

San Joaquin Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting 3-25-2021

Call to Order

9:01a

Welcome and Order of Meeting

Minutes from Meeting of February 25, 2021

- Adam Cheshire moved to approve; Kristen Birtwhistle seconded; unanimous

Discussion, Information and Action Items

Reports from the SJCoC Board of Directors

- Voted to approve the Letter of Interest for the upcoming CoC Program Competition
 - Adam Cheshire provided an update on the LOI process so far, the deadline, and the next steps regarding the mandatory new project orientation meeting;
- Discussed HMIS access and data requests
 - Jenn Rowell provided a description of the conversation;
- Voted to participate on the 2x2x2 Committee proposed by Supervisor Tom Patti
 - Jenn Rowell provided a description of the conversation and the results of voting;

Updates on Point in Time Count

- Bill Mendelson provided some background regarding the process to submit required reports to HUD, and the role of the Data and HMIS Committee;

Update on CoC Program Competition

- Adam Cheshire provided a brief update on the process;

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- Edward Figueroa mentioned that the planning meeting was cancelled as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has not yet been received by the County; Kaiser to open a mass vaccination site at the Arena starting March 30;
- Debbie Rinaldo confirmed the planning and date around the mass vaccination site, with capacity to deliver several thousand vaccines per day;
- Randy Pinnelli added that CMC has received 500 additional doses from the Federal allotment and expect to receive that per week, Moderna for now but likely J&J in the future; also added that Project Roomkey clients had the second round of doses

Committee Updates

- Data and HMIS: Jenn Rowell referred to previous comments from Bill Mendelson;
- Coordinated Entry: Matt Garber mentioned that the Committee did not meet but did complete a survey to provide feedback on next steps of the Committee;
- Education and Membership: no update
- Resource Development: on hiatus

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- System Performance and Evaluation: Kate Hutchinson stated that the Committee wrapped up work on the evaluation tool for CoC projects; looking forward to the HUD NOFA release; reiterated the orientation meeting planning;
- Strategic Planning: no update
- Emergency Shelter: Natascha Garcia stated that a presentation from Downtown Streets was the focus of the most recent meeting; winter shelter planning has been reduced but will increase once we get closer to the winter season; Bill Mendelson mentioned that there is a winter shelter in Manteca, and that they are not participating in HMIS so there is no idea as to the data results of that project; Edward Figueroa asked if there was a strategy for bringing Manteca on Board: Bill stated that he had reached out to the contractor that had been entering data, and mentioned that he had not received any response to phone calls and e-mails; Johanna Ferreira stated that she would follow up with the contractor to ensure the information would be entered;

Presentations

Presentation from Lee Neves, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua, regarding AB 258

- Jenn Rowell introduced Lee Neves, and he described his role with Assemblymember Villapudua; described the goals of AB 258 to remove barriers to the homeless accessing shelter; modeled on SF shelters which allow pets; bill would require shelters to accept pets for their clients; mentioned that funding for the requirements of the bill are being discussed, as well as the kinds of pets required to be accepted under the bill;
- Kristen asked about the motivation to bring this bill, and if input from the shelters sought: Lee stated that Jill Antonini was the genesis of the bill through her work with Animal Protection League, and that he spoke only to an SF shelter, but not local shelters; clarified that the intention was not to saddle shelters with an unfunded mandate, and may be a two-year process;
- JoLyn McMillan described the work her organization has done around this issue, and stated her approval that funding for this mandate was being discussed, and is critical to the bill's success; that as pets are brought in it has a tendency to impact space for people; concerns that once pets are allowed in and there is no option to house abandoned pets, it creates additional costs and responsibilities for shelters; major liability issues around pets which expands insurance costs;
- Bill Mendelson asked the degree to which this will be a requirement, stating that it would potentially be extraordinarily difficult for shelters to accommodate pets: Lee answered that the funding associated with the bill would address these concerns because they are not looking to cause more issues that they are trying to solve; Bill reiterated the question as to whether or not it will be a mandated activity: Lee stated that it would be a mandate if the shelter accepts State money,
- Venus Black asked if any other bill will be touching upon these subjects: Lee stated that he was not aware; Lily from Senator Eggman's office described some conversations around this topic but stated that there was not a bill proposed as yet;
- Jenn Rowell reiterated the concerns around funding in order for this proposal to be successfully executed; Lee added that the bill will require that pets be vaccinated;

Updates, Comments and Announcements from General Membership

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- Martin Ross announced that RTW acquired a sizable dump trailer, and have some flexibility on Mondays and Fridays to assist organizations in need of clean up services along the lines of what RTW does as part of their mission;
- Venus Black referred to staffing issues in local programs and asked if there was any effort to get a central contact for pooling resources for the homeless to submit eligibility options; Matt Garber stated that the CES Committee has as part of its overall goals to create a lead agency, potentially through 211 and Connected Community Network;

Adjournment

- Bill Mendelson moved to adjourn; JoLyn McMillan seconded; 9:57a