

Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | May 11, 2016

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

1. Welcome. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. HPSC Voting Members in Attendance:

Elected Officials

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

Supervisor Damon Connolly

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

Larkspur City Council: Ann Morrison

Community Development Agency

Leelee Thomas

Public Housing Authority

Marin Housing Authority: Kimberly Carroll

Consumer Representative

Bill Hale

Domestic Violence

C4DP: Donna Garske

Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul: Christine Paquette

Adopt a Family: Pamela Meyer

Ritter Center: Cia Byrnes

Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound: Mary Kay Sweeney

Center Point: Joe Hegadus

Veterans Services

Marcy Orosco

4. Approval of the February 10, 2016 Minutes

Bill Hale: Consent for HMIS needs to be revisited – should be explicit that it's voluntary

Staff: Will make change to minutes

- a. Ann Morrison 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

- Staff reported they are looking for an alternative meeting space- perhaps a room at Marin Commons. They are also creating a google group list to send announcements to everyone.

- Kimberly Carroll noted she is working with a group on a landlord incentive program. The program would have a pool of funds for security deposits and damages. They are looking at rental CDBG funds- deferring loans for conversion on junior units and loans for rehabbing general section 8 units. In addition, the group is having a landlord fair with a goal of 100 landlords coming and 20 committing to renting to Section 8.

6. Public Comment - none

7. Mental Health Transition Teams - Guest Speaker Janice Wells, Division Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Services

- Presentation:
 - Janice Wells presented an overview of mental health transition teams. Services are separated into: Planned (case management), and unplanned (calls from community, psychiatric emergencies, and jail).
 - Mobile Crisis Response Teams respond to people having mental health or substance abuse crises 7 days a week from 1-9pm. Calling 1-888-818-1115 connects to all teams. There are two licensed mental health practitioners on staff whose primary mission is to prevent people from needing to go to PES and to reduce police resources used for mental health. Team coordinates with police departments and can initiate 5150s. Staff can also call on peer and family support. *Numbers*: saw 116 unduplicated persons in March- 40% San Rafael, 26% Novato (Novato numbers increasing over time). Seeing about 2-3 contacts per unique individual. Approximately 500 cumulatively. Need for expanded hours.
 - Transitions Team was originally funded through SB82. The team's goal is to engage people in services without higher-end, more intensive services. They work with people in PES getting ready for discharge, family members and landlords to provide an early intervention and to re-stabilize housing, and coordinate with Housing Authority for persons either needing post-discharge services or are heading toward hospitalization. Staffed by 2 mental health practitioners, 1 peer, and 1 family partner. *Numbers*: saw 203 persons in March. Over 1000 contacts in fiscal year.
 - Outreach and Engagement Team is a low barrier program designed to engage individuals with mental health problems but is reluctant to engage. Different from Transition Team in that they do not provide short-term case management. Open Mon-Fri 8-4.

8. Future Funding for Homeless Programs- Staff summarized ESG program, current funding and state restructure, and answered questions.

- The amount Marin is eligible to apply for has dropped from approximately \$500,000 to roughly \$200,000. About \$100,000 will be available noncompetitively for rapid re-housing. Will compete with Napa and Santa Cruz. Impact on family shelter could be significant; agencies working on what that means.
 - Home for All Committee discussed yesterday. Actions decided were: agencies get together to present proposal to two significant funders- County of Marin and Marin Community Foundation (MCF) for at least short-term stopgap funding. This year's funding ends June 30th. New funding won't start until October.

9. HPSC Business and Updates

- Would like to open nominations for non-conflicted members; can collect nominations via email
 - Charlie Pick still on committee
 - Mary Kay Sweeney - nominate Chantel Walker
 - Kate Collin - may not have time
- Scoring Tools
 - New and renewal project scoring tools and the local process were reviewed by a committee and brought to the HPSC for approval.
 - One change was made to item 12a of the proposed renewal project scoring tool for clarification
 - Residency requirements for discussion in agenda for future meeting; subcommittee meeting
 - The scoring tools were adopted as recommended by the committee with the change made to item 12a.
- Committee Updates
 - Home for All Implementation:
 - Have met to discuss Outreach and Engagement, Emergency Responses, Access to Housing, and Communications
 - Committee meetings for implementation work will be announced later this year
 - Coordinated Entry:
 - Working on a limited pilot of the VI-SPDAT assessment tool and referral protocols focused on participants in the HOT program. Pilot will help us identify potential alternations needed in assessment tool as well as issues with referrals.
 - Will evaluate work and make recommendations for scaling up later

- HMIS Selection
 - Reviewed RFPs from several vendors with feedback from representatives of the HMIS Governance Committee and guidance from HMIS Administrator and HHS technical staff.
 - Close to making a recommendation which will need to be approved by this group. May call a special session in early June.
 - Implementation timeline is later this summer. Part of implementation will be reviewing our data sharing protocols and the issue of implied vs. express consent.
- Program updates
 - HOT:
 - San Mateo HOT Team came up to speak at Criminal Justice/Behavioral Health Collaborative
 - Transitions
 - Will present at future meeting

10. Setting the Agenda for our August HPSC Meeting

- Mary Kay Sweeney - General discussion regarding homeless children
- Bill Hale - Speaker suggestion: someone from Human Rights Commission on 24/7 bathrooms in San Rafael

11. Adjourn- 5:00pm