



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.
Tracy City Hall, Council Chambers
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1. Commencement of Meeting - Roll Call

Chair Fiser opened the meeting at 11:00a.m. Roll was called.

Board Members Present (in person): Fiser, Pinelli

Board Members Present (online): Hutchinson, Garber, Mendelson, Phovixay, Ragsdale

Board Members Excused: Kelly, Carney

2. Approval of Minutes

Jon Mendelson added to his previous statement during the RFP discussion on May 9, 2024, emphasizing the need for experience specifically with the Continuum of Care Program Competition, rather than just general experience with the Continuum of Care. With that change, Jon made a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2024 meeting, Randy seconded, and motion was approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

RC Thompson, Executive Director of Reinvent South Stockton Coalition, inquired about data clarification regarding the transition of unhoused individuals from San Joaquin County (County). She raised concern about Stockton natives not being able to maintain housing and asked if the committee is actively supporting efforts towards this issue. RC emphasized the need for equitable housing opportunities and requested a demographic analysis to ensure fairness in housing maintenance across the County. Jon provided an overview of the data terms and the inflow and outflow of the homeless population. Jon stated that while inflows are specific to the County, outflows denote various pathways to attain permanent housing beyond geographical constraints. Krista acknowledged a collective desire to further explore what equity entails in practice, ensuring this is noted for future reference.

Ayesha Nic-Gongora questioned the continued use of the VI-SPDAT across counties, noting a perceived shift towards the Coordinated Entry Housing Assessment. Matt stated they are presently exploring alternatives to the VI-SPDAT as part of an ongoing discussion, remaining open to various options and observing implementations in other communities. Ayesha further expressed concern that the homeless individuals in Tracy who accessed shelters underwent assessments, leaving unsheltered population unassessed and emphasized ensuring all individuals are assessed properly. She also asked whether performing assessments would continue to be limited to shelter staff or if outreach workers will also be authorized. Natascha acknowledged the importance of ensuring an adequate number of trained personnel for conducting assessments and indicated a commitment to addressing it.

Krista requested Matt to outline the next steps and timeline for determining responsibility in

recommending the assessment tool and defining roles for conducting assessments. Natascha suggested forming an ad hoc committee comprising individuals with in-depth understanding of the assessment tool. Matt assured to raise the idea during the next CES subcommittee meeting on Monday facilitating a clearer timeline. Randy asked Matt about a method for non-attendees to contribute to the process. Matt encouraged the individuals to attend CES committee meetings; alternatively, they can contribute via email with documents or input. Jon added that HMIS outreach teams can conduct VI-SPDAT assessments using paper versions on the website in the field, ensuring real-time access for direct referrals and verifying HMIS functionality.

Ayesha asked if there be discussions about developing a housing portfolio specifically for the City of Tracy. Jon highlighted the challenges impacting the availability of housing and a few approaches to address them (i.e., leveraging government land and housing trust funds). Krista cited that the Board of Supervisors requested the initiation of a county-city alliance to align system conversations across cities and ensure cohesion in funding projects, focusing on equity and community-specific needs. Jon updated that outreach programs can conduct the VI-SPDAT on the streets and make direct referrals to the community queue.

RC advocated for trauma-informed, unbiased approaches in the coordinated efforts to support vulnerable unsheltered populations, mindful of Senate Bill 43 implications and the need for holistic community support.

Douglas Montandon from Love INC Manteca emphasized the importance of including community-based movements and local jurisdictions in housing discussions, ensuring their involvement and contributions. He highlighted the enthusiasm of Manteca residents in participating in these discussions and in contributing to meaningful solutions, emphasizing the need to build systems and protocols.

