**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

Location: Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin

Monday, March 3, 2019

**PRESENT**

Adam Cheshire, San Joaquin County

Lakshmi Dhanvanthari, Health Plan of San Joaquin

Vecky Elliott, Tracy Community Connections

Edward Figueroa, St. Mary’s Dining Room

John Ledbetter, Lodi Committee on Homelessness

Bill Mendelson, Central Valley Low Income housing Corporation

Jon Mendelson, Ready to Work

Peter Ragsdale, Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin (Chair)

Tammy Shaff, Dignity Health

Amy Smith, San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services

Max Vargas, Office of Mayor Michael Tubbs

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00p. Peter provided several written resources for the Committee’s consideration. Peter discussed each document.

Jon proposed the first task of the Committee to be synthesizing the recent work already completed around a strategic plan, in part referencing the examples provided by Peter. That synthesis should attempt to meet the goals of each community in the CoC and determine which populations will be prioritized. Jon pointed out that CoC funding already focuses on the chronically homeless as defined by HUD.

Max highlighted the need for a long-term vision that has a clear measure of success.

Peter stated that a strategy centered around resources is lacking in San Joaquin County.

Edward discussed the need to affect political change as a means to increase resources, which led to a discussion about the role of the Resource Committee and how that interfaces and/or overlaps with the role of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Jon indicated that the Strategic Planning Committee holds the responsibility to set policy for the CoC.

Lakshmi defined success as developing a strategy that approaches solutions in manageable bites: one-year, three-year, five-year and ten-year.

John highlighted the need for solutions to unsheltered homelessness as a means to broaden and strengthen public support for the work of the CoC.

Bill asked what success looks like in serving the unsheltered population which resulted in discussion about the complexities of solutions focused on that population.

Peter volunteered to develop a list of priority populations for the group to review at a later date.

Vecky re-stated the need to develop goals which meet the need of each community and specifically Tracy, i.e. youth programs.

Jon pointed to the work of Team Stockton at the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Program as an example of how strategies flow from measures of success.

Tammy highlighted the need to ensure data is shared across all communities. The group discussed some of the barriers to data sharing.

Lakshmi discussed solutions to unsheltered homelessness as being part of an effort to decrease the visual impact of homelessness.

Max proposed the idea of the strategic plan trying to set the baseline for the entire County due to the regional nature of issues around homelessness.

Peter proposed that the group focus on the Bloomberg Harvard work as a framework for the discussion around priorities, in particular how resources can be brought to bear on issues of unsheltered homelessness.

Group discussed the need for representation from Manteca on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Group discussed the need for a gaps analysis, which may be something that both the Data and System Performance Committees can engage in.

Adam proposed the next meeting for April 10th to coincide with a visit from the HUD Technical Assistants from TDA, Inc.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07p.

***Next meeting of Strategic Planning Committee****:*

TBD