

COC General Membership Meeting
September 24, 2020

Call to Order 9:03am

Present Board Members

Jon Mendelson; Jon Ledbetter; Matt Garber; Edward Figueroa; Randy Pinelli; Britton Kimball; Peter Ragsdale

Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2020

Jon Ledbetter moved to approve; Edward Figueroa second; approved unanimously

Discussion, Information, and Action items

1. Reports from the SJCoC Board of Directors — major actions

a. Adoption of SJCoC Local Rank Policy and Rank Tool for renewal projects in the FY2020 CoC Program Competition

- Jon Pointed out this is separate from the reallocation tool which determines which projects are eligible for funding and will be reallocated.

b. Board did not apply for Strategic Plan funding through HHAP on behalf of the SJCoC COVID-19 actions

c. Response to Civil Grand Jury report on Homelessness — future discussion a. Grand Jury report available at https://www.sjcourts.org/divisions/civil-grand-jury/api/grabReport.php?_id=298

- Encouraging submissions from general membership to express thoughts that can be included with the COC's response.

2. Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention update

a. Deadline for submittal for NOFA closed Sept. 11

- There were a large number of submissions that will be scored by an independent committee.

b. Carrie Wright indicated the process for scoring is under way

c. Hope that priorities reflect the Strategic Plan and accomplishing the action goals explicitly laid out by the plan

3. Charter updates

- No current suggestions for updates but submissions may be made to the COC board for recommended changes. Charter available on COC website.
- Suggested changes will be considered by the general membership.

4. Board application window

a. Six terms on the COC board are set to expire at the end of 2020.

b. Two seats (for Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency) will be filled according to the Charter.

- c. Four seats will be filled from either existing board members seeking renewal of their terms or new applicants
- d. Interested applicants should visit <http://www.sanjoaquinoc.org/board-of-directors/>

5. Point in Time Count planning

- a. Update on 2021 Point in Time Unsheltered and Sheltered Homeless Count
 - Still waiting on guidance from HUD. Expecting we will need to conduct a count.
- b. Counts organized by teams in each city
 - Will likely avoid face-to-face surveys due to safety concerns.
- c. Strategy: observational counts with coordinated volunteers, connection events in cities that desire them, strike teams of professional outreach workers to “hot spots”, potential survey of “representative population” of unsheltered homeless
 - Shelter Committee has developed a survey that could be used to obtain more in-depth qualitative data.
 - We continue to work on organization and have already received commitments of volunteers. County PPE will be provided for volunteers to use. Additional information to be forthcoming.
 - Mandate is to conduct the count within the last 10 days of January. Exact date TBD.
 - If HUD indicates no count is required, the COC board in consultation with general membership will make a determination on how to proceed.
 - Jon Ledbetter pointed out that we will need to be able to ensure that we are able to make an “apples to apples” comparison to the previous count so that any increase or decrease can be accurately determined.
 - Will work with the HMIS lead agency to ensure that HMIS data contains an accurate representation of the homeless population.
 - Question posed re. how to account for an increase in homelessness after January. Jon indicated that additional prevention can occur and the board can be cognizant of tracking that data.

6. Committee Updates — Committee chairs and/or conveners

- a. Data and HMIS: Bill Mendelson
 - Meeting September 29, 2020 via Zoom or CVHLIC office;
 - Discussion on Data Dashboard and review of HMIS
- b. Coordinated Entry: Matt Garber
 - Meeting internally to review agenda for reboot and will be meeting soon
- c. Education and Membership: John Ledbetter
 - Put together slideshow to present strategic plan to region; Presented to and adopted by SJC BOS and Stockton City Council
 - To be presented to Manteca and Tracy in near future.
- d. Resource Development: Wayne Richardson
 - No updates
- e. System Performance and Evaluation: Melanie Estarziau
 - Committee is undergoing annual project performance and evaluation review to ensure only high performing projects are funded by COC.
- f. Strategic Planning: Peter Ragsdale

- Continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month at 3pm.
- Last meeting discussed tracking/measuring progress on post-HHAP award progress.
- Discussed needed administrative support and best practices from outside agencies to support the COC going forward.
- Discussed subcommittee structure and whether it meets current need.

g. Emergency Shelter: Kristen Birtwhistle

- William Brown bldg. with 118 beds for children and families to be operational by November
- Mask On campaign continues to be successful in heightening awareness for COVID
- Tori Verber continues to perform outreach to encampments.
- Tremendous amount of fraud is occurring re. EDD checks
- Bringing two people from homeless encampments into shelter committee to hear from them directly.
- JoLyn and Wayne and Britton are planning for winter programs and have substantial support. There will be a Manteca warming center and potential facility in Tracy.
- UOP is conducting an in-depth review of why people are involved in homelessness. And conducting an inventory of available resources in the community.
- Still very involved in the COVID outreach to the migrant community.
- Working with CMC to provide medical screening to both shelters.
- Question to Jon – How is the COC measuring progress towards implementing the Strategic Plan?
 - Jon indicated we have a running list of agencies participating in HMIS and inputting data. Some of the newer efforts to provide outreach have not participated. Jon encouraged those agencies to participate in the HMIS process. That will assist in measuring data. Other aspects of the strategic plan such as permanent housing units built will be easier to track.

