: Gabriel Lemus, Dan Peddycord ○ MOTION APPROVED 			
1:55 PM	Policy Recommendations	Erica McWhorter, H3	Discussion of proposed sign on letters to include HEROES Act with possible action to approve letter recommending support to the County Board of Supervisors and County Administrators offices.

Erica McWhorter provided background on the HEROES Act and proposed including a recommendation to support it in the letter to the County Board of Supervisors and County Administrators Office.

- Motion
- State of Motion:
 - To approve letter recommending support, changing the listed addressees to the Board of Supervisors, and with minor formatting changes.
- Discussion
 - Manuel Arredondo asked whether there were any counterarguments to the HEROES Act.
 - Erica McWhorter stated that one counterargument is that the CoC would receive the same funding as the previous year, which would not allow Contra Costa to receive more funding than the previous year.
 - Participants discussed other issues with the letter, such as the addressee of the letter and formatting issues.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Doug Leich
 - Seconded by: Leslie Gleason
 - AYES: Manuel Arredondo, Alejandra Chamberlain, Candace Collier, Leslie Gleason, Patrice Guillory, Teri House, Lindy Lavender, Doug Leich, Deanne Pearn, Sherry Lynn Peralta, Tracy Pullar, Shawn Ray, Manjit Sappal, Dan Sawislak, Tony Ucciferri
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: None
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2:08 PM	County Updates and Reminders	Jaime Jenett, H3	Informational updates related to COVID-19 response and other Council updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaime Jenett made an announcement on meeting logistics, stating that in the foreseeable future, all council and other public CoC meetings will be virtual. Jaime also mentioned the COVID-19 dashboard available online, which includes longitudinal data on COVID-19 cases, testing, and hotel use. https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/homeless-dashboard • Shelby Ferguson provided an update on the CORE outreach team response to COVID-19, which has provided the following resources: food support and distribution, health and sanitation, safety and survival supplies, training and education, encampment displacement supports, linkages to hotels, testing and connection to health/behavioral health services, and fire safety and risk mitigation. • Erica McWhorter provided an update on the utilization of different funding streams to respond to the impact of COVID-19. • Jaime Jenett provided updates on the cooling centers in Contra Costa County in response to heat waves and shelter-in-place guidelines. More information is available by calling (800)510-2020 or 925-229-8434. 			
2:41 PM	COH Member Check-In	Lindy Lavender, Chair	Roll call by Council members to share updates related to COVID-19 response.

- Teri House: Some jurisdictions (Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County) received additional allocation of CDBG-CV funding, most of which have been used for food security and rent payments assistance.
- Leslie Gleason: Trinity Center is now operating out of their new space. Their address is 1888 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA.
- Jill Ray: Health Dept has asked everyone to be tested. County sites are doing less invasive tests. Jill also encouraged everyone to respond to the U.S. Census and spread the word about it.

2:47 PM	New Programs/ Services	Jaime Jenett, H3	Informational updates on new programs and services available.
Jaime Jenett asked representatives of different agencies whether there were any new programs or services in response to COVID-19, but she has not received information about new ones. Jaime stated that she also requested success stories from providers, as well as information on new needs in response to COVID-19. Updates will be provided once she receives that information.			
2:48 PM	Technical Assistance Updates	Erica McWhorter, H3	H3 updates on TA efforts underway on behalf of community
Erica McWhorter provided an update about H3's technical assistance in two areas: system improvement and COVID-19 response.			
2:58	Public Comment	All	Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.
No public comments.			
2:59	Community Announcements	All	Standing Item.
No community announcements.			
3:00 PM	Pin It	All	Standing Item. Other future items of discussion and scheduling to be considered.
Next CoH meeting will take place virtually on July 2, 2020.			