

# Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | August 30, 2018

Health and Wellness Campus, Room 109 | 3240 Kerner Blvd, San Rafael, CA | 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

## 1. Welcome. Call to Order: 2:01 PM

## 2. