

Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | February 10, 2016

Health and Wellness Campus, Room 109 | 3240 Kerner Blvd, San Rafael, CA | 3:00PM-5:00PM

1. Welcome. Call to Order at 3:03PM by Co-Chair Kate Colin

2. Roll Call

3. HPSC Voting Members in attendance:

Elected Officials

County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Katie Rice, Co-Chair

Cities and Towns: San Rafael Vice-Mayor Kate Colin, Co-Chair

Larkspur City Council: Ann Morrison

Public Housing Authority

Marin Housing Authority: Kimberly Carroll

Consumer Representative

Bill Hale

Law Enforcement

San Rafael Police Department: Lynn Murphy

Domestic Violence

C4DP: Donna Garske

Faith-Based Organizations

Marin Organizing Committee: Pat Langley

Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul: Christine Paquette

Community Action Marin: Laurel Hill

Adopt a Family: Pamela Meyer

Ritter Center: Cia Byrnes

Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound: Mary Kay Sweeney

Bucklew Programs: Steve Eckert

Center Point: Joe Hegadus

Employment Services

Downtown Streets Team: Andrew Henning

4. Approval of the November 4, 2015 Minutes

6b. HMIS Policy and Procedures- Bill Hale commented that his vote to approve the policies and procedures was contingent upon revisiting the issue of implied vs. express consent for HMIS participation.

7. 2015 Point-in-Time County Results- Mary Kay Sweeney noted correction to reflect that she stated there wasn't collaboration with schools.

a. Cia Byrnes moved to approve the minutes with corrections made; Mary Kay Sweeney seconded.

b. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. Introductions, Announcements

- Kate Colin noted the front page Marin IJ story about purchase of housing complex in Fairfax slated to be affordable housing.
- Staff alerted committee to the Housing California Conference being held in April.
- Staff requested voting members to send names of alternates.

6. Public Comment- none

7. Serving the Person: Individualizing the Approach to Ending Homelessness

- Presentation:
 - Jean Field presented an overview of the best practices regarding individualizing the approach to ending homelessness.
 - Christine Paquette reported that she, Vice-Mayor Colin, Howard Schwartz, and Ashley Hart McIntyre recently visited with the HOT program team in San Mateo (a local example of the best practice model) highlighted best practice aspects of its design. The HOT program performs outreach to persons who are the target of the most merchant and residential complaints to law enforcement and the heaviest users of emergency services. The HOT outreach workers engage with chronically homeless persons linking them to services and ultimately housing. The HOT program works in conjunction with law enforcement. Each community has tailored its HOT program to fit the needs of their community. She noted that San Mateo faces similar issues as Marin: lack of housing, cost of housing, and visible homeless population on downtown streets.
- Next Steps:
 - Develop similar list in Marin
 - Implement HOT program using San Mateo as a model
 - Invite HOT Program staff from LifeMoves in San Mateo to speak to HPSC

8. HPSC Business and Updates

- Committee Updates
 - Ten Year Plan Implementation Committee
 - Ashley Hart McIntyre- currently working on outreach and engagement. Next meeting March 8th focusing on emergency response.
 - Easy Access and Effective Matching Committee
 - Ashley Hart McIntyre- committee has not met this month; however, focus groups are scheduled next week at Homeward Bound and Downtown Streets Team to elicit feedback on coordinated entry.

- CalWORKs Housing Support Program
 - Ana Rasquiza- Grant for CalWORKs participants to support permanent housing. Funding to pay for rental assistance, security deposits, first/last month's rent. Assistance for a maximum of six months. Funding to cover approximately 35 families. Adopt-a-Family and St. Vincent de Paul are the contractors administering the program.
- New Chronic Homelessness Definition and Documentation
 - Ashley Hart McIntyre- CoC must abide by the new definition. Focus of new definition on high needs clients. New definition might have some impact on PIT count.

9. Setting the Agenda for our May HPSC Meeting

- Staff – in May, propose discussion with Mental Health Mobile Crisis Teams. Future guest speakers may include San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz and new Director of Homeless Policy and Outreach Andrew Hening, HOT team, landlords, Community Development Agency.

10. Comments from Board Members- Supervisor Rice noted the 27 unit building in Fairfax which has been deemed “affordable housing” that came together through a collaboration of EAH, the property manager, Marin Community Foundation, and the County.

11. Adjournment- meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.