

Contra Costa Interagency Council on Homelessness

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 9, 2015

Time: 8:30 AM – 10 AM

Location: 1350 Arnold Drive, Suite 202, Martinez

Attendance (Board Members): Doug Stewart, Stephan Peers, Megan Monahan, Valerie Sloven, Teri House, Joseph Villarreal, Kevin Corrigan, Brenda Kain

Absent: John Garth, Michael Pollard, Sean Connors, Janet Kennedy

Public Attendance: Julia Surges, Rachel Birch, Doug Leech, Lindy Lavender, Dr. Joe Mega, Tim O'Keefe, Araceli Garcia, Josh Jacobs, Sophia Lai

1. Introduction

- a. Call to order by Teri House

2. Public Comment

3. Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Update

- a. Contra Costa Health Services received a 2015 Medical Respite Award for Excellence from the National Health Care for the Homeless Council
 - i. Alvin Silva will accept the award at the National Health Care Conference
 - ii. This is a significant accomplishment since there are 70 respite centers in the country
 - iii. HCH will issue a press release after the conference
- b. Dr. Joe Mega will be replacing Dr. Nishant Shah as the new medical director
 - i. Dr. Mega has a background in public health from Baltimore City and completed his residency in a family practice in Martinez
- c. HCH is attempting to expand education efforts, in partnership with other agencies
 - i. They would like to offer dental, yoga, mindfulness, literacy, healthcare education training.
- d. The next consumer advisory board meeting will be held at Trinity Center in Walnut Creek at 12:00pm on April 16th

4. Zero: 2016 Update

- a. Last week the mayor's conference heard presentations on economic programs
 - i. During the meeting, they heard a report on the 2015 preliminary PIT Count numbers

- ii. Support is growing among the mayors, as 5-6 have already signed on supporting the program. Additional support is anticipated

5. Point in Time Count Update

- a. Dana Ewing with Homeless Program has been developing maps from Homeless Outreach's entry system and from Anka's paper survey results
- b. The maps will be presented at the CCICH General Membership Meeting along with a report on the changed methodology and key findings

6. Committee Reports

a. CoC Governance Charter Ad Hoc Update

- i. The committee held their first meeting where it was decided that the governance charter and by-laws would be two separate documents
- ii. The committee suggested that we change the Affordable Housing Developer seat to a Homeless Housing Provider Seat

b. Coordinated Assessment Committee Update

- i. The goal of the coordinated entry system is to move away from a “first come first serve” model. To accomplish this, programs have to administer the VI-SPDAT to clients currently on their waitlists. The committee came up with the following timeline for providers to assess their clients:
 - 1. April 1st – Shelters
 - 2. April 15th – Site-Based Transitional Housing
 - 3. May 1st – Scattered Site Transitional Housing; Outreach Teams; MSCs
- ii. Currently, only the VI-SPDAT is available in HMIS, so Family VI-SPDATs will need to continue to be on paper. Bowman is going to add the Family VI-SPDAT soon. In the interim, we will explore adding a field to HMIS to enter Family VI-SPDAT scores. Additionally, OrgCode is developing a Youth VI-SPDAT to be released later this year.
- iii. HUD is now using the term “coordinated entry process” instead of “centralized or coordinated assessment system” to avoid the implication that CoCs must centralize the assessment process, and emphasize that the process is easy for people to access, identifies and assesses their needs, and makes prioritization decisions based upon needs. The committee agreed to use the term “coordinated entry” moving forward, and will now be called the Coordinated Entry Committee.

c. Performance Measurement Committee Update

- i. The committee created a draft chart of performance measures for each program component
- ii. They also developed the following timeline:
 - 1. April – run data, analyze, clean
 - a. Prepared excel tables for Emergency shelters

2. Group will review and discuss how to extend to other program component types
 3. July – complete analysis for 3 years of data
 4. July-September – Program components meet each month to finalize measures
 5. September – finalize measures
- iii. The executive board and community members discussed the difficulties with tracking the “returns to homelessness” measurement
1. Currently being measured by those who reenter into HMIS as “homeless.” This is limited because it doesn’t account for people who reenter homelessness in other counties.
 2. Another way to follow up is for programs to track persons after they exit, but it is also difficult to get responses to surveys after a client has stopped services (providers est. a 20% response rate). Further, of those that do respond, 90% report stability because those clients that respond are more likely to maintain stable housing.

7. Concord Naval Weapons Station Update

- a. U.S. Navy intends to transfer 1,400 acres of CNWS to Concord as part of the Concord Reuse Project Area Plan. Concord invited experienced real estate development companies to submit development proposals for CNWS. Proposals must dedicate 25% of their total proposed units to affordable housing, a subset of which encompasses housing for the homeless. Three applicants have responded to the CNWS RFP:
- i. **SunCal:** Irvine, California-based real estate company
 1. 8+ decades of commercial development experience
 2. Among the largest real estate development companies in the United States
 - ii. **Lennar:** publicly traded Fortune 500 company based in Miami, Florida
 1. Second largest homebuilder in the United States
 2. The company has extensive experience with military base redevelopment in California
 3. Capital and financial background to finance these large-scale projects
 - iii. **Catellus:** privately held development company based in Oakland, CA
 1. 30 years of experience in commercial and residential development
 2. Background in transforming former military bases and industrial sites into thriving communities
 3. Subsidiary of Prologis, a global industrial real estate investment company headquartered in San Francisco, California

8. Behavioral Health Deputy Director

- a. Behavioral Health is hiring a new Behavioral Health Deputy Director and has asked the CCICH board to nominate a representative to participate in the selection process.
- b. The second round of interviews will take place on Friday, April 24, 2015. The interviews could take a full day, or between 9am-5pm. The interviews will be conducted in Martinez.
- c. Teri House has volunteered to be present during the interviews.

9. Closing Comments

- a. Stephen Peers announced that he will be sending a letter of resignation in order to focus his volunteer efforts on youth, but will continue to support the board
 - i. Stephan is working with Lavonna Martin, Homeless Program, and Amanda Stempson, HomeBase, to engage landlords around renting to homeless tenants through the County's Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs.