

## Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | August 9, 2017

Health and Wellness Campus, Room 109 | 3240 Kerner Blvd, San Rafael, CA | 4:00PM-5:00PM

### 1. Welcome. Call to Order: 4:02 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

HPSC Voting Members in Attendance:

#### Elected Officials

County Board of Supervisors:

Supervisor Katie Rice, Co-Chair

Supervisor Damon Connolly

Cities and Towns:

San Rafael City Councilmember Kate Colin, Co-Chair

Larkspur City Councilmember Ann Morrison

#### Community Development

Community Development Agency:

Debbi La Rue

#### Public Housing Authority

Marin Housing Authority:

Kimberly Carroll

#### Consumer Representative

Bill Hale

Pam Scoggins

#### Domestic Violence

Center for Domestic Peace:

Donna Garske

#### Faith-Based Organizations

Marin Organizing Committee:

Pat Langley

#### Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul:

Christine Paquette

Ritter Center:

Ben Leroi

Adopt A Family:

Rachel Boyes

#### Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound:

Mary Kay Sweeney

Buckelew:

Tamara Player

#### School Districts

Marin County Office of Education:

Lisa Schwartz

#### Employment Services

Downtown Streets Team:

Karen Strolia

### 3. Approval of the February 8, 2017 Minutes

- a. Tamara Player moved to approve the minutes; Mary Kay Sweeney seconded the motion.
- b. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

### 4. Introductions, Announcements

- a. Kimberly Carroll announced that Marin Housing Authority had been selected to be the Coordinated Entry provider.

- b. Lisa Schwartz introduced Karen Allen, the new county-wide coordinator for homeless youth in schools, who will be joining her as co-rep to the HPSC.
- c. Staff reminded HPSC members of the upcoming special HPSC meeting to approve the ranked list for the CoC NOFA on September 13.

## **5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **6. Program Updates**

- a. Coordinated Entry: Marin Housing Authority will subcontract with Health and Human Services to provide coordinated entry services. Coordinated Entry will launch October 1, 2017.
- b. Point-in-Time Count: Staff summarized the major findings of the Point-in-Time Count
  - i. HHS and the VA have hired a new position to work with Vets
- c. HMIS: The new HMIS has launched and is working well.

## **7. 2017 Review and Rank: Discussion and Approval of New Project Scoring Tool & Updated Process Document**

- a. Staff summarized highlights and changes to the 2017 NOFA
- b. The policies have been updated to reflect new information from the NOFA and to update the timeline
- c. Katie Rice moved to approve the updated process document; Ann Morrison seconded the motion.
- d. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.
- e. The new project scoring tool was updated to reflect the new dedicated plus population and TH/RRH program model.
  - i. Ben Leroi: TH-RRH is an innovative model; 6-7 points for project type would be reasonable
  - ii. Susannah Clark: It makes sense to have the flexibility of the TH-RRH model in a high-rent place like Marin
  - iii. Andrew Hening: Dedicated Plus would move the focus away from chronic homelessness, which has been our priority; we should focus on solving chronic homelessness before expanding.
  - iv. Ashley Hart McIntyre: This wouldn't move the focus away from chronic homelessness, just allow us to house those who miss a specific qualification for the HUD definition.
  - v. Howard Schwartz: What would the impact of Dedicated Plus be on future funding?
  - vi. Ashley Hart McIntyre: HUD has said that Dedicated Plus beds won't be counted as Dedicated Chronic Homeless beds in future competitions.
  - vii. Staff recommended not shifting existing units to dedicated plus until it is clear how it will affect scores, but there is no harm in trying out project or two to have more flexibility. New beds don't reduce chronic homeless beds.
  - viii. Kate Colin: The number of points I've been hearing is 8.
  - ix. Paul Fordham: 8 sounds good for Dedicated Plus, as it's PSH and that's getting close to the 10 score for PSH that is CH dedicated. TH-RRH should score higher than RRH, 6-7 points.

- x. Donna Garske: I would advocate for TH-RRH to be scored higher than Dedicated Plus.
- xi. Paul Fordham: But Dedicated Plus is PSH.
- xii. Tamara Player: Data shows us this is where we need to bend the needle. Prioritizing PSH is stronger from a community perspective; would say 6 for RRH.
- f. Mary Kay Sweeney moved to approve the updated New Project Scoring Tool with 8 points for Dedicated Plus and 6 points for TH-RRH project types; Howard Schwartz seconded.
- g. Lisa Schwartz and Donna Garske opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**8. Coordinated Entry: Recommendation and Approval of Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures**

- a. Staff summarized the Coordinated Entry policies and procedures, which were developed and passed in committee.
- b. Lisa Schwartz moved to approve the policies and procedures; Pat Langley seconded the motion.
- c. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**9. Setting the Agenda for our November HPSC Meeting**

- HMIS Policies and Procedures Update
- Whole Person Care Update
- Report on homeless children and youth from County Coordinator

**11. Adjourn – 5:01 p.m.**