



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.

San Joaquin County Public Health Services

1601 E. Hazelton Ave.

Stockton, CA 95205

1. Commencement of Meeting - Roll Call

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

Board Members Present: Carney, Phovixay, Hutchinson, Garber, Mendelson, Young, Grover, Guarascio, Quan, Jackson, and Buettner.

Board Members Excused: Grant and Lozano.

2. Announcement of Recusals

Chair Carney called for the announcement of recusals. McLeish advised for agenda item #7, the following Board Members must recuse themselves from voting: Mendelson and Hutchinson.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Carney called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2026 Board meeting.

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

Roll call vote taken (**Carney – Yes, Phovixay – Yes, Hutchinson – Yes, Garber – Yes, Mendelson – Yes, Young – Yes, Grover – Yes, Guarascio – Yes, Quan – Yes, Grant – NP, Jackson – Yes, Lozano – NP, Buettner – Yes**) 11/0.

4. Public Comment

No public comments.

5. Collaborative Applicant Updates

San Joaquin County/Collaborative Applicant

- RSE – SJCoC Website Redesign
- CoC Program Competition NOFO update
- Community of Learning Event
- Next CoC meeting – August 13, 2026 (General Membership Meeting)

Chair Carney introduced Dawn McLeish, Deputy Director of Human Services Agency, to discuss the SJCoC Website Redesign, CoC Program Competition NOFO update, Community of Learning Event, and the next CoC Meeting.

SJCoC Website Redesign – Chair Carney introduced Eric Wheeler with RSE to provide updates on the San Joaquin CoC website redesign. Wheeler presented the updates, which highlighted opportunities to improve the current website by strengthening readability, simplifying the navigation and accessibility, reducing text-heavy content, and incorporating empowering images. The redesigned website now uses the organization's color palette for more updated branding. He provided a demonstration to showcase the updates to the homepage, About CoC page, and "What We Do" page, highlighting the planned content related to the organization's purpose, goals, leadership, oversight, and coordination, then diving into

values of collaboration, communications, and transparency. Wheeler reported that he and his team completed designing the first half of the site and will design the second half within the next two to three weeks, which keeps them on track to deliver the full design to the CoC team in mid-July for development. Board member Grover inquired if future CoC meeting information would be easily accessible to find and join, in which Wheeler responded that on the homepage there will be a button to navigate directly to the meetings and will also have a quick link to the meeting information in the primary navigation. Dawn McLeish thanked Eric Wheeler and his team at RSE for their work and update.

CoC Program Competition NOFO – McLeish informed that the CoC Program Competition NOFO was released on June 1st, with changes to the renewal amount, program, and partnership requirements. This aligns with what was previously released by HUD in November, and some adjustments made will be beneficial. The NP team released the NOFO on June 8th, and McLeish notified the group that all Letters of Intent are due Wednesday, June 17th. Following the deadline, there will be a mandatory New Project Orientation on June 22nd for those who want to apply for a new project.

Community of Learning Event – McLeish announced that the first in-person training offered to CoC members has been scheduled for August 13th, 2026, and expressed gratitude to Tiffany Phovixay and the Family Resource Center team at 211 for assisting in developing the training. At this training, the attendees will gain an understanding of the client journey and support provided by the Coordinated Entry System (CES) staff. McLeish emphasized that it is a great opportunity for housing providers to understand how CES functions. Consultant Melanie Estarziau has been assisting in developing the training to ensure the learning objectives are in alignment with the established Workforce Development framework. Those interested in this training will need to RSVP as seats is limited; invitations for the training will be sent out through Constant Contact.

Next CoC meeting – Next meeting is scheduled for August 13th, 2026.

6. Discuss and Approve HMIS Data Sharing with New York University's Office of Research Data Management & Security

Chair Carney introduced Rajony Poy with Neighborhood Preservation to present the HMIS data sharing with New York's University's (NYU) Office of Research Data Management & Security. Poy stated that it is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the data sharing agreement with NYU and give the HMIS Lead authority to share data on a limited basis to support the research project. The Office of Research Data Management & Security at NYU is requesting data from the SJCoC to support their research project, "Supplementing Rapid Rehousing with Cash Assistance for Homeless Prevention in the Bay Area", in evaluating the effectiveness of direct cash assistance as a supplement to RRH services. The study will examine the impact of cash assistance on homeless prevention, housing stability, and participant well-being, with the goal of informing more effective homelessness prevention strategies and improving housing stability outcomes. There is no cost for the CoC for this project, and following the approval of this project, the HMIS Lead will collaborate with NYU and supply the data and reports out of HMIS as needed; the agreement will conclude in January 2031. Board member Mendelson added that the request will be easy to satisfy, carries no downside, and will broaden the understanding of how different assistance modes help those in need.

