



## 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:** Thursday, November 7, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Location:** 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord, CA

**Council Member Attendance:** Bradley Lindblom, Deanne Pearn, Tracy Pillar, Manuel Arredondo, Leslie Gleason, Doug Leich (Chair), Manjit Sappal, Candace Collier, Gabriel Lemus, Tony Ucciferri, Lindy Lavender (Vice Chair), Lynn Peralta, Alejandra Chamberlain, Teri House

**Absent:** Dan Sawislak, Patrice Guillory

**Staff Attendance:** Erica McWhorter, Jaime Jenett, Jenny Robbins, Shelby Ferguson, Jose Villa, Justin Pennell, Lakisha Langston, Lisa McCann, Contra Costa Health Services (H3); Amanda Wehrman, HomeBase

**Public Attendance:** Carol Robinson, Kirsten Hougen, Jennifer Ostrander, John Eckstrom, Susan Padan, Peter Crowley, George Laing, Lamar Turner, Maya Iyyami, Karen Endish, Lenore McDonald, Carey Gregg, Camille Boone, Reggie Sironen, Blanca Brossa, Angeliqque McDade, Stephanie Stovall, Dominique Green, Fran Smith

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Public Comment

- A. Q: What is H3? A. Health, Housing, and Homeless Services
- B. Audience member expressed concerns about being able to hear. Jaime: looking into portable P.A. system for this room.

### 3. Approve Minutes (Action Item)

- A. Motion made by Lindy Lavender
- B. State of Motion:
  - A. We move to adopt the minutes from the October 3, 2019 Council on Homelessness Meeting

C. *Discussion*

- A. None.
- B. *The Council moved to approve.*

D. *Procedural Record:*

- *Motion made by Lindy Lavender*
- *Seconded by Deanne Pearn*
- *AYES: Manuel Arredondo, Doug Leich (Chair), Lindy Lavender (Vice Chair), Lynn Peralta, Leslie Gleason, Teri House, Deanne Pearn, Bradley Lindblom, Tony Ucciferri, Alejandra Chamberlain, Gabriel Lemus, Dan Sawislak, Patrice Guillory, Tracy Pullar, Manjit Sappal*
- *NOES: None.*
- *ABSTAINS: None*
- *ABSENT: Dan Sawislak, Patrice Guillory*
- *MOTION APPROVED*

**4. COH January Orientation (Action Item)**

A. Presented by Jaime Jenett

A. Possible action to approve a date for a Council on Homelessness orientation in January

- A. Tues Jan 21<sup>st</sup>- Morning Only: 7 council members
- B. Thursday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>: 7 members
- C. Monday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: 11 council members
- D. Tues Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: 6 members
- E. Wednesday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>: 8 members
- F. Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>: 10 members

B. Propose Monday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

B. Motion made by Tony Ucciferri

C. State of the Motion: To approve Monday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> as possible dates for the Council on Homelessness orientation.

D. *Discussion*

- A. *None*

E. *Procedural Record*

- *Motion made by Tony Ucciferri*
- *Seconded by Manuel Arredondo*
- *AYES: Bradley Lindblom, Deanne Pearn, Tracy Pillar, Manuel Arredondo, Leslie Gleason, Doug Leich (Chair), Manjit Sappal, Candace, Gabriel Lemus, Tony Ucciferri, Lindy Lavender (Vice Chair), Lynn Peralta, Alejandra Chamberlain, Teri House*
- *NOES: None.*
- *ABSTAINS: None*
- *ABSENT: Dan Sawislak, Patrice Guillory*
- *MOTION APPROVED*

## 5. Council on Homelessness Committee Updates (Action Item)

- A. Presented by Jaime Jenett
- B. CoH Nominating Committee recommendations for 3 seats
- C. Lindy Lavender: presented information on CoH Membership applications
  - A. Health Care representative seat
    - 1) 4 applicants
    - 2) Recommendation: Daniel Peddycord, Director of Public Health
  - B. Public Safety #2 Representative
    - 1) 2 applicants
    - 2) Recommended: Shawn Ray, Lt. in San Pablo Police Department
  - C. Reentry Services Representative
    - 1) 7 applicants
    - 2) Recommendation: Patrice Guillory, Reentry Network Manager, Healthright 360
  - D. *Deanne: What kinds of qualities was the committee looking for in applicants? Jaime Jenett: The application highlighted desire for people were able to affect policy in development and implementation. We want people who have capacity to do that. There were some supplemental questions. We're trying to get a supplemental application approved with questions such as; do you live or work in the county? Do you work in this field?*
  - E. *Doug: Needs to live or work in Contra Costa County or both preferably. The person needs to be in a position to be able to impact policy.*
- D. Motion made by Lindy Lavender
- E. State of Motion: Approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee of Daniel Peddycord, Director of Public Health for the Health Care Representative Seat, Shawn Ray, Lt. in San Pablo Police Department for the Public Safety #2 seat and Patrice Guillory Reentry Network Manager, Healthright 360 for the Reentry Services Provider Seat.
- F. *Procedural Record:*
  - *Motion made by Lindy Lavender*
  - *Seconded by Bradley Lindblom*
  - *AYES: Bradley Lindblom, Deanne Pearn, Tracy Pillar, Manuel Arredondo, Leslie Gleason, Doug Leich (Chair), Manjit Sappal, Candace, Gabriel Lemus, Tony Ucciferri, Lindy Lavender (Vice Chair), Lynn Peralta, Alejandra Chamberlain, Teri House*
  - *NOES: None*
  - *ABSTAIN: None*
  - *ABSENT: Dan Sawislak, Patrice Guillory*
  - *MOTION APPROVED*