4. Collaborative Applicant Updates

- *Neighborhood Preservation, Transition to HSA:* The move of Neighborhood Preservation to HSA was approved by the Board of Supervisors effective June 3rd, with Natasha continuing as Interim Program Administrator until HSA fills the role with a permanent position. She introduced Chris Woods, Director of HSA and Dawn McLeish, Deputy Director, responsible for overseeing Neighborhood Preservation.
- *MOU Update:* Natascha stated that the delay on the MOU process was due to the departmental transition but is expected to be ready by July. She added that the Nomination Committee applicants should be approved shortly.
- *Communications Update:* The HSA IT department has gained access to the CoC website, and the critical updates will be posted soon.
- *RFP Updates:* Final version of HMIS and Coordinated Entry Assessment RFP is expected to be ready within the next few weeks. Natascha mentioned that they will schedule meetings with the HUD representative for TA assistance and opportunities. For 2024 Program Competition, the Letter of Intent was sent out on May 10th with a due date of June 28th. More specifics regarding outsourcing the Program Competition are expected in July.

5. Board Member Updates

Krista reported the resignations of Melanie Estarziau and Wayne Templeton from the board. Natascha added that applicants for board membership will receive notification of the decisions soon.

6. 2024 PIT Count

Krista stated that the PIT Count total numbers were received from ASR last month. Krista specified that the draft report on the city-specific and jurisdiction-specific data is anticipated to be received by the end of the week. The PIT count from January reveals the sheltered population to be 1,254 and the unsheltered population of 3,469, totaling 4,723.

7. Committee Updates

- *Strategic Planning Committee*: Melanie Estarziau and Virginia Carney, Co-Chairs - No update.
- *System Performance and Evaluation Committee*: Krista Fiser - Natascha reported that Jon provided more information on the reallocation tool and introduced the idea of emergency shelter review tool, which is to be further discussed and to be presented to the CoC board.
- *Data Committee*: Jon Mendelson - Jon detailed the items discussed in the committee meeting, i.e., increased focus on performance outcomes and measurements and a review of CVLIHC website dashboard updates to guide the upcoming revamp of the CoC website. He discussed the disparity between the inflow and outflow of individuals entering and exiting the homeless system; inflow outpacing the outflow. Jon reported a discussion on tools to enhance system performance through data-driven approaches, slated for further review by relevant committees. He mentioned that the proposed revisions to the annual data quality plan were revisited. The final draft is anticipated and will be submitted for board approval, while continuing to operate under the old data quality plan.
- *Education and Membership Committee*: TBD - No update.
- *Coordinated Entry System Committee*: Matt Garber - Matt informed that during the last meeting in May, the committee received a report from FRRRC detailing enrollment in CES, with 172 profiles in April, including 80 households. Between October 1st and April 30th, 888 households were referred to the community queue, comprising 440 families and 448 singles. CVLIHC reported that Bitfocus is working on a project to integrate project opening notices into HMIS and will provide quarterly training for CES matchmakers and housing providers. Discussions included feedback from a smaller group on refining the VI-SPDAT, particularly focusing on Section 3's intrusiveness and potential separation of that section from the intake assessment and switching to another version. He updated about considering a scaled-out version of the VI-SPDAT, which will be further reviewed at their upcoming meeting on June 17th.
- *Shelter Committee*: Jennifer Rhyne - Jennifer reported that the upcoming meeting is in Lodi, which allows for a hybrid option. She detailed discussion topics including community resources, particularly concerning seniors and transitional youth (aged 18-24) and shared insights from calls received by 211 services, and the increasing needs within these demographics. She noted a discussion regarding coordinated entry systems and alternative assessment tools beyond VI-SPDAT that is explored by other organizations. She highlighted the importance of including representatives from all cities to strengthen the committee's role as a safe space for inclusive dialogue and to ensure effective reporting to the CoC.
- *Youth Action Board*: TBD - No update.
- *Youth Action Committee*: Krista Fiser - No update.
- *Housing Committee*: No update.
- *Outreach Committee*: Mike Kelly - No update.
- *PIT committee*: Krista Fiser - Previously provided.
- *Ad Hoc Nomination Committee*: Kate Hutchinson - Previously provided.

8. Adjourn Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.