Board member Grover inquired if the research and development will be shared, and Board member Mendelson responded yes. Board member Young raised a concern about the security of personal information being exchanged, and Board member Mendelson assured the group that the standard for the CoC and data sharing agreements is to restrict the identification to the unique identifier which is generated by the HMIS. This information can also be provided via HUD's unique identifier number which could allow for comparison across CoC boundaries without having to share personal protected information. Board member Jackson asked what the Bay Area scope was for this project, if they are looking directly at Bay

Area cities and or how Central Valley is being incorporated. Board member Mendelson stated that the project is aware of the significant movement between the Bay Area and more affordable communities like San Joaquin County, so they are hoping to see if households that receive the assistance in the Bay Area may have moved to Central Valley to establish themselves which is overall a small percentage of data in our system. He also added that this is purely a research project and it is to see if there are any differences in long-term housing outcomes. It will not provide additional support to any household.

Motion made and seconded (**Hutchinson/Phovixay**)

Roll call vote taken (**Carney – Yes, Phovixay – Yes, Hutchinson – Yes, Garber – Yes, Mendelson – Yes, Young – Yes, Grover – Yes, Guarascio – Yes, Quan – Yes, Grant – Excused, Jackson – Yes, Lozano – Excused, Buettner – Yes**) 11/0.

7. Discuss and Approve the Updated Local Rank Policy and Ranking Tool for the CoC Program Competition

Chair Carney introduced Rajony Poy to discuss and approve the revised Local Ranking Policy and Ranking Tool for the CoC Program Competition. Poy stated that it is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the updated rank policy and tool to reflect HUD's 2026 NOFO changes. HUD released the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO on June 1st with a deadline of August 26th, including significant changes such as reduced funding protection in Tier 1 (from 90% to 60%), competition requirements, and national priorities. The ranking policy and tool have been updated to align with HUD guidance and new NOFO requirements, including updated language, revised priorities, dates, funding amounts, and objective scoring criteria. The updated materials were shared with the general membership on June 8th and must be submitted with the CoC's application to demonstrate compliance and the community's competitiveness for funding. There is no cost associated with this implementation.

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

Roll call vote taken (**Carney – Yes, Phovixay – Yes, Hutchinson – Recused, Garber – Yes, Mendelson – Recused, Young – Yes, Grover – Yes, Guarascio – Yes, Quan – Yes, Grant – Excused, Jackson – Yes, Lozano – Excused, Buettner – Yes**) 9/0.

8. Committee Updates

- *Executive Planning Committee: Virginia Carney, Chair* – The Executive Planning Committee did not meet in May but is scheduled to meet in June.
- *Data and Performance Management Committee: Jon Mendelson, Chair* – An update was provided regarding the release of the housing inventory count. A significant number of shelter units and permanent housing units were added, and there is decrease of about 1,600 people in unsheltered homelessness between 2024-2026. An additional 1,500 units of permanent housing were added during that period. It is reasonable to assume that the community's investment in permanent housing of various types of projects has made a significant impact on unsheltered homelessness. The HMIS Lead has also recently worked with University of the Pacific (UOP) and their master's level engineering department to implement a computer learning model with HMIS data. The goal of this model is to look at outcomes in our system but also help predict who in the system needs the most assistance to remain permanently housed/avoid homeless recidivism. Board member Mendelson gave gratitude to the UOP grad team and to Sarthak, data analyst at CVLIHC, for developing and assisting with this project.
- *Coordinated Entry and Housing Case Conferencing Committee: Matt Garber, Chair* – The committee did not have a meeting. Recently, there have been conflicting dates with their old meeting dates, and so a consensus has been reached to change the time of the meeting to every 3rd Thursday of the month. Next meeting will be on June 18th, 2026, at 11AM.
- *Shelter and Interim Housing Committee: Jennifer Rhyne and Virginia Carney, Co-Chairs* –

Shelter and Interim Housing Committee did not meet. At their next meeting, they will be looking for volunteers for the Co-Chair position. For those who are interested, please reach out to Jennifer Rhyne.

- *Youth Action Board: Fanny Aviles, Chair* – N/A
- *Outreach and Engagement Committee: Vielka Guarascio and Jamie Grant, Co-Chairs* – The committee had a meeting earlier this week. The main discussion was regarding what other jurisdictions were doing for individuals that have exhausted all services across county lines, and what can be done. They discussed Care Core and asked other jurisdictions if they have utilized that service. The committee is planning to have Care Core at one of the meetings to elaborate on outreach and benefits of using the program. Currently, a resource list is being compiled, and the committee is working on how the outreach team can be supported. Public Health is interested and planning on having presentations of different services and resources to assist the outreach team. The committee moved their meeting date from every month on the second Tuesday to every other month. Their next meeting is August 11th at 1pm.
- *Ad Hoc PIT Count Planning Committee: Sasha Jackson, Chair* – Poy gave an update regarding the PIT count. Once the Collaborative Applicant staff receives the draft, they will have 1-2 weeks to make comments and edits, and ASR will need 1-2 weeks to finalize the report. They are anticipating that the report will be finalized in July.

9. Adjourn Board Meeting

Chair Carney called for a motion to adjourn at 11:52 am.

Motion made and seconded (Buettner/Quan)

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