Presentations

1. Updates from General Membership

a. Service providers and SJCoC members are invited to share updates regarding services provided, challenges, outcomes, and issues needing to be addressed by the SJCoC and its various members

1. City of Tracy

a. Medori reported City of Tracy approved building a structure. RFQ to proceed to proceed with design build. Looking at insulated sprung structure with HVAC. Shortly after awarding constructing contract, will be going forward with RFP for a service provider and will share with COC membership once it's released. Looking for an experienced service provider to accept partners, pets and possessions. Expected to break ground in early 2021. Currently two service providers have shown interest in applying. Jolyn offered to

2. City of Manteca

a. Johanna Ferrera reported the city is preparing to offer a warming center that will be expanded on what was provided last year. Working with the Turlock Rescue Center as potential RFP respondent to potentially open a sprung structure with attached plumbed facilities. Also to provide day center

opportunities for homeless individuals M-F 1-5; Expect the center to continue beyond the winter until a navigation center can be established. The city has done some assessments on a potential building and will be working on design and TI. The sprung structure is expected to be placed in the parking lot of the potential navigation center site. Turlock Rescue Center to engage with HMIS.

- b. Working with HCD TA to create a plan for long-term housing solutions for homelessness.
3. Housing Authority
 - a. Peter Ragsdale presented 27 units of permanent supportive housing built in conjunction with BHS coming online later this year.
 - b. Project with Stand CVHLIC and Stockton shelter for tiny homes to go online in October.
 - c. Working with SJC Health Care Services on No Place Like Home Round 3 application.
 - d. Expect to begin construction of Victory Gardens, 130 units of affordable housing for homeless with rental supports in 2021.
 - e. Powerpoint presentation shared:
 - i. Ready to go on Crossways residents
 - ii. Victory Gardens 49 units for veterans with VA as a partner
 - iii. Sonora Square is about to be completed (19 units)
 - iv. Additional 37 units planned through No Place Like Home application
 - v. Turnpike project in conjunction with multiple agencies. Five 2 bedroom houses and ADU.
 4. Other Members
 - a. Steve Stowell – Working with BHS for housing clients with cooccurring disorders. Reaching out to partners to establish navigational activities. Connecting individuals with Covid-19 with medical services and housing.
 - b. Phyllis Grupe – Reported that El Concilio has some mortgage assistance and rental support available for people facing eviction. That information was also sent out to COC general membership.
 - c. Bubba Paris (Tracy Community Connections Center) – Started a homeless foundation when he was with the NFL and believes that there will be a sharp increase in homelessness coming. Working with Tracy coalitions to attack this problem as a team and wants to lead in this area in the city of Tracy. Would like to meet with and meet area leaders in this community. Contact is bubbaparis@gmail.com
 - d. Jim Osborn (Tracy Community Connections Center) – Pleased to have a house to offer to shelter homeless women “Tracy House.” Will have beds for 12 women beginning October 1st, beginning with elderly and disabled. This will be the first Tracy facility to provide permanent housing, food and shelter for women. More information through info@tracyccc.org or at their website.
 - e. Kat Gonzales (Adventist Health) – Received a grant from the city of Stockton to see 600 people over the past 3 days to provide COVID testing. Awaiting final report; targeting migrant workers but opened up testing to the entire community.
 - f. Britton Kimball (GCRM) – Current capacity for women and children at 100. Long term project to tear down the Victorian building and replace with a larger

building to increase resources for SJC. COVID house still operational. Currently 4-6 people in the units.

- g. Deme Hill – Deputy Dir. Of Housing and homelessness for City of Stockton. Introduced herself and can be contacted at:
 - i. Deme.Hill@stocktonca.gov 209-937-8530 Ext 8502
- h. CVLIHC –

Grant Opportunities

FY2020 CoC Program Competition NOFA

As of Sept. 20, 2020, no Notice of Funding Availability had been released by Housing and Urban Development

Reports and Articles

None provided

Comments and Announcements

Adjournment

Jolyn motioned to adjourn; John Ledbetter seconded; adjourned at 10:28am