

San Joaquin Continuum of Care Board of Directors Special Meeting 11-18-2020

Call to Order

3:01p

Roll Call

- Adam
- Jon
- Edward
- Matt
- John
- Bill
- Randy
- Peter
- Jenn
- Carrie

Minutes

- Bill moved, Adam second, unanimous

Public Comment

- Open 3:04p; no comment; closed 3:05p

Discussion, Information and Action Items

Point in Time Count update

Recommended action: Apply for a full exception to the 2021 Point in Time Count of the Unsheltered Homeless, contingent upon confirmation from the State that an exception will not reduce opportunities for future funding.

- Jon provided a background on the guidance;
- Matt asked if we anticipated HUD would approve the exception; Randy answered that he felt that if HUD is allowing us to request an exception we should in terms of the risks involved;
- Adam provided some insight into conversations over the course of the last six months with HUD and other CoCs which he felt indicated that HUD would be amenable to an exception on the basis of COVID concerns;
- John highlighted that most volunteers would be over age 55 placing them in a high-risk group, and also expressed concerns about potential impacts to State funding if no count is conducted;
- Jennifer stated that in Tracy the volunteers engaged were also typically over aged 55 and would support an exception;
- Bill mentioned that we can conduct a PIT count at any time; Jon expressed concerns about ensuring that count to count the methodology and participation should be similar in order to effectively compare data; Randy stated that a small count could potentially reduce funding; Jon agreed that incomplete information is likely worse than no information under the circumstances;

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- Carrie asked if Adam had any insight as to the State position and risks to funding; he indicated that he did not;
- Randy moved to authorize the Chair to submit a request for a full exception on behalf of the SJCoC, contingent upon confirmation from State staff that an exception would not affect State funding, John seconded, unanimous
- Bill suggested providing a copy of the request for exception from the CoC to the supplemental survey group informing them of the CoCs decision, and any other group planning to conduct a count;
- Adam indicated that he would reach out to all PIT count organizers in the CoC to inform them of the decision;

Adjournment

- Bill moved, Peter second, unanimous;