

San Joaquin Continuum of Care Board of Directors Meeting 5-13-2021

Call to Order

11:04a

Roll Call

- Edward
- Matt
- Russ
- Jon
- Randy
- Melinda
- Carrie
- Kate
- Jennifer

Minutes

- Minutes of 4-8-2021 unavailable
- Minutes of 3-11-2021

Updates from SJCoC Committees

- Data and HMIS: Bill reported that the PIT count (sheltered) would be submitted on time and that Jon was working on a dashboard for the board's review.
- System Performance and Evaluation: Kate reported that the committee was proactively prepping for the CoC NOFA although there was no date on when it was expected to drop. The committee had reviewed LOIs and were looking at training for applicants.
- Strategic Planning: Carrie reported that the committee had med to review the strategic plan goals and existing committee structures. The next meeting will be longer as they will review existing gaps.
- Education and Membership: Russ reported that the committee will meet next week with Reinvent South Stockton and expects to bring a proposal to the board for a communications plan at the June board meeting.
- Coordinated Entry: Matt reported that Adam had volunteered to work on the policy and procedures manual.
- Shelter: The shelter committee will alter their meetings. They will continue to meet Thursdays at 8AM however every other meeting will focus on shelter operations. The Manteca shelter is slated to close and those staying there have two weeks for move. Lodi's Harmony Homes is in progress, the City of Tracy is looking for sites for cooling centers, the Arbor Rd site is moving forward with an RFP to go out for construction. Stockton Shelter is negotiating the contract for their expansion.
- 2x2: No update

Public Comment

- Opened 11:21aam
- Closed 11:22 am

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- Joelle Gomez mentioned the opportunity to apply for YHDP and advocated for the CoC to attempt an application in the current round; Randy stated that adding the Committee would take a revision of the Charter, which was the reason for the Ad Hoc committee vs. permanent;
- Closed 11:57a

Discussion, Information and Action Items

Vote: Homebase Proposal

- Carrie provided an overview of the process that has come out of the board's desire to have a clear plan for moving forward with a means of implementing the strategic plan including (a) a shared funding process (b) a coordinated entry system, (c) progress reports so we are better at telling our story and demonstrating progress and (d) reviewing the board structure. The cost of the proposal is \$35K.
- Jon asked about how this would work moving forward, the County would work with the Strategic Planning Committee to move forward and finalize the proposal.
- Edward voiced an appreciation for the crosswalk created by strategic planning committee and noted that a strategic plan is great but we need clearly assigned responsibilities and noted that committees specifically tied to the strategic plan have made progress.

Carrie Moved to approve the Homebase Proposal

Edward Seconded.

All in favor (no opposed/abstentions)

Motion passed

Vote: Systems Report

- Jon provided a review of the systems narrative report which provides more explanation and detail to the report which is sent to HUD annually. The report is drafted by the HMIS lead agency and vetted by the Data Committee.

Edward moved to approve and release the systems narrative report

Carrie seconded

All in favor (no opposed/abstentions)

Motion passed

Discussion: Closing of Project Roomkey

- There was a request from the shelter committee to discuss the impending closure of Project Roomkey and for the board to provide recommendation or feedback on next steps.
- Edward noted that this is a illustration of the struggle we will face until more becomes available, there is no where for many of these people to go.
- Jon shared that CVLIH has provided staff (2FTE) to help find available units and can provide motel space on a short or medium term basis for some clients, noting that this is only a temporary solution.

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- Carrie cited a shift in population with more people moving into the area adding additional pressure on already stressed housing resources.
- Melinda added that in addition to this, the Manteca program is closing down. Mike Kelly added that Manteca is losing the Safe Parking program and the current operators of the shelter are leaving but they hope to bring in another org to manage the shelter.

Discussion: Encampment Outreach Study

- Jenn explained that the encampment outreach study had been approved by the board but had been tabled due to COVID. With COVID restrictions lifting there is energy to move the project forward but there remains a 30K funding gap to pay for people to conduct surveys.

Discussion: Future Planning

- Jenn discussed the need for a board off-site retreat to discuss the future of the CoC, nothing that board review and a facilitated retreat was also in the proposal from Homebase.
- Russ requested that all board members be interviewed as part of the Homebase process.

Presentations

HUD Spending Report-Chris Becerra with SJC Neighborhood Preservation

- Chris explained the quarterly spending report which reflects the spending for all CoC program competition programs.
- The grants have administrative dollars (7%) which are split 50/50 between the county who administers the grants and the programs themselves.

Additional Items and Updates

- Carrie-Stockton has emergency rental assistant funds
- Edward- The shelter committee has been working on getting a proposal from Downtown Streets Team.
- Edward asked that the board add to the next agenda changes to legislation impacting homeless youth and the impending loss of beds for young people.
- **Adjournment**
- 12:59p: Carrie moved, Mike second, unanimous;
- Next meeting scheduled for 11a on June 10, 2021