



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

San Joaquin County Public Health Services

1601 E. Hazelton Ave.

Stockton, CA 95205

1. Commencement of Meeting - Roll Call

Chair Fiser opened the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Roll was called.

Board Members Present: Fiser, Carney, Garber, Mendelson, Young, Grover, Quan, and Jackson.

Board Members Excused: Hutchinson, Phovixay, Pinnelli, Guarascio, and Grant

2. Announcement of Recusals – No recusals.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Fiser called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2025 Board meetings.

Motion made and seconded (**Mendelson/Grover**)

Roll call vote taken (**Fiser – Yes, Carney – Yes, Hutchinson – NP, Garber – Yes, Mendelson – Yes, Phovixay – NP, Pinnelli – NP, Young – Yes Grover – Yes, Guarascio – NP, Quan – Yes, Grant – NP, Jackson – Yes**)
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4. Public Comment – No public comments.

5. Collaborative Applicant Updates

San Joaquin County/Collaborative Applicant

- SJCoC Board Member Applications - Board members that are terming out will need to apply; also requesting volunteers for the Nomination Committee.
- Ad Hoc Committee for CoC Program Competition Rank and Review
- HHAP-6 Application - Submitted August 29, 2025
- HHAP-5 NOFA Update
- HMIS Assessment Update
- Federal Updates (HR 1 and the Program Comp/CoC Builds NOFO implications)
- Next CoC meeting – Cancel November meeting; next meeting is December 11, 2025 (Board of Directors Meeting)

Chair Fiser introduced Dawn McLeish, Deputy Director of Human Services Agency, to discuss SJCoC Board Member applications, Ad Hoc Committee for CoC Program Competition Rank and Review, HHAP-6 application, HHAP-5 NOFA Update, HMIS assessment update, Federal updates, and the next CoC Meeting.

SJCoC Board Member Applications – McLeish reminded the group that under the updated Governance Charter, any board member whose term is ending must reapply for their seat. Board members who have served for two years and wish to continue will be required to apply. Applications should be directed to Dawn McLeish or Norma Andrade. Board Member Garber inquired about the maximum number of terms a board member may serve. McLeish informed it will be a maximum of 3 terms, 6 years in total. Once the list

of candidates is ready, it will be brought to the Nomination Committee to work through the process. A new Chair and Vice Chair will also be presented by the Nomination Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee for CoC Program Competition Rank and Review – McLeish mentioned the tools for the CoC Program Competition must be reviewed, approved, and prepared. McLeish emphasized the limited time available to go through the process, which makes it important to address items that can be completed in advance. Individuals interested in participating in the committee responsible for reviewing the tools, approving it, and making any necessary adjustments, please contact Norma Andrade, Courtney Nagy, or Dawn McLeish. Once the review is complete, the tools will be sent out for final approval.

HHAP-6 Application – McLeish advised the HHAP-6 Application has been completed and submitted. McLeish conveyed appreciation to everyone who contributed and recognized Kayce Rane for her support in coordinating a comprehensive collaborative application between the County and the City of Stockton, to ensure alignment with the state requirements. No feedback has been received yet, and so the application has been accepted and received, and is currently waiting for final approval.

HHAP-5 NOFA Update – McLeish stated adjustments are being made to the current HHAP NOFA application to better help streamline the review and rating process. A webinar will be held for those who would like to apply. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting and receive more information. The meeting information will be shared with the release of the NOFA.

HMIS Assessment Update – McLeish advised that the HUD TA Provider has met with HMIS users and completed their initial assessment of our current system. The group will continue to review and discuss the findings in more detail.

Federal Updates – McLeish informed with the passing of HR 1, major impacts are expected for Medi-Cal and CalFresh recipients in the County and nation. Of the 814,000 residents in San Joaquin County, 314,000 receive Medi-Cal and 76,756 receive CalFresh, and roughly 145,000 households will shift from annual to semiannual redeterminations. This change will increase the reporting requirements for both clients and HSA, resulting in more churn as frequent paperwork and verification create additional barriers for clients. The federal changes will heavily impact adults ages 19-64 with incomes above 100% of the federal poverty level, and may soon face 80-hour work requirements, verification processes, and co-pays of up to \$35. In San Joaquin County, about 86,000 individuals could be affected, though some could be qualified as exempt. CalFresh work requirements will also return, as the waiver has been removed, and the ABAWD program will apply again, affecting individuals and homeless persons who were previously exempt. Starting January 2026, medical asset limits will be reinstated, Medi-Cal enrollment freezes will occur for undocumented individuals, and the administrative cost sharing ratio is going to be changed for the states, resulting in expensive costs to administer CalFresh. Regarding the HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO, information is limited, but there are concerns that funding may be reduced potentially by 50%, and permanent housing subsidies could be significantly restricted in favor of transitional housing. Board Member Mendelson provided context of what the impact will look like locally as it could jeopardize roughly 310 permanent supportive households and 110 rapid rehousing beds, all funded by the CoC Program Competition, potentially leaving hundreds at risk of homelessness. While these changes are not confirmed, it may explain the NOFO delay. The CoC may need to prepare by adjusting program models, revising ranking tools, and partnering with sources of alternative funding.

