



General membership meeting

Feb. 28, 2019

9 a.m. at 509 W. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA 95202

Call to order

9:03 am

Introductions

Supervisor Kathy Miller acknowledged for her work in revitalizing the San Joaquin Continuum of Care through the San Joaquin County Homelessness Task Force.

Introductions made.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Discussion and Information Items

1. Debrief on Point in Time Count
 - a. Chair Jon Mendelson reported that more than 400 volunteers counted between 1,150 — 1,200 unsheltered homeless. Roughly an additional 1,000 homeless were staying in emergency shelters. San Joaquin County's preliminary rates of homelessness align with the overall state rate of homelessness of 0.3% of total population, compared to the rates of 0.9% and 1.5% of San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively. Homeless Management Information System Lead Agency Central Valley Low Income Housing Corp. is leading the data synthesis for the report. A local report with a narrative will be available by April. Final numbers will be submitted to Housing and Urban Development no later than April 30.
2. HMIS Working Group update
 - a. Homeless Management Information System Lead Agency Executive Director Bill Mendelson updated the members on the state's effort to compile statewide data on homelessness, especially in relationship to HEAP and CESH funding. Right now the focus is on creating a data warehouse where various CoCs contribute information.
3. Update on HEAP, CESH, COC and other Funding
 - a. Chair Jon Mendelson provided updates from County Administrator for Homeless Initiatives Adam Cheshire.
 - b. HEAP: the agreement with the state has been executed and the county is drafting agreements with subrecipients. Local projects funded by HEAP present at the meeting shared the details of their projects, including Ready to Work, the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin, the City of Lodi, and Community Medical Centers all reported on their planned projects. Lobbying efforts that include SJCoC are under way to push for a second round of HEAP funding.
 - c. CESH: the SJCoC priorities were accepted by the state and a local NOFA will be developed by the Administrative Entity in consultation with the SJCoC.

- d. Continuum of Care: SJCoC received approximately \$4.2 million in renewal project funding from the 2018 competitive CoC NOFA process. All renewal projects were funded; no new proposed projects were funded. The local ranking of proposed projects reflected the priorities established by the local CoC. The process for the 2019 competitive CoC NOFA will likely begin in April or May. Entities interested in applying for funding through the 2019 NOFA should look at the 2018 NOFA process to know what to expect.
 - e. Emergency Food and Shelter Program: Phase 36 local applications will be going out on March 11 and will be due 1 month later.
4. Report from the SJCoC Board of Directors
- a. Chair Jon Mendelson reported on the Jan. 9, 2019, meeting. Two actionable items were reported:
 - i. Approval of MOU with the San Joaquin County to act as the Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the SJCoC.
 - ii. Approval of MOU with Central Valley Low Income Housing Corp. to continue to act as the local HMIS Lead Agency.
5. Committee Updates – Committee chairs and/or conveners
- Participation in committees was sought by Chair Jon Mendelson prior to committee updates.
- a. Data Committee: Bill Mendelson was named chair. The committee worked on updates to the SJCoC HMIS Policies and Procedures; the CoC Board of Directors provided feedback, and the policies will continue to undergo revision prior to adoption. The policies and procedures are for whoever uses HMIS and to ensure eligibility for funding.
 - b. Coordinated Entry: Kay Rhustaller was named chair. The committee discussed the system currently in place, which is linked to CoC and ESG funded projects. The committee is reviewing written resources regarding best practices for Coordinated Entry.
 - c. Education and Membership: John Ledbetter is convening. Committee has not yet met.
 - d. Resource Development: Mike Kelley is convening. Committee has not yet met.
 - e. System Performance: Jon Mendelson was named chair. The committee discussed its scope and suggested an expansion of its scope. The committee is reviewing System-wide Performance Measures, setting local goals, and adding local Measures to the seven Measures mandated by Housing and Urban Development.
 - f. Strategic Planning: Peter Ragsdale will convene a meeting scheduled for March.
6. Bloomberg-Harvard City Leadership Initiative
- a. SJCoC members participated in a weeklong workshop sponsored by Bloomberg Philanthropies and Harvard University to focus on collaborating across boundaries to find solutions to homelessness. The group agreed that the SJCoC was the most appropriate “backbone agency” to coordinate a local response to homelessness in Stockton and San Joaquin County. Proposed goals from the workshop for the next five years are to build or underwrite 250 new units of permanent housing for the homeless, and build or underwrite 100 new beds of emergency shelter for the homeless.
7. Right to Shelter Bill
- a. An update was provided regarding state-level efforts to expand the funding of emergency shelter options.

Conferences and Trainings

1. HUD Region Summit on Youth and Rural Homelessness:

- b. Thursday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Go online to register.

Announcements

- c. Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin and San Joaquin County are laying the groundwork for a project to create 50 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless veterans.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.