



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING MINUTES

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness provides a forum for communication and coordination about the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness, and for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in the County, educating the community on homeless issues, and advocating on federal, state, and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The Council provides advice and input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County. Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Council.

Date, Time: Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Location: ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94533

Council Member Attendance:

Present: Diane Aguinaga, Louise Bourassa, Tracy Cascio, Teri House (Vice Chair), Gary Kingsbury, Doug Leich, Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Dan Sawislak, Valerie Sloven

Absent: Alejandra Chamberlain, Brenda Kain, Joseph Villarreal

Staff Attendance: Jamie Jenett, Lavonna Martin, Dana Ewing, Contra Costa Health Services; Tara Ozes, Amanda Stempson, HomeBase

Public Attendance: Jennifer Baha, Donna Colombo, Kevin Corrigan, John Eckstrom, Thomas Fulton, Leslie Gleason, David Mason, Mariana Moore, Ricardo Rodriguez, Amanda Russell, Abryan Seabron, Nathalie Sterne

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Call to order by Gabriel Lemus, Chair

2. Approve Minutes from July 7th Meeting:

- Motion
 - Statement of Motion:
 - We move to adopt the minutes from the July 7th Council on Homelessness Meeting.
 - Discussion:
 - The Council reviewed the minutes from the July 7th Council meeting; HCH suggested some edits. The Council moved to approve as amended.
 - Procedural Record:



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- Motion made by Gabriel Lemus (Chair)
- Seconded by Teri House (Vice Chair)
- AYES: Diane Aguinaga, Louise Bourassa, Tracy Cascio, Teri House (Vice Chair), Gary Kingsbury, Doug Leich, Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Dan Sawislak, Valerie Sloven
- NOES: None
- ABSTAINS: None
- ABSENTS: Alejandra Chamberlain, Brenda Kain, Joseph Villarreal
- Motion Carried

3. Council on Homelessness Seat Changes & Vacancies

- Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager, provided an overview of the available seats on the Council and recruitment process.
 - The seats of Janet Kennedy, Community Member Seat #3, and Kevin Corrigan, Government Seat #1, are becoming available.
 - Other available seats: Behavioral Health Representative, Consumer/Consumer Advocate, Health Care Representative, and Philanthropy Representative.
 - To apply for these seats, please visit <http://cchealth.org/homeless/council/pdf/Board-Recruitment.pdf>

4. 2016 CoC Program Local Competition Priority Listing

- Amanda Stempson, HomeBase, gave an overview of the 2016 NOFA Competition Project Scoring Process, and presented the priority listing of the CoC Program projects as ranked by the Review & Rank Panel in the 2016 local competition for review and possible action to approve.
 - Review & Rank Process: A Review and Rank Panel of non-conflicted COH members convened on 8/23 to review and rank all renewal and new project applications; new and renewal projects are ranked on equal footing per HUD policy. Projects operational less than one year, and HMIS, were automatically placed at the bottom of Tier 1 after passing threshold review.
 - Results: SHELTER Inc. voluntarily reallocated two TH projects, resulting in elimination of TH from the list of CoC-funded projects. SHELTER Inc. instead applied for a new PSH project, Project Thrive, to serve 16 CH households.
 - Appeals: Rubicon's Project Independence appealed involuntary reallocation. Appeals Committee convened on 8/30 at 9:00 AM to hear appeal. The Appeals Panel chose to affirm the recommendation of the Review & Rank Panel.
- Motion
 - Statement of Motion:



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- We move to approve the designation of Kevin Corrigan as third member of the Appeals Committee.
- Discussion:
 - Council discussed the designation of Kevin Corrigan as Appeals Committee member in light of insufficient number of non-conflicted Council members.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by Dough Leich
 - Seconded by Diane Aguinaga
 - AYES: Diane Aguinaga, Louise Bourassa, Tracy Cascio, Teri House (Vice Chair), Gary Kingsbury, Doug Leich, Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Dan Sawislak, Valerie Sloven
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: None
 - ABSENTS: Alejandra Chamberlain, Brenda Kain, Joseph Villarreal
 - Motion Carried
- Motion
 - Statement of Motion:
 - We move to approve the 2016 CoC Program Local Competition Priority Listing.
 - Discussion:
 - Council discussed Rubicon's Project Independence reallocation, and the Scoring Tool's effect on project rankings in the 2016 Local Competition.
 - Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by Teri House (Vice Chair)
 - Seconded by Gabriel Lemus (Chair)
 - AYES: Diane Aguinaga, Tracy Cascio, Teri House (Vice Chair), Gary Kingsbury, Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Valerie Sloven
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: Louise Bourassa, Dough Leich, Dan Sawislak
 - ABSENTS: Alejandra Chamberlain, Brenda Kain, Joseph Villarreal
 - Motion Carried

5. CoC Written Standards for Order of Priority

- Amanda Stempson, HomeBase, presented an action for consideration to approve and formally adopt Orders of Priority listed in Notice CPD-16-11.
 - Looking for commitment by the Contra Costa CoC to incorporate the Orders of Priority into the written standards for Contra Costa's Coordinated Entry System once drafted.
 - Prioritizing two situations: PSH dedicated to Chronically Homeless (CH), and the other for PSH not dedicated or prioritized to CH; for



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those not dedicated, factors would include: Length of time homeless, severity of service needs for individuals and families, in line with VI-SPDAT, and others.

- Motion
 - Statement of Motion:
 - We move to approve and formally adopt the Orders of Priority listed in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, including a commitment by the Contra Costa CoC to incorporate the Orders of Priority into the written standards for Contra Costa's Coordinated Entry System once drafted.
 - Discussion:
 - The Council discussed what impact this might have on the CoC, and how this fits into Coordinated Entry.
 - Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by Teri House (Vice Chair)
 - Seconded by Doug Leich
 - AYES: Diane Aguinaga, Louise Bourassa, Tracy Cascio, Teri House (Vice Chair), Gary Kingsbury, Doug Leich, Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Dan Sawislak, Valerie Sloven
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: None
 - ABSENTS: Alejandra Chamberlain, Brenda Kain, Joseph Villarreal
 - Motion Carried

6. Health, Housing, and Homeless Services Division

- Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services, gave an update on addition of new Contra Costa Health Services Division for Health, Housing, & Homeless Services.
 - Focus on developing partnerships with Health and Mental Health departments, and moving out of Behavioral Health into this brand new division.
 - Lavonna Martin will be director of this new division, and there will be a new Chief of Homeless Services.
 - The Council is still the advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, and the division will still be Staff to the Council.

7. Committee Updates:

- Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager, provided an update on the Contra Costa Coordinated Entry Request for Proposals and the Moving On Program.
 - Coordinated Entry RFP:



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- The RFP was released June 29th, and applications were received August 3rd. The Review panel met in August to review and select projects; negotiations now underway with agencies, and results will be announced soon. Additional rounds of RFPs anticipated as additional funding is identified.
- No applications for a Housing Locator were received; discretion to reallocate dollars underspent in one area to build system as needed. Recommended that because no applications for Housing Locator were received that this funding be reallocated.
- CARE centers in East Contra Costa County are a priority for next round of funding, as no applicants submitted a proposal for that region.
- Moving On Program:
 - The Housing Authority of Contra Costa County (HACCC) met with Homeless Program and CCIH (as CoC/ESG representative) to discuss how to transition those not requiring intensive resources to the Housing Choice Voucher program.
 - HACCC changed administrative plan to make policy changes to set a formal process in place.
 - Pilot Program: A pilot is in development to figure out how to prioritize candidates; target is 50 vouchers over the next 6 months, available immediately. Providers should start considering who would be good candidates for Move On (most likely those who can transition in place), with emphasis on client choice.
 - After Care: Commitment on the providers' side for clients recommended for Move On, with a dedicated period of commitment of 6 months.

