



Minutes of General Membership Meeting

Jan. 23, 2020, at 9 a.m.

Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium

525 N. Center St., Stockton, 95202

Call to Order

9:01 a.m.

Introductions

Chair Jon Mendelson asked for a show of hands regarding the various services, industries and interests represented at the meeting to demonstrate the breadth of involvement, as a by-name introduction would take a long time with more than 100 estimated attendees.

Minutes approved as submitted. Motion by Bill Mendelson. Second by JoLyn McMillan. Approved unanimously.

SJCoC Board of Directors Meeting Report

Chair Mendelson mentioned the new members introduced to the SJCoC Board of Directors, reported on the discussion about changing officers including the chair and vice chair, and mentioned his change of position of becoming a director of Central Valley Low Income Housing Corp., and stated the desire to provide to the entire CoC the opportunity to provide feedback regarding this process.

He stated that the next Board of Directors meeting was moved up a week for HHAP-deadline dependent decisions.

He discussed the process of developing a policy for public comment, stating that Board meetings will be open to more participation and feedback, including set-aside time for public comment.

Mentioned that CVLIHC was re-established by unanimous approval of an MOU as HMIS Lead Agency through August 2021, and the MOU with San Joaquin County to act as the Collaborative Applicant was also unanimously re-established.

Stated that the CoC was seeking ESG reviewers for the County's process.

Discussed priorities for funding for HHAP, and that the Board and Strategic Planning committee are seeking feedback from the CoC membership, with January 31 as the deadline.

Data dashboard:

Chair Mendelson stated that the dashboard is still being worked on so there was no presentation today, and Olga from Community Partnership for Families San Joaquin is leading its development, indicating that the CoC is also working on an annual report similar to the dashboard.

Point in Time Count:

Chair Mendelson mentioned that the sheltered count is upcoming.

He asked HMIS contributors to ensure data quality is at maximum in preparation for the sheltered count.

Planning for unsheltered count begins – Chair Mendelson highlights the great engagement. Highlights the importance of accurate picture.

Adam Cheshire made a call for people to reach out to participate and highlighted the importance of equaling 2019 levels of participation to acquire count figures for 2021 which can be accurately compared to 2019.

2020FY CoC Program Competition:

Chair Mendelson discussed the forthcoming Letter of Intent to apply for FY2020 Continuum of Care Program Competition funding, stating that there was no sense of when the NOFA will be released but that the Board will discuss approval for the Collaborative Applicant and Chair to move forward on preliminary work.

Update on strategic plan:

Adam Cheshire provided an update on the recent phone meeting with HomeBase including getting more specific items into the plan.

Strategic Planning Committee chair Peter Ragsdale discussed the desire to see a draft that is as actionable as possible, seeking a common vocabulary in the process as we should all be using same language to describe problem and next steps, and that the CoC will be sharing more information shortly in anticipation of HHAP application.

Supervisor Kathy Miller discussed the need for HomeBase to ensure participation of CoC workgroups Data Committee chair Bill Mendelson mentioned that he had provided significant amounts of data to HomeBase.

Natascha Garcia of WholePerson Care mentioned that HomeBase is not talking to folks working in the field.

Frances Hutchinson of Behavioral Health Services mentioned that the plan seems cookie cutter and recommended more action steps.

District Attorney Tori Verber-Salazar mentioned that no one on the winter shelter planning committee was interviewed.

JoLyn McMillan of Stockton Shelter for the Homeless mentioned that no one attended the shelter provider meeting organized by Homebase despite significant outreach; Adam stated that he had invited every shelter CEO in the County but received no response.

Chair Mendelson stated that there is no rush, we want a plan that works.

Adam Cheshire pledged to provide the membership's feedback to Homebase that they have not interviewed enough folks.

Peter Ragsdale indicated that Stockton had the business relationship and should be the one to provide the feedback, and maybe the city can modify engagement if we are not getting what we need.

Kayce Rayne asked that her feedback regarding HHAP gets passed along: expand shelter, housing for chronic homeless, expanded affordable housing development, communication, deepening administrative capacity and oversight.

Jane Butterfield asked how timing will work for different funds?

Chair Mendelson answered that general priorities will be necessary for applications, driven by State and federal deadlines, and that planning for projects will be essential to implementation. He also agreed that HomeBase will be informed of all member feedback.

Committee updates

Data Committee: Chair Bill Mendelson stated there was no meeting in December, work on dashboard is ongoing led by Olga, that CVLIHC is in touch with HMIS software provider BitFocus, that the sheltered PIT count and Housing Inventory Count are upcoming as well and surveys will be sent out to orgs not participating in the HMIS.

Coordinated Entry: Adam Cheshire provided CES manual update

Education and Membership Committee: Planning a process to ask councils to adopt strategic plan

Resource Development: Non-profit board training at UOP; training for fundraising, website training following today's meeting.

System Performance and Evaluation: Chair changed to Melanie Estarziau, committee finalizing system wide performance measures, committee still seeking feedback, explained need for measures and goal of measures; Committee also is finalizing reallocation policy, going back to Board for approval soon so there is another chance for feedback on both items.

Winter Shelter Committee: Kayce Rane provided the report, with stats on January 8, Data co-op will provide further analysis, GCRM started 12/1, SSH 12/23, stated average 25 clients per night at GCRM and a large increase in new clients, 46 new connections were made to Whole Person Care and 7 re-connected, increased coordination between multiple agencies and adding new folks previously unknown to the system.

COVID-19 discussion:

Randy Pinnelli of Community Medical Centers CareLink stated that there was no follow up from the Board request for additional information on the figures, Kayce stated that Data Co-Op will be feeding back.

JoLyn McMillan said housing people in beds means more dignity/better service for men, staff at SSH working on data quality concerns with help from HMIS lead agency,

Kayce said Chris Rouppet conducted interviews of homeless and reported back to winter shelter committee, which committee took into consideration, and Chair Mendelson asked for feedback directly from Chris, Supervisor Villapudua indicated he would ask Chris to do so.

Natascha Garcia said that in ActMD number was 200 new clients but acknowledged data entry challenges, BHS team each morning doing assessments for SMI at GCRM and SSH,

Max Vargas of Mayor Michael Tubbs' office discussed the governor's Executive Order, mentioned the deployment of state trailers or other resources for winter shelter and the Mayor's office desire to add Stockton to the list.

Funding Opportunities

Chair Mendelson highlighted the ESG deadline for County, as well as upcoming HHAP, PLHA opportunities

Additional Comments

Bill Mendelson of Central Valley Low Income Housing Corp. highlighted the \$15,000 announced at State of City Address, which was used to supplement ESG funds to provide assistance to households that would not normally qualify, used for prevention, RRH/stabilization, rental assistance.

Chair Mendelson stated that this relatively minor investment shows positive results to get folks off the streets and into housing.

Peter Ragsdale of the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin mentioned a Wall Street Journal article citing 10,000 unused VASH vouchers nationwide, 90 of which are in SJC which represents about 1% of the nationwide share, and that there must be a relationship between rental assistance and housing: controlling real estate addresses that concern.

Adjourned at 10:04 a.m. Motion by Bill Mendelson. Second by JoLyn McMillan. Passed unanimously.