Next CoC meeting – No Meeting in November. Next Board of Directors meeting will be on December 11, 2025.

6. System-Wide Performance Measure: Trends and Analysis

Chair Fiser introduced Board Member Jon Mendelson with the HMIS Lead Agency to present the System-Wide Performance Measure: Trends and Analysis. The draft version of the systemwide performance

measures focuses on the federal CoC guideline performance measures submitted each February and working to incorporate state HHAP measures as well. Since the state and federal measures are different, the report is still incomplete, but the goal is to provide a more useful local analysis. Preliminary data shows that CoC programs are performing well with some strong exits to permanent housing, strong income gains, and moderate homelessness recidivism. However, the number of people who are homeless is increasing. This suggests that while the programs are effective, it needs to be operating at a scale sufficient to fully address the scope of the community's broader housing and service needs.

7. Letter of Support Request: Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 2: Unmet Needs

Chair Fiser introduced Rajony Poy with Human Services Agency Neighborhood Preservation Division to present the Letter of Support Request. The Collaborative Applicant staff received a request from a development team, Ten Space Development and pH Wellness. They have reached out for a Letter of Support from the CoC for their application to the State's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Round 2 grant funds, due October 28, 2025. Their proposal seeks funding for a 24-bed adult residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment facility in downtown Stockton. It is an adaptive reuse of an existing building and is nearly permit ready as they are working on assembling financing for construction. Earlier this year, the CoC Board approved for the Collaborative Applicant to sign Letters of Support for housing, shelter, or service projects seeking non-CoC funding, given that the letters do not imply a financial commitment and the organization is actively engaged in CoC activities. This organization has just recently joined the SJCoC membership. Due to this reason, board members requested further information from the organization in order to come to a decision. Collaborative Applicant staff will reach out to the organization for project details requiring the Letter of Support.

8. Quarterly Budget Review

Chair Fiser introduced Courtney Nagy and Shannon Meritt-Lopez with Human Services Agency Neighborhood Preservation to present the quarterly budget review. The fiscal review for the CoC funded programs included payments processed through September 30th, 2025. However, the amounts do not include all expenses through September 30th, as billing is approximately a month or two behind. Most program expenditures are where they should be based on operating start and end dates. The team will continue to monitor spending and will work closely with those whose spending is below the anticipated expenditure level. For CoC's HHAP program, HHAP 2 has been fully expended since June. HHAP 3 has expended 34% of the overall budget and is on track to meet the June 2026 deadline. HHAP 4 expenditures are at 15% and HHAP 4 has a June 2027 deadline for expenditures, which appears to be on track. In closing, the HHAP expenditures are where they should be to meet all deadlines.

9. Committee Updates

- *Executive Planning Committee:* Virginia Carney – Did not meet in September but met in August. Taking lead on the Hospital Shelter Referral Form and will continue to work with the Hospital Council. The committee is open to any feedback regarding the referral form.
- *Data and Performance Management Committee:* Jon Mendelson – The HMIS team submitted the draft report, provided updated trainings, and implemented new federal HUD data standards as of October 1st. The annual LSA reporting process has begun, so participating agencies or service providers should expect data quality inquiries and respond promptly to support federal reporting for the January deadline.
- *Coordinated Entry and Housing Case Conferencing Committee:* Matt Garber – No meeting in September; met in August and the new assessment has been working with 752 assessments completed. Next meeting scheduled for October 20th, 2025.
- *Shelter and Interim Housing Committee:* Jennifer Rhyne and Virginia Carney – Next meeting coming up on the last Thursday of October.
- *Youth Action Board:* Saul Lopez – Not present/No update.
- *Outreach and Engagement Committee:* Vielka Guarascio and Jamie Grant – Next meeting is virtual on October 14th, 2025.

- *PIT Count Planning Committee:* Sasha Jackson – Held first community PIT meeting on September 16th, 2025, with ASR. The next leadership meeting with ASR is scheduled for October 7th. Anyone interested in joining the committee, please email Rajony Poy. Meeting schedule will be coming soon.
- *Ad Hoc Nomination Committee:* Rajony Poy – Looking for volunteers to participate in the Nomination Committee. Board member applications are due November 1st. Volunteers cannot apply for a board seat. The committee will discuss Chair and Vice Chair recommendations.

10. Adjourn Board Meeting

Chair Fiser called for a motion to adjourn at 11:57am.

Motion made and seconded (Young/Quan)

Staff confirmed the motion was made by Board Member Young and second was made by Board Member Quan.