

San Joaquin Continuum of Care Board of Directors Meeting 2-11-2021

Call to Order

11:02a

Roll Call

- Adam
- Jenn
- Kristen
- Edward
- Matt
- Kate
- Jon
- Randy
- Melinda
- Carrie
- Peter

Minutes

- February 11, 2021: Jon moved to approve; Matt second; unanimous

Updates from SJCoC Committees

- Data and HMIS: Bill stated that the Committee sent the items to the Board on today's agenda and provided some background on those items; mentioned that the item regarding expanding access to the HMIS was potentially inaccurate in terms of the Committee's intentions, and that the recommendation was rather to affirm the policy statement from the Board of Directors; discussed the submission of the Longitudinal System Analysis prior to the March 1 deadline;
- System Performance and Evaluation: Kate mentioned that the Committee completed the development of the Reallocation Review tool; examining systemwide performance outcomes and will be presenting those to the Board at a future meeting;
- Strategic Planning: Carrie provided an update on the addition of new members; intention to work further with Homebase for future work and will discuss at the next meeting;
- Education and Membership: Jennifer stated that Russ was not present but discussed the spreadsheet of elected officials and asked anyone on the Board to review and determine if they had contacts they would like to reach out to;
- Coordinated Entry: Matt stated that the meeting for March was being tabled in favor of a questionnaire regarding the direction of CES going forward and will reconvene in April;
- Shelter: Kristen mentioned the transition to Edward Figueroa and Natascha Garcia, the new Co-Chairs of the Committee, and mentioned the meeting of the Committee held earlier in the morning, including a discussion of the winter shelter process; comments from Dr. Park regarding homeless vaccinations; a survey to shelter operators;

Public Comment

- Opened 11:18a
- none

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- Closed 11:19a

Discussion, Information and Action Items

Vote: LOI for Upcoming 2021 CoC Program Competition

- Adam provided a rundown of the process to develop the LOI and the goal of the process;
- Carrie asked for more information regarding the uses of the COC program, available funds; Adam described the renewal process, available funds, and some of the finer complexities of the CoC program;
- Jon moved to approve with April 8 for a due date, Carrie seconded; unanimous;

Vote: Expanding Access to HMIS Data

- Jon described the request from the City of Stockton Mayor's office for direct access to the HMIS and the decision by the Data committee to as a result review the policies and procedures in order to determine if an update was needed to accommodate this request; discussed the involvement of HUD staff in this review, as well as service providers in Sacramento; Committee determined that policies and procedures were strong, particularly in terms of the protection of confidential client information; the role of service providers and the HMIS Lead in contributing and maintaining the data; the role of the Data committee in reviewing the HMIS Lead;
- Nadeja stated that the Mayor's office was hoping to be able to access the information regarding reports, and had no intention or need for identifying information; asked why the Lead Agency is the only organization able to pull data directly; Jon answered with a broader description of the process to generate system-wide reports which requires administrator access, and which is not available on the agency level because that would necessarily provide confidential client data;
- Adam mentioned that the MOU includes a responsibility to provide reports to CoC members;
- Kristen mentioned that she would like to see a dashboard created from HMIS data for a quarterly distribution and that Melinda had some experience with that process; Melinda asked if anyone had specifics about what they would like to see in a dashboard to communicate those to her; Jon mentioned previous efforts to develop a dashboard;
- Kristen suggested that the HMIS Lead could provide regular presentations to the Committees regarding the system;
- Jennifer stated that there was no need for a vote on this item;

Vote: Participation on 2x2x2 Committee

- Jenn provided background on the establishment of the committee by Supervisor Patti;
- Kristen described the agenda and discussions from the first meeting;
- Carrie provided context in her role in the meeting as staff support to the City Manager; stated that there is a concerted effort at the City staff level to participate more on the CoC and in solutions to general; Kristen mentioned it was a great step to bring these groups together and could serve as a platform for implementation of the strategic plan;
- Kristen described that the City Manager and Interim County Administrator are bringing together the two bodies to develop an action and implementation plan, as well as an executive summary of the goals of the 2x2x2;
- Carrie asked that other representatives be allowed to comment;

