

## San Joaquin Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting 1-28-2021

### **Call to Order**

9:03a

### **Welcome and Order of Meeting**

### **Minutes from Meeting of November 19, 2020**

- Bill Mendelson moved to approve as submitted; Jon Mendelson seconded; unanimous

### **Discussion, Information and Action Items**

### **Reports from the SJCoC Board of Directors**

- Unsheltered PIT Count Waiver submitted
  - Jenn Rowell asked for a date for the sheltered count; Bill Mendelson stated that the sheltered count will occur January 26; Bill also mentioned the need to submit the Housing Inventory Count report at the same time, and described the process to seek that information from local providers and the HMIS prior to the submission to HUD; Adam Cheshire asked for the deadline for the submission to HUD: Bill stated that the date had not yet been announced but would likely be towards the end of April based on previous years;
- Approved MOU for Collaborative Applicant
  - Jenn Rowell asked Adam Cheshire to discuss the MOU and Adam provided that rundown and encouraged folks to review the document at the SJCoC website;
- Vacancy on SJCoC Board: candidates with lived experience
  - Jenn Rowell described the process to seek candidates for the vacant position;

### **Updates on Point in Time Count**

- Jenn Rowell asked if anyone had anything to share regarding the Count: Gospel Center Rescue Mission pledged two 28 seat passenger vans for transporting volunteers; Kat Gonzales mentioned the work of Lodi Committee on Homelessness to distribute items to the homeless, which was started during the planning for the 2021 count; Jon Mendelson mentioned the need to discuss the possibility to conduct an unsheltered count in 2022;

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Guidance for Homeless Persons**

- Jenn Rowell asked Randy Pinnelli to talk about efforts to vaccinate the homeless: Randy discussed the State tier system to roll out the vaccine and the groups targeted in the first cohort; talked about the next tier, 1B, and the groups that are included; then discussed tier 2 which is homeless; mentioned that the State had recently opened up vaccines to all individuals over age 65 regardless of other demographics; discussed the coordination with Dr. Maggie Park and County Public Health; described the challenges to rolling out the vaccine and potential paths forward depending on various circumstances; described the efforts to communicate and coordinate locally to meet and overcome these challenges; talked about the plans to vaccinate Project Roomkey clients as well as those living in encampments;

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- Jon Mendelson asked how service providers and especially shelters can prepare for the availability of the vaccine for their staff and clients: Randy stated that up front discussions with staff and clients encouraging acceptance of the vaccine and preparing for the availability would be helpful;
- Kristen Birtwhistle mentioned that 211 is a potential tool to assist with vaccine rollout amongst the homeless and other indigent populations; Randy noted this and agreed it could be a good option;

### **Committee Updates**

- Data and HMIS: Bill Mendelson reiterated the sheltered count and housing inventory count; mentioned the process to complete the Longitudinal System Analysis which will be submitted no later than tomorrow, January 29; Jon Mendelson added that the State has asked for HMIS data to be submitted to the State HDIS and will be accomplished by February 10;
- Coordinated Entry: Matt Garber mentioned that there was no meeting this month and the Committee is working with FRRC around recent funding for CES; work to update and develop the CES manual is ongoing;
- Education and Membership: Russ Hayward stated that the meeting is upcoming next week and the agenda is still in development; Debbie Rinaldo added that that the focus of the Committee going forward will be outreach to local elected officials to engage in dialogue regarding the role of the SJCoC in the community;
- Resource Development: Jenn Rowell mentioned that the Committee needs a Chair and invited folks to reach out to her or Adam Cheshire;
- System Performance and Evaluation: Jon Mendelson discussed the annual reallocation process which is currently ongoing and described the purpose of that process;
- Strategic Planning: Carrie Wright stated that she took over the Chair along with Tammy Shaff from Peter Ragsdale; mentioned the next meeting date February 2 at 3p; described the short- and mid-term goals of the Committee going forward;
- Shelter Committee: Kristen Birtwhistle provided a rundown of Committee activities around supporting shelter expansion; Bill Mendelson mentioned that year over year due to COVID-19 that shelter census is down; Jon Mendelson clarified that this is due to space restrictions for social distancing;

### **Presentations**

#### **Updates from General Membership**

- Carrie Wright announced that City of Stockton has a NOFA for ESG/CDBG due February 5 which also includes \$3.3M in ESG-CV funds; mentioned the US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program and efforts underway to implement the funds in the City of Stockton; accepted several comments and suggestions related to the rollout of those funds;
- Jenn Rowell mentioned a funding opportunity through California Public Health for COVID-related health equity issues, and stated she would provide that information to the General Membership following the meeting;
- Kathryn Siddle discussed Harmony Homes in Lodi; stated that the hope is to break ground within 6 weeks;

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### **Comments and Announcements**

- Board of Supervisors Chair Tom Patti requested additional information regarding involvement in committees; Adam Cheshire stated that he would send along that information to Chair Patti's office;
- From Lani Schiff-Ross via Chat: "thanks for sharing about the COVID grant. if anyone is interested in applying, please also reach out to Marisela Pineda at SJC Public Health so we can collaborate with each other vs compete with each other. Her email is mpineda@sjcphs.org"

### **Adjournment**

- Bill moved 10:02a, Randy second; unanimous;