

Board of Directors — Regular Meeting Minutes

Aug. 13, 2020

Virtual meeting



Notice: This regular meeting of the SJCoC Board of Directors was called in accordance with the SJCoC Charter.

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

Call to Order

11:00a

Roll Call

- Edward Figueroa
- Kate Hutchinson
- Mike Kelly
- Britton Kimball
- John Ledbetter
- Bill Mendelson
- Randy Pinnelli
- Peter Ragsdale
- Jennifer Rowell
- Jon Mendelson
- Carrie Wright

Absent: Adam Cheshire, Matt Garber

Minutes

July 9, 2020, minutes: Bill Mendelson moved/Carrie Wright second/Unanimous

Public Comment

None provided by the public

Discussion/Info/Action Items:

1. Formation of Ad Hoc Funding Advisory Group

SJCoC Chair put forward a proposal to the SJCoC Board to create an Ad Hoc Funding Advisory Group to help coordinate strategic spending decisions between various governments throughout the County, as per a suggestion of the San Joaquin Community Response to Homelessness strategic plan.

Questions/Discussion:

- Bill Mendelson: Would the committee bring suggestions to CoC Board? Recommended that the committee come to the SJCoC Board first for approval.
- Edward Figueroa: How is this different from the current Winter Shelter Committee? Per Jon: The Winter Shelter Committee is helping put shelter projects in a pipeline and prepare for upcoming applications and to help us know how to best provide technical assistance. The Ad Hoc committee would not take the place of the rating and raking committee needed to fairly score NoFAs, and it would provide strategic guidance to the Board of Supervisors, City Councils, etc.
- Carrie Wright: This was a recommendation stemming from a County Board of Supervisors meeting. Collaboration is wise, but we should look at other CoCs are going.
- Randy Pinnelli: Any Ad Hoc Committee will need clear guidelines and boundaries to stay on track.
- There was discussion about roles and responsibilities as it relates to multiple committees working on similar tasks--in particular the role of an ad hoc committee and the rating and ranking committee and the role of the CoC Board itself in recommending projects for funding.
- Peter Ragsdale asked if Homepage could provide guidance on this issue and Jon agreed to ask.
- **No action was taken**, and a committee was not formed. It was determined generally by the SJCoC Board that any strategic planning recommendations — including regarding focus for funding — should flow through the SJCoC Board, and that it is important for the SJCoC Board to retain this oversight and planning function if it is to effectively provide leadership for local officials.

2. Strategic Plan publicization efforts

Now that the strategic plan has been adopted the next step is to roll it out to cities for adoption. The plan will be presented to the City of Lodi on September 2.

Mike Kelly will help with Manteca and has been in contact with city staff already.

Jennifer will contact Rhodesia Ransom to find out how to get on the Tracy City Council Agenda.

Jon will provide support in advance to help move the plan forward.

3. Consider and Approve SJCoC Local Rank Tool for Renewal Projects for the FY2020 Continuum of Care Program Competition

The ranking tool was first considered by the SJCoC Board at its previous meeting and sent back to the System Performance and Evaluation Committee with comments to address unclear or duplicative questions. After a robust discussion at the Board and in the Committee, a potentially confusing question about housing performance measures was removed. It was decided to keep a question regarding Performance Measure 7 and to remove a question regarding Performance Measure 8 because the Committee had found the calculation process for the Measure 8 question unwieldy and unlikely to be easy for rankers.

Motion by Bill Mendelson. Second by John Ledbetter. Approved unanimously.

4. Support for Project Homekey

CVLIHC and STAND are applying for funding to acquire and renovate a motel that would provide 39 units of permanent housing for chronically homeless people impacted by COVID-19. It is common for the SJCoC Chair to provide a letter of support for projects that advance the goal of the CoC. In this case, the CoC Chair is affiliated with one of the applicants and to avoid any conflict of interest concerns, the Chair agendized this item in the interest of transparency.

Edward Figueroa asked of the project would also seek HHAP funding: Jon Mendelson replied that the project would likely seek HHAP funding, but that support from the SJCoC would only

support the application for Project Homekey funds with the state, and would not impact the scoring or competitiveness of any HHAP application made by CVLIHC.

Carrie cautioned against the appearance of conflict

John Ledbetter said that if it's in alignment with the CoC it should be supported.

Edward suggested that if a letter was approved it should be signed by Vice Chair John Ledbetter.

Jon Mendelson stated that a letter was not necessary, only an official statement that the SJCoC supported Project Homekey as aligning with the SJCoC's strategy for exiting people from Project Homekey and addressing impacts of COVID-19.

Motion by Peter Ragsdale. Second by John Ledbetter. Approved with abstentions from Jon Mendelson, Bill Mendelson, and Carrie Wright.

5. Point in Time Count Update

We are working to with cities to replicate the count from last year and need "boots on the ground." Looking at a proposal to use CARES Act dollars to buy PPE to protect volunteers. Local groups will work with Adam Cheshire. Mike Kelly is taking a leadership role for Manteca and indicated they are ready to go.

6. FY2020 CoC Program Competition Update

The GIW (Grant Inventory Worksheet) was sent to HUD. Typically this is the first step in the NOFA process. If there is a competition it could happen as early as October or over the holidays. This is concerning as there are projects set to renew in Jan 2021.

7. Charter Review

This was derailed by COVID. There still needs to be critical conversations around the future of the CoC and whether it becomes its own independent organization, and basic consideration of charter language. The Chair urged the Board to look at the Charter via the CoC's website and to consider any potential amendments in future meetings.

Presentations

None

Committee Updates

No additional updates

Board Comments

Carrie Wright: There were currently 31 HHAP applications in process. A local heat wave means cooling centers may open, and the CoC will be used to help publicize and support those efforts.

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Mendelson. Second by Mike Kelly. Approved unanimously.

*Note: Minutes provided by Jennifer Rowell.