

Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | May 9, 2018

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

Cities and Towns: Councilmember Kate Colin
Vice-Mayor Ann Morrison

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: Christina Schiffner Santschi

Faith-Based Organizations

Marin Organizing Committee: Maryellen Danehy

Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul: Christine Paquette

Ritter Center: Mark Shotwell

School Districts

Marin County Board of Education: Laura Trahan

Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound: Mary Kay Sweeney

Buckelew Programs: Tamara Player

Center Point: Marc Hering

Veteran's Services

HHS Veteran Services: Sean Stephens

Employment Services

Downtown Streets Team: Karen Strolia

3. Introductions/Announcements

- a. Ann Morrison requested that in addition to introductions and announcements, participants state their goals for the HPSC in the coming year.
- b. Kate Colin announced that the Community Homeless Fund, to which all the cities and towns contributed money and which previously funded REST, has received an additional 3-year commitment for \$180,000 per year. The additional funds could support Marin Mobile Care showers.
 - i. Bill Hale reported that some of the people trying to use the mobile showers have been having trouble with the timing and getting to the available locations.

- ii. Andrew Hening noted that 100% of people currently using showers are not using Ritter's showers
- c. Christina Schiffner Santschi announced that Center for Domestic Peace is having its annual Mother's Day luncheon in Peacock Gap.
- d. Mary Kay Sweeney announced that the King St Housing Project for seniors in Larkspur is projected to open this fall, and that she is excited to hear MCOE's report on student homelessness.
- e. Tamara Player announced that Buckelew is opening a new Helen Vine recovery center. She is excited to be part of Coordinated Entry and the steering committee, and finds it inspiring to work with creative leaders who are solving problems every day. She is also looking forward to the schools update, and hopes we will share information about how the system is evolving and how we can build off the great energy that we have.
- f. Marc Hering noted that he participated in the HPSC for years and it's nice to be back; he had nothing to add to the agenda for now but will catch up. He is pleased the County has renewed the CAJI project for at least one more year, and Center Point will start doing the VI-SPDAT more with clients who come through CAJI and other projects.
- g. Andrew Hening announced that there is a job fair coming up June 7 from 11-2 at B Street Community Center. Seventy employees will be there, with 20 more on the wait list, and they are trying to recruit more job seekers. He noted that there are a lot of meetings going on, and felt it would be helpful to have periodic check-ins on our projects and get community-wide updates on stats.
- h. Christine Paquette announced that SVDP is starting the women's CAJI house shortly. It will provide a place for people to get off the street. SVDP just opened their 3rd house in San Rafael and can house 6 more people. She agrees in terms of meetings: they are a good chance to get everyone together and provide updates to people from other cities and towns.
- i. Howard Schwartz said he was excited to have Mark Shotwell working in Marin, and that he brings a new great strength to the community.
- j. Mark Shotwell introduced himself as Ritter's new Senior Director of Housing Services and Whole Person Care. He came from Alameda County and is very excited to be here. He echoed Tamara's experience coming into Marin County and finding everyone, including the County leads, be very engaged, and not knowing if most people realize how unique that is.
- k. Police Chief Michael Norton said he was looking to make contacts for engaging with the homeless; Central Marin PD is starting from the ground up, and does not have an established police homelessness approach like San Rafael does.
- l. LaSaunda Tate noted that she only pops in to the HPSC once a year to talk about the scoring tool.
- m. Spence Casey introduced himself as a social worker in veteran's services. He was impressed with level of collaboration in the county. In terms of future meetings, he sees the public perception that nothing is going on with homelessness, but his schedule is

proof that lots is going on. Word has to get out that a number of stakeholders are engaged.

- n. Sean Stephens echoed Spence's comments.
- o. Maryellen Danehy noted that REST ended at end of April. MOC had been working to turn thoughts around to focus on Housing First. In terms of next meetings, she would like to hear more about what's being done to take people in off the street.
- p. Laura Trahan introduced herself as replacing Lisa Schwartz, who has retired. In future meetings, she would like to hear how people are seeing homeless students appear, or not.
- q. Kimberly Carroll spoke about Coordinated Entry.
- r. Karen Strolia announced that DST recently launched the mobile shower program.
- s. Debbi La Rue announced that the final CDBG grants were accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

4. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of the August 9, 2017 minutes
 - i. Kate Colin moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting; Christina Schiffner Santschi seconded the motion.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Update 2018 NOFA Scoring Tools

- a. HomeBase summarized the changes to the renewal project scoring tool for the 2018 NOFA
 - i. Mary Kay Sweeney moved to approve the revised scoring tool; Tamara Player seconded the motion.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

7. Approve 2018 ESG NOFA Applicants

- a. HomeBase summarized the applications for the 2018 ESG NOFA. Ritter Center applied for renewal of its non-competitive Rapid Rehousing funding, and Center for Domestic Peace and Homeward Bound applied for renewal of their emergency shelter grants. Due to the anticipated timing of the NOFA and the ability to submit all applicants to the state for consideration, it was recommended that the HPSC pre-approve the applicants pending review by the Review & Rank Committee.
 - i. Tamara Player moved to approve the applicants; Kimberly Carroll seconded the motion.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Mark Shotwell, Mary Kay Sweeney, and Christina Schiffner Santschi abstained due to conflicts.

8. Updates

- a. 2018 NOFA Funding Competition

- i. Registration and the GIW were submitted to HUD. The NOFA is expected to happen in early June, with a September deadline. This would be the longest period we've ever had for NOFA.
- b. Whole Person Care Update
 - i. Whole Person Care is providing case management through Ritter and hopes to put out an RFP for outreach soon.
- c. Coordinated Entry Update
 - i. MHA is recruiting for an intake and assessment coordinator. Coordinated Entry has slowed down a little bit because of the Section 8 shortfall, but MHA is reallocating Shelter + Care vouchers to fill the gap. There are 20 active clients that we're working with and trying to place. We have housed 29 people so far.
- d. Point-in-Time Count Update
 - i. We are working on getting under contract with ASR for the next Point-in-Time Count
 - ii. Howard Schwartz requested a meeting to debrief the last PIT.

9. Setting the Agenda for Future HPSC Meetings

- a. Student and Family Homelessness Update from MCOE
- b. HMIS Policies and Procedures Update

10. Adjourn

- a. Howard Schwartz moved to adjourn, Mary Kay Sweeney seconded the motion.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 4:46