## 6. Council on Homelessness Committee Updates (Action Item)

### A. Presented by Jaime Jenett, H3

#### 1) COH Committee Member Selection- Point in Time Count Committee

##### a. Members/Attendees: CoH Reps; RED Staff, Providers' Staff

- I. Manuel and Tracy, have volunteered from the CoH
- II. Will ask for volunteers from the community later for planning and will make sure have representation from across the county

##### b. Motion made by Leslie Gleason

##### c. State of Motion: To approve Manuel Arredondo and Tracy Pullar as the Point In Time Count Committee Members

##### d. Procedural Record:

- *Motion made by Leslie Gleason*
- *Seconded by Tony Ucciferri*
- *AYES: Bradley Lindblom, Deanne Pearn, Tracy Pillar, Manuel Arredondo, Leslie Gleason, Doug Leich (Chair), Manjit Sappal, Candace, Gabriel Lemus, Tony Ucciferri, Lindy Lavender (Vice Chair), Lynn Peralta, Alejandra Chamberlain, Teri House*
- *NOES: None*
- *ABSTAIN: None*
- *ABSENT: Dan Sawislak, Patrice Guillory*
- *MOTION APPROVED*

## 7. Legislative Platform Updates

### A. Transition Legislative Platform document to 2-year document

- 1) What we already have but have a single document for state and federal platforms
- 2) Workgroup was put together; included H3 and EHSD
- 3) Goal was to streamline what the document looks like
- 4) Health Services has approved this document on our behalf for the BoS

### B. From "policy positions" to "principles" (fundamental norms, rules, values meant to govern policy and objectives)

- 1) No longer long statements about each agency's views

### C. Remove contextual statements (italics)

### D. Prioritize advocacy needs

### E. Incorporate info about the County (demographics, mission, vision, values BoS)

### F. Appendices will include procedures and protocols for position development and expedited positions

- 1) We want to give elected officials guidance on what we want as a community

### G. 2019 platform will be incorporated by reference

### H. Workgroup will meet to review agency edits in 2 weeks

### I. Council members review document

### J. We are currently in mid-session

- K. Looking at approve this document next month
- L. Workgroup is expected to meet again in 2 weeks to review these principles
- M. Agencies are getting 5-8 bullet points in this document
- N. Possible action to approve or adopt system changes and recommendations
  - 1) Doug: when we went through this process before we were making changes to existing wording- is that still the case?
    - a) Erica: workgroup went through 10 different legislative platforms for review. Contra Costa was the only one that had two separate documents. There is room in this new document for more broad and general direction we want them to go towards
    - b) Lynn: the county is looking to streamline our document and make it more of an appendix. We are moving towards broader, all-encompassing principles.
    - c) Tony: wants to talk about affordable housing for individual and couple households. We need to define what affordable housing really means. Bullet points cover a wide range of things we face but affordable housing is not one of those
    - d) Doug: We can't build affordable housing that Extremely Low Income (<30% AMI) people can afford; we need more subsidized housing
    - e) Deanne: Perhaps affordable housing can be put in the bullet about vulnerable households
    - f) Teri: 0-30, 30-50% should be spelled out
    - g) Leslie: wants to recommend that these changes are happening in every place throughout the county
    - h) Teri: "High opportunity zones"
    - i) Deanne: Doesn't know what High Opportunity Zone means; there needs to be equity in where this housing is located; target in certain communities?

#### Legislative Principles

- A. Promote and Ensure adequate funding for homeless related services and housing.
- B. Promote the production and preservation of permanent supportive housing and the protection of those vulnerable households.
- C. Promote the diversity of availability and ensure equity in access to safe, stable, affordable housing and homelessness crisis response system.
- D. Limit and remove institutional barriers that contribute to homelessness and housing instability and discrimination.

#### Public Comments/Questions:

- 1) Q: What fundamental norms are there for people experiencing homelessness? Erica: There has not been set values on what these fundamental norms are yet.
- 2) Doug: The board is asking us for input on what those norms should be
- B. Is there an opportunity for community-based providers to contribute to this?
  - 1) Lynn: The CoH is probably the best place to provide that input.