8. Zero: 2016 Update

- Jennifer Baha, Zero:2016 Coordinator for Homeless Services, provided an update regarding progress on the Zero:2016 campaign.
 - Chronic Homelessness: Contra Costa County is making progress – the numbers for June were 173, and 154 in July; the County is improving data accuracy.
 - Veterans: Witnessing a slow-down inflow from May – 21 newly homeless in May, 18 in June, and 12 in July. There is progress, but housing placement is static (13 in Permanent Housing in May, 13 in June, and 11 in July), and housing is challenging to find.
 - Continuation of Campaign: The national campaign is continuing into 2017, so our campaign will rebrand and extend as well. Pairing with cohorts and working with communities with similar challenges (large



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Veteran groups in a large community) to learn about potential best practices.

- Action Camp: Another camp with Santa Cruz and Sacramento Counties coming up; possible strategy to discuss – the VA and HA to streamline housing placement process and vouchers to get Veterans into housing quickly.
- Subcommittees:
 - Outreach and engagement – MFAC (education in the community - presentations with Rotary / Kiwanis club);
 - Housing Security Fund workgroup – creating fund to lower financial barriers to people getting into housing;
 - Data Committee – need a deep data dive to look at inflow, capturing numbers correctly and contextually.

9. Health Care for the Homeless / Consumer Advisory Board Update

- Linae Young, Health Care for the Homeless, provided an update on Health Care for the Homeless program developments.
 - Project Homeless Connect is providing services for women’s and primary health, dental health services assessments (with a dental hygienist doing cleanings), and Mental Health services.
 - New addition of a Medical Outreach team, primarily in the East County from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, going out with Project Hope to encampments.
 - Dr. Joseph Mega, a mental health professional, and a consumer liaison on the team; focus is on more responsibility to bring in opinions and making changes based on feedback.

10. MFAC Update

- Doug Leich gave an update on the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition.
 - MFAC is focused on advocacy to reduce and prevent poverty. It is now working on adding a working group on racial justice; racial injustice contributes significantly to poverty.
 - MFAC is organizing working groups from specific cities to work on advocacy issue particular to that city.
 - MFAC has succeeded in putting together a working group of Concord citizens/congregations focused on CNWS and the recent issues of tenants’ rights.
 - Six Catholic congregations united for justice to work on social justice issues the core of the new MFAC facilitated Concord group.

11. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities

- Amanda Stempson, HomeBase, gave updates on the Concord Naval Weapons Station and No Place Like Home Initiative.
 - Concord City Council Meetings:



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- On June 7th, a draft implementation schedule was put in place, with Navy transfers expected to begin by Q2/Q3 2017; also moving forward with Disposition and Development Agreement and CEQA evaluation. On July 12th, the City Council heard the Restated Agreement to Negotiation between LRA and Lennar, and formation of a new advisory committee (with criteria for representatives to be outlined)
- For Community Advisory Council Seats, deadline is September 23rd; will be reviewing applications and will make appointments in November. Only requirement so far is that applicant needs to be a Concord resident.
- No Place Like Home:
 - Tabled for time when more information available.

12. Nuts & Bolts

- November is Homeless Awareness month: Focus on getting media outlets to do focused awareness/campaign for that month. Board presentation (for the Chair to deliver) will be scheduled; staff to put together 2-3 minute presentation, and one more presentation later in the year.
- East Bay Stand Down: Alameda County Fairgrounds, September 15-18th. Service providers must sign up to attend, and should sign up Veteran clients ahead of time; Veterans can sign up at VA or at <http://www.eastbaystanddown.org/>
- Project Homeless Connect: Contra Costa County Fairgrounds in Antioch, Oct. 13th. Save the Date flyer posted here: <http://cchealth.org/homeless/council/pdf/PHC-11-flyer.pdf>
- California ESG Program: The California Legislature has allocated \$35 million of state budget for homeless services; first time the Legislature has given this much to community development. Modeled off of Federal ESG Program; focus on same type of activities – Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Prevention, Street Outreach, and HMIS. Around \$700k to Contra Costa spread out over 2 or 3 years, depending on admin entity feedback. Around 5% allocated for admin.
- Oct. 6 CDBG Consortium Kickoff: Surrounding 2020 funding, public services and homeless services, at 1:30 PM to 4 PM at Concord Senior Center.

13. Pin It



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- October Council meeting to be rescheduled in light of conflict with CDBG Consortium Kickoff meeting.