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- Supervisor Patti stated that the first meeting was very productive; that “whatever’s being done we’re all late” because the problem is growing not shrinking; wanted ideas to be brought back to the 2x2x2 to consider plans of action going forward and what the costs would be; adopting a plan and putting it into action, that the strategic plan is not the “holy grail or most perfect document ever created”; stated his desire to exceed the goals set by the strategic plan; mentioned a survey conducted by his office and stated that results indicated that 93% of respondents think it’s gotten worse, and also 93% stated that we could do more; looking forward to bringing back to the Board of Supervisors actionable items;
- Carrie asked for clarification regarding what the vote will be; Jenn stated that the vote was intended to be on participation, and clarified her authority as Chair and the need for the full Board to make a decision as a group;
- Supervisor Miller stated that there is already a process that includes the other cities and a committee structure, and stated that she was nervous about taking the planning offline into a much smaller and more exclusive group, and stated that fostering communication is always a good thing and that the chief administrative staff is an important inclusion, but this does not allow for the inclusion of experts on housing, shelter, and other aspects of solutions to homelessness; that the process of developing the strategic plan was so robust and inclusive, that she would hate for the implementation of the plan to be slowed down by the 2x2x2; mentioned that the new CAO will be coming on March 29 and has no experience on this issue of homelessness; as long as this effort reengages with the full CoC, if it doesn’t these are the basis for her concerns and funding sources will likely take issue with the restriction of collaboration with the full CoC;
- Supervisor Patti stated that the interim CAO may continue on to work on this issue; stated a potential Brown Act violation with three supervisors on the call;
- Randy encouraged the Supervisors to be an active part of one or more committee; relayed concerns around creating a separate effort that is duplicative of other efforts, and encouraged adherence to the process;
- Melinda echoed Randy’s comments;
- Jon recognized the effort to expand inclusion but stated that the CoC’s participation in the 2x2x2 should be considerate of the established processes and in alignment with the strategic plan; agreed that exceeding the goals of the strategic plan is something that no one in the community would oppose, but the question is more about implementing the plan to achieve those goals and making sure that investments in solutions are consistent with locally identified needs and conforms to outcome-oriented results;
- Peter stated that the more people talking about this issue helps to bring resources and attention to the issue; acknowledged the limitation of Board officers on the CoC; mentioned as an example recent progress on the Victory Gardens project; that discussion around the issue helps expand understanding of viable solutions; encouraged the CoC to collaborate whenever possible;
- Carrie talked about the amount of work that went into the strategic plan and the importance to respect that process considering the level of work;
- Kristen mentioned that what was evident in the first 2x2x2 was the degree of respect for the CoC and the expertise; the willingness and desire to work with the CoC on the strategic plan; excited;

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- Jenn asked for motion on both participation and those who will participate;
- Melinda asked if this would be treated like a Committee of the CoC, Kristen answered no this would be a separate collaborative with the City, County and COC; Randy stated that he felt it should be a sub-committee of the strategic planning committee;
- Jenn asked Carrie about the possibility of the strategic planning committee serving this role; Carrie mentioned that this was an initiative of our elected officials and it would not be her purview to take on this role;
- Edward stated that he is not supportive of creating special committees; but that these meetings will happen whether or not the CoC participates, and the CoC should have a seat at the table;
- Kristen moved that the CoC participate on the 2x2x2; Kate second;
- Roll call vote:
 - Kristen: yes
 - Adam: yes
 - Edward: yes
 - Matt: yes
 - Kate: yes
 - Jon: yes
 - Randy: no
 - Peter: yes
 - Melinda: yes
 - Jenn: yes
 - Carrie: yes
- Jenn asked for discussion on who would be the other participant besides Kristen; Kristen advocated for someone with a background in housing;
- Peter stated he was happy to participate;
- Edward moved to approve Peter as the second participant, Carrie seconded, unanimous with Peter and Kristen abstaining;

Discuss: Assembly Bill 258

- Jenn briefly described the contents of the Bill but wanted to table the conversation for time;

Discuss: Possible Committee Expansions

- Tabled for time

Presentations

Joelle Gomez, CEO of Children's Home of Stockton

- Joelle mentioned changes to Children's Home and it's relevance to the CoC; described the reforms of AB403 which transitioned group homes into short term residential therapeutic programs; described the intentions of that transition and the successes of CHOS in that transition; the challenges of implementing AB403; the process to transition CHOS programs to serve transition aged youth (TAY); connected the strategic plan to this transition and the impact CHOS can have on implementing the goals of the plan in serving TAY; mentioned that the CoC's role in the program would be in part to help identify those referred to the program;

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- Peter asked if CHOS would essential operate as a TAY shelter: Joelle affirmed, and Peter stated that he was excited for the idea of creating exits for this population in partnership with CHOS; Joelle added some possibilities for developing exits;
- Jon mentioned that HACSJ just announced new rental assistance for the homeless which could serve as a resource for this population, and reiterated the need to connect this program to the HMIS
- Carrie mentioned the State funding requirements around youth homelessness and the opportunities to support a program such as the one being described;

Additional Items and Updates

- none

Adjournment

- Next meeting scheduled for 11a on April 8, 2021
- Melinda moved, Randy second, unanimous;