- C. Erica: proposed a council workgroup or a special meeting to talk about these legislative principles and decide on wording. Has to be fewer than 7 members
- D. Teri: Are all departments getting these principles?
- 1) Erica: Yes, but Health Services gets one (there are multiple departments within health services)
- E. Gabriel: There will be a public meeting before the legislative changes go to the BoS
- F. Timeframe: changes need to be submitted before November 15<sup>th</sup>
- G. Deanne: can we do an electronic vote?
- 1) No, we cannot due to Brown Act/Sunshine laws
- H. Deanne: equity in equal distribution? Don't feel that is captured
- 1) Doug: Need a motion to agree on these principles today, or a motion to defer this to a work group
  - 2) Manuel: some of these principles sound more like mission statements rather than principles
  - 3) Erica: County lobbyists will take our principles to the state and federal representatives and will also be used on the local level when they are talking directly to the board of supervisors
  - 4) Motion made by Tony Ucciferri
  - 5) State of Motion:
    - a) We move to approve a work group to amend language around Area Median Income and Affordable Housing in the Legislative Principles
  - 6) *Procedural Record:*
    - *Motion made by Tony Ucciferri*
    - *Seconded by Deanne Pearn*
    - *MOTION WITHDRAWN by Tony Ucciferri*
    - *MOTION WITHDRAWAL seconded by Deane Pearn*
  - 7) Second Motion made by Tony Ucciferri
  - 8) State of Motion:
 

We move to approve a work group with Tony, Doug, Lindy, and Teri to amend language on legislative principles
  - 9) *Procedural Record:*
    - *Motion made by Tony Ucciferri*
    - *Seconded by Deanne Pearn*
    - *AYES: Bradley Lindblom, Deanne Pearn, Tracy Pillar, Manuel Arredondo, Leslie Gleason, Doug Leich (Chair), Lindy Lavender (Vice Chair), Manjit Sappal, Candace, Gabriel Lemus, Tony Ucciferri, Lynn Peralta, Alejandra Chamberlain, Teri House*
    - *NOES: None*
    - *ABSTAIN: None*
    - *ABSENT: Dan Sawislak, Patrice Guillory*
    - *MOTION APPROVED*

### **Homelessness Awareness month update**

- A. Presented by Jaime Jenett

- 1) Homelessness Awareness Month highlights
- 2) Toolkit
- 3) Forum in Martinez tonight
- 4) BoS Presentation- recognized outstanding Martinez community members, landlords, etc. Resident Empowerment Program from CCIH had a REP member speak to the BoS.
  - a. Reception
  - b. Presentation
  - c. Speaker
  - d. Award Presentation
- 5) Community Forums coming up
- 6) Annual Report Snapshot data
- 7) Thanksgiving Events
- 8) Talking Points for Homelessness
- 9) City Council Meetings
  - a. Antioch 11/12
  - b. Pittsburg 11/18
  - c. San Pablo 11/18
- 10) Legislator Meetings- TBD

### **System Report Out**

- B. Presented by Erica McWhorter and Jenny Robbins
  - 1) RRH Integration Report Out
    - a. Systems Map- Technical Assistance Collaborative helped us with that (TAC)
    - b. Coordinated Entry
      - I. RRH meeting
        - a) No decisions were made just a discussion
        - b) New policies that we could possibly implement
        - c) Will be meeting again in the next few months about RRH- prioritizing and operations of those programs
    - c. System Performance Measures
  - 2) HHAP Funding Coming Soon
    - a. Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program
    - b. Program Overview- Like HEAP funds; one-time block grant established in 2019-20 budget, provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges. Will be using 2019 Point in Time Count.
    - c. Eligible Applicants- 40 CoCs, 13 largest cities, with populations of 300,000 or more (as of Jan 2019), 58 counties
    - d. Funding Allocations- 190 million for CoCs, 275 Large Cities, 175 Counties
    - e. H3 will be applying for County and CoC; unsure if there will be two separate applications or not

- f. Timeline- received program guidance in October, Application Map and instructions published in November, Release of NOFA and Application dependent upon the release of 2019 point in time count, HHAP application due February 15<sup>th</sup>, Awards made by April 1<sup>st</sup>, HHAP funds must be contracted by May 2023, funds must be fully expended by June 2025

### **Community Announcements**

- B. Standing item. Community announcements

- C. US Census Jobs (Peter Crowley)

- 1) The US Census is looking for Contra Costa County residents for supervisory and non-supervisory jobs. To be eligible you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid social security number and be a US citizen. \$25-\$27.50 an hr. Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)
- 2) We need to hire 1800 people for the census
- 3) Goal to hire those who are currently or experience with homelessness to get a better count
- 4) Census applicant workshops across the county; loaves and fishes
- 5) There is a background check as it is a federal job
- 6) Anyone without a local address can list the local post office or a shelter or PO Box as their address
- 7) Any applicant who is homeless list unknown under language- that way we can identify where people experiencing homelessness are located
- 8) No cost to the applicant
- 9) Part time job; will be selecting first applicants in December and then again in April, and the biggest amount will be hired after that

- D. Consortium Applications (Teri House)

- 1) Applications due December 9<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Agencies that are nonprofits or 501c3 are eligible to apply
- 3) CDBG Antioch website is where information can be found

- E. National Alliance to End Homelessness

- 1) Conference will be held February 19-21, 2020
- 2) Will be at the Oakland Marriot
- 3) Sold out but you can register for the waitlist

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- A. Standing item. Other future items of discussion and scheduling to be considered.

- 1) Next council meeting will be Thursday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 1-3pm, Grizzly/Sequoia room, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord, CA (Permanent Location)