

Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | November 8, 2017

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

1. Welcome. Call to Order: 4:07

2. Roll Call

HPSC Voting Members in Attendance:

Elected Officials

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

Community Development

Community Development Agency: Debbi La Rue

Public Housing Authority

Marin Housing Authority: Kimberly Carroll

Consumer Representative

Bill Hale

Domestic Violence

Center for Domestic Peace: Donna Garske

Faith-Based Organizations

Marin Organizing Committee: Pat Langley

Law Enforcement

Forensic Multidisciplinary Team (FMDT)

Liaison: Lynn Murphy

Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul: Christine Paquette

Ritter Center: Ben Leroi

Community Action Marin: Max Perrey

Adopt A Family of Marin: Rachel Boyes

Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound: Mary Kay Sweeney

Center Point: Kimberly Bond

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of the August 9, 2017 minutes
 - i. Lynn Murphy moved to approve the minutes; Pat Langley seconded the motion.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.
- b. Approval of the September 13, 2017 minutes
 - i. Lynn Murphy moved to approve the minutes; Pat Langley seconded the motion.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Announcements

- a. Mary Kay Sweeney: The Dominican Sisterhood dedicated the Yellow Hallway transitional housing project yesterday; clients are moving in Friday.

- b. Donna Garske: Center for Domestic Peace has completed its shelter rehabilitation project; 10 new beds are available as of October 18.
- c. Rita Widergren: The Anchor-out event yesterday was successful; around 30 people received flu shots and medical exams.
- d. Howard Schwartz: Coordinated Entry has housed two people .
- e. Andrew Hening: The mobile shower program will be launching January 1; Downtown Streets Team will be operating the showers.
- f. Pat Langley: The final session of REST started November 1; there are still some openings for men and more for the women
- g. Damon Connolly: Kimberly Carroll was awarded the first ever “Cutting Red Tape to the Red Carpet” award from the North Bay Leadership Council last week; Supervisor Connolly was honored to nominate her, along with Supervisor Rice.
- h. Ken Shapiro: Marin County HHS has launched the pilot of Whole Person Care with Marin Housing Authority, Ritter, and St. Vincent De Paul, and will be enrolling clients in a few days.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness Collecting Comments on Federal Plan to End Homelessness

- a. HomeBase summarized the existing federal strategic plan; new updates are expected to be released in 2018
- b. HPSC identified the following areas for feedback on the federal Plan:
 - i. USICH agencies should increase support for affordable housing and should refrain from removing existing resources and financial support
 - ii. The HPSC has had great success partnering with the Marin Housing Authority. USICH should encourage housing authority engagement in efforts to provide housing and services to people experiencing homelessness.
 - iii. USICH should recognize that many communities have not ended chronic and veteran homelessness, and should extend deadlines in the Plan for ending homelessness in these and other subpopulations, and should not divert resources for these populations to other populations.
 - iv. The Plan should include a commitment to supporting flexible funding and demonstration projects to allow innovation.
 - v. The Plan should support housing as a health care intervention.
 - vi. The Plan should support Coordinated Entry by providing concrete guidance on data sharing across siloed agencies and quality control for HMIS vendors.
 - vii. Funding cycles should be extended to two- or three-year terms to help CoCs anticipate and implement policy changes.
- c. Damon Connolly moved to authorize HomeBase to summarize the HPSC’s discussion for submission to USICH. Kimberly Carroll seconded the motion.
- d. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

7. Updates

- a. Whole Person Care Update

- i. Ashley Hart McIntyre summarized the Whole Person Care program and the pilot project
 - ii. Ken Shapiro summarized the data sharing process and future steps and provided additional information on the pilot. The pilot will include 25 people experiencing homelessness and 50 previously homeless, precariously housed people; the case management ratio is 17:1 which will provide more intense case management than many of our current programs provide.
- b. Coordinated Entry Update
 - i. Coordinated Entry officially launched October 1 and has housed 7 people since its soft launch in August.
- c. Point-in-Time Count Update
 - i. The 2018 Point-in-Time Count will be sheltered only. Agencies should expect emails with preliminary numbers for review in early Spring.

8. Setting the Agenda for Future HPSC Meetings

- a. Chair and Co-Chair elections
- b. 2017 NOFA funding debrief
- c. Student and Family Homelessness Update from MCOE
- d. HMIS Policies and Procedures Update

9. Adjourn