



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING MINUTES

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness provides a forum for communication and coordination about the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness, and for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in the County, educating the community on homeless issues, and advocating on federal, state, and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The Council provides advice and input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County. Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Council.

Date, Time: Thursday, November 2, 2017 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Council Member Attendance:

Present: Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Tracy Pullar, Anne Struthers, Gary Kingsbury, Cecelia McCloy, Doug Leich, Miguel Hidalgo-Barnes, John Barclay, Stephanie Bachelor, Dan Sawislak, Joseph Villarreal, Brenda Kain, John Eckstrom

Absent: Alejandra Chamberlain, Diane Aguinaga, Teri House (Vice Chair)

Staff Attendance: Lavonna Martin, Jaime Jenett, Juliana Pooley, Contra Costa Health Services (H3); Amanda Wehrman, Erica McWhorter, HomeBase.

Public Attendance: Lisa Hicks, Claude J. Battaglia, Malanie Vehencian, Maggie Jefferson, Heidi Maguire, Soun Barclay, Luis Rodriguez, John Navarra, Terrie Light, Peter Dragovich, Michael Pitts, Andrea Futi, Paula Bonnell, Deanne Pearn, Sanaa Gad, Stephanie Stovall

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Call to order by Gabriel Lemus, Chair

2. Approve Minutes (Action Item)

- Motion
- Statement of Motion:
 - We move to adopt the minutes from the October 5th Council on Homelessness Meeting.
- *Discussion:*
 - *The Council moved to approve.*
- *Procedural Record:*
 - *Motion made by: Doug Leich*
 - *Seconded by: Joseph Villarreal*
 - *AYES: Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Tracy Pullar, Anne Struthers, Gary Kingsbury, Cecelia McCloy, Doug Leich, Miguel Hidalgo-Barnes, John Barclay,*



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- *NOES: None.*
- *ABSTAINS: None.*
- *ABSENTS: Alejandra Chamberlain, Diane Aguinaga, Teri House (Vice Chair)*
- *Motion Carried*

3. Governance Update (Action Item)

- Presented by Jaime Jenett, H3
- Must double check the expiration dates on seats—likely some early expiration’s due to recent decision to stagger seats
- Also important for determining which seats will be involved in selecting new council members
- Most committee members will need to reapply if they are interested in keeping their seats
- H3 is working on marketing the seat openings
- Next month will work on setting up nominating committee on membership to ensure set up in time to move forward by February 2018
- Volunteers for nominating committee
 - Anne Struthers
- No action at this time: Add to next month’s calendar with clarification on seat expiration dates

4. Homeless Awareness Month (Action Item)

- Presentation by Jaime Jenett, H3
- Goal of events: raise awareness, and get people connected and active
- The following nominees are being presented to Council for recommendation for awards by County BoS
 - Outstanding Volunteer: Dana Denniston from Good Shepherd Church
 - Outstanding Landlord: Anita Michaels from John Stewart Company
- Statement of Motion
 - We move to approve the nominees for Outstanding Volunteer and Outstanding Landlord, and recommend the County Board of Supervisors award Dana Denniston from Good Shepherd Church the Outstanding Volunteer Award, and Anita Michaels from the John Stewart Company the Outstanding Landlord Award.
- *Procedural Record:*
 - *Motion made by: John Barclay*
 - *Seconded by: Anne Struthers*
 - *AYES: Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Tracy Pullar, Anne Struthers, Gary Kingsbury, Cecelia McCloy, Doug Leich, Miguel Hidalgo-Barnes, John Barclay,*



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- *NOES: None.*
- *ABSTAINS: None.*
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- *Motion Carried*
- Advocacy Opportunities at Public Meetings, including information with materials to support advocates
 - Tracy and Stephanie presented proclamation at yesterday's meeting
 - Next public meeting (including presentation of awards) at next BoS meeting on Tuesday, 11/7/17 at 9:00AM
- Other events happening during Homeless Awareness Month
 - Storied Streets
 - Showing with snacks and discussion
 - Walnut Creek: Nov. 2
 - Richmond: Nov. 15
 - Toolkit contains more info on events

5. Committee Updates

- Presentations by Juliana Pooley and Jaime Jenett, H3; Erica McWhorter, HomeBase
 - CE Round Up Report Out
 - Based on feedback from H3's surveys and focus groups
 - Line staff were excited to talk about CE, impacts and ideas
 - Key Findings
 - How CE impacting **whole CoC**?
 - CE Reduces barriers
 - CE Strengthens collaborations across CoC
 - CE Prioritizes based needs
 - CE Does not reward those who are trying hard to rebuild their lives (gap!)
 - How CE impacting **CoC Agencies**?
 - CE gone smoothly
 - Adoption led to growth w/in agencies
 - Staff moral same
 - More meetings
 - Increase in data collection
 - Staff understand role in CE
 - Increase in time spent with each client
 - How CE impacting **Consumers**?
 - Increase in demand for case management
 - Increase in successful referrals



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- Increase knowledge about how to access to CE services
 - Increase in ES placement
- Outcomes (and preliminary data)
 - 790 people housed since CES kick off
 - 547 exited with support (subsidy, RRH, PSH)
 - 229 housed w/financial supports
 - 81 enrolled in housing navigation
 - 1,850 served by CORE
 - Many served in warming center (a couple hundred)
 - Year by year comparison shows lots of positive change
 - Increase chronically homeless, mental health condition, chronic health condition, entered uninhabitable location (living outside)
- Next Steps (gather more data)
 - Consumer input
 - CES evaluation tools
 - CES-wide measure of flows through system
 - Program outcomes
 - Subpopulation outcomes
 - HUD performance measures
- Update on Consumer Advisory Committee
 - A lot of interest
 - Working on structure of meeting (quarterly meetings), but likely will help plan events and other things
 - First meeting mid to late November
 - Compiling questions about what consumers think of system
 - Need to know what
- Update on Policy and Advocacy Committee
 - Second meeting was in late October; good conversations so far as focus of group is beginning to take form
 - Brainstormed talking points and messaging for educating the Board of Supervisors and city Councils as a part of Homeless Awareness Month
 - Conversation rooted in the Civil Grand Jury reports as well as the response drafted by H3
 - Conversations about cannabis regulatory framework and process
 - Challenge is to determine what recommendations can be made—this committee is exploring the timeframe of the regulations, how we can be involved in discussions underway
 - Will continue to gather information and monitor progress, as additional clarity is needed around framework and funding availability



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- Discussing how the Policy and Advocacy Committee can monitor legislation, and how and when to bring the group together to recommend strategic actions
- State Housing Legislation Update on 2017 Housing Package
 - New Money for Housing: SB2 and SB3
 - SB2 is the Building Homes and Jobs Act
 - SB3 is the Affordable Housing Bond Act; is an opportunity to get involved in terms of advocacy, for the Council and other community groups
 - Making Housing Development Easier: SB35, AB73, SB540
 - SB35: Affordable Housing: Streamline Approval Process
 - AB73: Housing Sustainability Districts
 - SB540: Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone
 - Building & Preserving More Affordable Housing: AB1505, AB1521, and AB571
 - AB1505: Land Use: Zoning Regulations
 - AB1521: Land Use: Notice of Proposed Change/Assisted Housing Developments
 - AB571: Farmworker Housing Tax Credit
 - Targeting Cities to Support More Housing: AB1397, SB166, AB879, SB167, AB678, AB1515, AB72
 - AB1397: Inventory of Land for Residential Development
 - SB166: Residential Density and Affordability
 - AB879: Planning and Zoning
 - SB127 and AB 678: Housing Accountability Act
 - AB1515: Planning and Zoning: Housing
 - AB72: Housing Plans

6. Recommendations to USICH on Federal Strategic Plan (Action Item)

- Presentation by Erica McWhorter, HomeBase
 - United States Interagency Council on Homelessness has a federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, and is currently soliciting public comment as they work to update the plan
 - 4 Key Objectives
 - Prevent and end veteran homelessness by 2015
 - Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2017
 - Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 2020
 - Set a path to end all types of homelessness
 - Strategies in Support of Objectives
 - Increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement
 - Increase access to stable and affordable housing



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- Increase economic stability
- Improve health and stability
- Retool the homeless crisis response system
- Discussion by the Council
 - Strategic plan fails to address the availability of housing: there isn't an adequate supply of housing for those who need it
 - Coordinated entry is an excellent example of providing additional support while streamlining the process
 - Data is showing that by doing effective coordinated entry, we are serving a higher vulnerability population, and need to take into account the need for a higher level of services to maintain housing stability
 - Could include the comments from our coordinated entry feedback
 - Regional conversations are underway to help align local priorities
 - Bay Area has to figure out what to do: this was the same conversation at the recent Rapid Rehousing institute convening
 - CoC neighborhood meetings among CoCs once a quarter— next one is focused on data sharing, as most local CoCs have switched to Clarity
 - So, comment should include the ask for support for CoCs to work regionally, to ensure that the regulations allow us to work as we want to work, and providing supports through technical assistance and funding, so we can align priorities across the Bay Area
 - Changing nature of the homeless population: our data shows that people have more health issues; how can you support that subpopulation that might be more chronically homeless?
 - Target populations gave us an opportunity to focus, but the changes aren't enduring, and as funding begins to shift, how do we sustain the effort?
- Statement of the Motion:
 - We move to compile comments from today's Council meeting and include in comments to be submitted within the comment period.
- *Procedural Record:*
 - *Motion made by: Anne Struthers*
 - *Seconded by: Joseph Villarreal*
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- *Motion Carried*

7. Community Announcements

- City of Concord to increase health access and promote healthy lifestyles: application on City website
- Contra Costa Progressives (Peter: 925-207-1191; ccprogressives.org): video on food insecurity; would like to meet with persons with Council on Staff to learn more about homeless programs and how video and org could enhance outreach and other efforts of COH
- YearUp Bay Area (John Nevarra): thanks from client; one year training and internship program for young adults 18-24 in
 - Partnership with DVC
 - Recruiting for next cohort starting in Feb 2018
 - 6 month internship with Bay Area companies
 - College credits
 - Monthly stipends
- RFPs for CE comes out Friday, 11/03/17
 - Centralized diversion services, housing location services, and West County CARE Center (with option of extended hours)
 - LOI to partner with Antioch Library for Evening CARE Center for Families
 - Operates December through April (short term)
 - Capacity is up to 25-30 or about 7 families w/3 persons per family
 - Serves as pilot as work to get full CARE Center open in East County in June or July 2018
- Notice of Federal Funding for VA Homeless Grant Per Diem Program
 - Housing providers can apply for funding
 - This round is per Diem only (daily per Diem per veterans—about \$45/day)
 - Very few providers in County right now, only ANKA
 - See Tracy Pullar with Questions
- Senior Resources in Contra Costa County Resources available

8. Pin It

- Next Meeting December 7, 2017, ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA