

Board of Directors — Special Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Virtual meeting



Notice: This special meeting of the SJCoC Board of Directors is called in accordance with Section VIII, Part E of the SJCoC Charter by Chair Jon Mendelson to facilitate needed coordination and action regarding the COVID-19 public health crisis and other relevant business of the Board.

Location Notice: Because of guidance from public health officials, this meeting is being conducted virtually. Log-in information distributed to the SJCoC General Membership:

Call to Order

8 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Edward Figueroa, Matt Garber, Kate Hutchinson, Mike Kelly, Britton Kimball, John Ledbetter, Bill Mendelson, Randy Pinnelli, Peter Ragsdale, Jenn Rowell, Carrie Wright, Jon Mendelson

Absent: Adam Cheshire

Minutes

1. Minutes from 05-08-2020 meeting

Action: Approved as presented. Motion to approve by Bill Mendelson. Second by Mike Kelly. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment

1. Public Comment on issues that appear on the 05-22-20 agenda

No public comment was received.

Discussion, Information, and Action Items

1. Critical updates on efforts to obtain shelter/housing/services in response to COVID-19

Kayce Rayne provided an update on Project Roomkey, as she is helping coordinate some of that effort. After a discussion regarding policies and implementation of data collection, it was agreed that Kayce, the Chair, other key members of the HMIS Lead Agency, and other key members of the

Project Roomkey would speak offline to try and dial in on data quality and discharge planning activities.

Carrie Wright provided an update on where Stockton is in allocating CARES Act funds. The Consolidated Plan is being updated to allocate more of the funds that have not yet been allocated, including \$2 million of CDBG and \$1 million of ESG.

David Kwong and Ray Hoo provided an update on where the County is in allocating CARES Act funds. The County is working on a NOFA for CDBG and ESG funds.

Bill Mendelson gave an update about funding available from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. NOFAs went out through United Way and was distributed to CoC members. Allocations should be made and finalized some time next week.

2. Update on Strategic Plan

Update from most recent meeting of Strategic Planning Committee and timeline for approval by the Committee and SJCoC Board, and set meeting date to approve ASAP

The Board provided comments and input into the draft of the Strategic Plan on Homelessness that is set to be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Bill Mendelson made a minor comment on some typos. Bill also commented that when the Plan discusses Coordinated Entry, there seems to be an emphasis on a single point of intake, while the SJCoC has stressed “no wrong door” approach to Coordinated Entry, and approach that has been formally supported by the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County. I would hope that there would be some sort of coordination between what has happened in the past and what is suggested moving forward.

Britton Kimball made a comment regarding the Plan and its apparent understanding of the characteristics of the hard-to-serve homeless population. As someone who has lived in homeless camps himself, Britton said there is a big difference between the sheltered and unsheltered population — a common factor is drug use, and isn’t mentioned too strongly in the Plan. The Plan seems to have a lack of knowledge of homeless culture, and while the Strategic Plan will work for a larger percentage of sheltered population, many of the unsheltered are people who have never been housed or employed and have long history of drug and prison culture. I think the strategic plan has to include this. Lot of lived experience. They are not ready, and don’t want to abide by the rules. This needs to be talked about.

Mike Kelly agreed with Britton that he has also seen what Britton is talking about

Edward Figueroa commented that aspects of the Plan aren’t necessarily going to be the solution for everyone, but just like there’s a million reasons why people are homeless, there will need to be unique strategies. This helps put a plan in place, and start addressing the issue more holistically.

Jon Mendelson stated he would forward those Board comments to HomeBase and the Committee.

3. Update on timeline for local HHAP Notice of Funding Availability

Update from ad hoc committee on HHAP application process on establishing a NOFA to solicit local projects.

Carrie Wright provided an update. She recommended that the SJCoC review and approve the application and scoring criteria for the NOFA for HHAP, so the NOFA can be jointly pushed forward on July 14.

4. Review, Consider, and Approve report on Permanent Housing

Receive and consider for input and approval a report from the HMIS Lead Agency regarding permanent housing assistance provided from Dec. 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

Action: Approved the Report on Permanent Housing and Approved distribution to policy makers. Motion by Bill Mendelson. Second by Kate Hutchinson. Passed unanimously.

5. General Membership meetings to resume

Consider resuming General Membership meetings in July 2020 as part of phased resumption of in-person activities following COVID-19 restrictions

Action: SJCoC Board agrees that General Membership meetings should resume, and that the initial plan will call for remote meetings with the potential to have physical space if health conditions allow. Passed by unanimous consent.

Updates from SJCoC Committees

Additional Items and Updates

Board Comments

Adjournment

Bill. Britton. Unanimous.

Next meeting

TBD

Board Membership: Adam Cheshire, Edward Figueroa, Matt Garber, Kate Hutchinson, Sgt. Mike Kelly, Britton Kimball, John Ledbetter (vice chair), Bill Mendelson, Jon Mendelson (chair), Randy Pinnelli P.A. (secretary), Peter Ragsdale, Jennifer Rowell

Minutes: Randy Pinnelli and Adam Cheshire