

## San Joaquin Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting 4-22-2021

### **Call to Order**

9:02a

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

### **Minutes from Meeting of March 25, 2021**

- Adam Cheshire moved to approve as submitted; Edward Figueroa seconded; approved unanimously;

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

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

- Discussed possibility of adding Committees
  - Jenn Rowell mentioned the impetus for this discussion related to issues of strategic plan, equity, and roles/responsibilities; Kristen Birtwhistle mentioned that the Shelter Committee discussed the establishment of a Street Outreach Committee, and suggested additional discussion around adding roles to existing Committees vs. adding Committees;
- Discussed developing training for incoming Board members
  - Jenn Rowell mentioned the desire for this onboarding as the original Board of Directors terms out to ensure continuity;
- Heard a presentation from Restore the Delta
  - Not discussed;

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

- Jenn Rowell asked Jon Mendelson to provide an update: Jon mentioned that the sheltered PIT count submission is in process, stated that the Data and HMIS Committee is encouraging work to begin immediately on the unsheltered count for 2022, and mentioned conversations around the potential for a sampling count vs. a large volunteer effort;

#### **Update on CoC Program Competition**

- Adam Cheshire provided an update on the completion of the Letter of Intent process and plans for the System Performance and Evaluation Committee to conduct the New Project Applicant Meeting;

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Update**

- Randy Pinnelli discussed the delays for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine resulting in challenges to the efforts to vaccinate the homeless;
- Supervisor Miller mentioned the process that SJC PHS went through to backfill vaccines for the mass vaccination efforts following the Johnson and Johnson pause, and mentioned that vaccination numbers have dropped off with efforts underway to understand reasons for a potential lack of interest and effort to improve that interest;

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### **Committee Updates**

- Data and HMIS: Bill Mendelson mentioned the PIT Count discussions and the submission of sheltered PIT Count data, reiterated the importance that new programs must get connected to HMIS; Adam Cheshire stated that on behalf of the County he would help get new projects connected to the HMIS; Jon Mendelson stated that the Committee continues to work on the Data Dashboard, and the development of a report regarding systemwide outcomes that will be a plain-language description for public consumption; Joelle Gomez stated that Children's Home of Stockton is a new recipient and had called Jon but had not been responded to; Jon Mendelson stated he would get back to Joelle as soon as possible;
- Coordinated Entry: Matt Garber mentioned the results of a survey to the Committee regarding next steps for the Committee, which by consensus is the finalization of the Policies and Procedures manual, working with 211 to integrate that process; Adam mentioned his conversation with Kay Ruhstaller and the timeline for 211 to begin work;
- Education and Membership: Russ Hayward mentioned examination of partnerships to support the communications efforts of the CoC which will be critical to that work and described a timeline for potentially completing that work;
- Resource Development: on hiatus;
- System Performance and Evaluation: Kate Hutchinson stated that transition of work from the CoC Program Review to the LOI and orientation meeting;
- Strategic Planning: Kristen Birtwhistle stated that the Committee is seeking to finalize an implementation plan with Homebase for the strategic plan;
- Shelter: Natascha Garcia stated that the Committee discussed the Homeless Encampment Outreach Study to provide 300 – 400 surveys to the unsheltered homeless regarding barriers to entering shelter, and are looking for additional funding and support to provide incentives to survey participants, and described discussion around the efforts of Downtown Streets and the possibility of establishing a Street Outreach committee or adding this mandate to the Shelter Committee;

### **Presentations**

- None scheduled

### **Updates, Comments and Announcements from General Membership**

- Adam Cheshire mentioned that the County and CoC should have rolled out HHAP agreements and invited anyone listening to reach out directly to County staff;
- Jon Mendelson stated that some are frustrated with efforts to serve the homeless who need a large amount of help navigating services and systems for shelter and housing, and that these folks don't necessarily qualify for services based on funding limitations to receive the necessary navigation help, and suggested that expanded funding for shelter and street outreach could potentially improve this issue;
- Peter Ragsdale updated that Victory Gardens financing closed and mobilization begins May 3 for a 12 – 14-month construction process, mentioned the completion of Crossways and HEAP, and ribbon cuttings for all of these;

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- Jon Mendelson stated that City of LA was recently required by court order to provide shelter to all residents of Skid Row by October, and mentioned that while our local focus on permanent housing was essential to a similar response in San Joaquin County, the ruling demonstrates the importance of shelter and that our local plan recognized the importance of both in an effective system of housing and services for the homeless;
- Jenn Rowell mentioned the special Board meeting upcoming on Monday April 26 and the regular Board meeting is still scheduled for May 13;

### **Adjournment**

- 9:52a