

Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | August 8, 2018

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

1. Welcome. Call to Order: 3:04 PM

2. Roll Call

HPSC Voting Members in Attendance:

Elected Officials

Marin County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Damon Connolly
Supervisor Katie Rice
Cities and Towns: Vice-Mayor Ann Morrison
Councilmember Kate Colin

Community Development

Community Development Agency: Aline Tanielian

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

FMDT Liason: Lynn Murphy

Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul: Christine Paquette

Ritter Center: Mark Shotwell

Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound: Mary Kay Sweeney

Buckelew Programs: Tamara Player

Center Point: Marc Hering

School Districts

Marin County Board of Education: Laura Trahan

Veteran's Services

HHS Veteran Services: Sean Stephens

Employment Services

Downtown Streets Team: Karen Strolia

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. Approval of the minutes

- i. Tamara Player moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting; Mary Kay Sweeney seconded the motion.
- ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Introductions/Announcements

- a. Bill Hale commented on having noticed hostile architecture against the homeless; will sent information around on listserv. In comparison, navigation centers in city are treating people with respect. Lack of options leads to things like people sleeping in restrooms at night. He would like the County to do something. He also commented on the mobile showers, noting that people who could use them go to County libraries; librarians should know about the showers and be able to point people to them.
- b. Karen Strolia noted that the mobile showers recently did outreach to libraries and just served their 550th shower since Feb 26.
- c. Mary Kay Sweeney announced that the Larkspur project is coming along, and the asbestos has been cleared. Homeward Bound is having an open house at Oma Village on September 21st at 2:00.
- d. Tamara Player announced changes at Casa Renee. They can now serve more people and do VI-SPDATs.
- e. Howard Schwartz noted that we have housed about 70 people from the beginning of HOT until now; about 50 of them were housed through Coordinated Entry.
- f. Ron Freshman has been attending meetings for a year or more; he recently went to Fort Cronkhite and saw what they did with the barracks down there; we could do something like Operation Restart if we could get a larger barracks. He's looking for anyone interested in joining an idealistic, holistic approach. Blog at oprestart.blogspot.com.
- g. Laura Taylor announced that Sunny Hills TAY is now Side by Side.
- h. Paul Fordham announced that Homeward Bound has a new training team at Fresh Starts Culinary Academy and is now recruiting for homeless or low income people who want to get trained for the food industry.
- i. Kimberly Carroll announced that yesterday the Housing Authority got Landlord Partnership funds renewed for another two years; they have been able to bring on nearly 100 new landlords and voucher utilization went from 37% to 63%.
- j. Mark Shotwell noted that the Whole Person Care collaborative has enrolled 60 people, half of them housed.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Update 2018 NOFA Scoring Tools & Policies

- a. HomeBase summarized the changes to the new project scoring tool and Policies and procedures for the 2018 NOFA
 - i. Donna Garske moved to approve the revised scoring tool; Pat Langley seconded the motion.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.
 - iii. Donna Garske moved to approve the revised policies & procedures; Pat Langley seconded the motion
 - iv. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

7. Approve New Review & Rank Panel Members

- a. Three new Review & Rank panel members were proposed to represent additional stakeholder groups in the Review & Rank process: Alan Burr, Marin Community Foundation,

representing philanthropy; Lynn Murphy, San Rafael PD, representing outreach & law enforcement; and Laura Taylor, Side By Side, representing service providers and TAY. All three providers are non-conflicted.

- i. Donna Garske moved to approve all three new Review & Rank Panel Members. Mary Kay Sweeney seconded the motion.
- ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

8. Update Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures

- a. Staff summarized changes to the Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures. Proposed changes were implemented as draft policies by the Coordinated Entry Steering Committee and are now recommended for formal adoption.
 - i. Bill Hale asked if the safeguards for protection of DV information in the Policies and Procedures is adequate; Donna Garske said Center for Domestic Peace thinks they reflect best practices at the national level.
 - ii. Donna Garske moved to approve all three new Review & Rank Panel Members. Karen Strolia seconded the motion.
 - iii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried

9. Program Updates

- a. Covia presented information on its Home Match program, a free community program also called Home Share Marin, that finds senior homeowners with an additional room or in-law apartment to rent out. The senior might need additional income or services to stay in the home, which this program can provide. The program doesn't work with people who need personal care or full-time caregiving, but is for things like cleaning, groceries or cooking. There is a limit of 15-20 hours/week of work needed. Once the homeowner is identified, Covia will work with them on determining reasonable needs and will look for compatible homeseekers. Homeseekers are interviewed at Whistlestop and asked to fill out a questionnaire. Covia then gets references, runs a criminal background check, and do their best to make compatible matches. If they find someone, they meet with the homeowner and homeseeker and set up a month-to-month agreement. After move-in, they remain available for ongoing support. Rents range from \$800-\$1200 with no help, to \$100 and 15-20 hours of help. The majority of clients can afford \$300-700; the current need is more homeowners. They also operate in San Francisco and Contra Costa Counties.

10. Updates

- a. 2018 NOFA Funding Competition
 - i. The 2018 NOFA was released June 20. Marin is eligible for \$4.5 million, including \$4.2 million ARD, \$252,000 bonus funding, and \$50,000 DV bonus.
- b. 2018 ESG Funding Competition
 - i. Released June 8 by state HCD
 - ii. The ESG Review and Rank panel convened July 27 to review applicants; applicants were previously approved by HPSC.
 - iii. Application packet was delivered August 2.

- c. Whole Person Care Update
 - i. New providers have signed on to the ROI, including Kaiser.
 - ii. Mark Shotwell added that Ritter Center is ramping up in staff for WPC Housing-Based Case Management because they're ramping up on enrollees. They currently have 4 case managers and will be hiring 3 more. They're implementing an evidence-based practice, a housing-based ACT team.
- d. Coordinated Entry Update
 - i. Kimberly Carroll provided the Coordinated Entry update. More than 50 people have been housed through Coordinated Entry so far. The Goal is 6 people per month and as of August 8 we have already housed 5 in the month of August. The Housing Locator is partnering with new landlords, and we are trying to figure out good practices to move people through the system in a stronger way.
 - ii. Ann Morrison asked if we see the growth of coordinated entry, more people going through the system
 - 1. Yes, and we're housing more people because we're working together
 - 2. Paul Fordham noted that a big difference is that we didn't know who was working with who before; because we're working together, we're able to move people through the system more quickly.
 - 3. Andrew Hening added that 92% of those placed are still housed, which is an amazing retention rate
 - 4. Christine Paquette added that 30% of the people housed were utilizing REST; this means we're housing those folks instead of putting them in a shelter year after year
- e. 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.

11. Setting the Agenda for Future HPSC Meetings

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

12. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:06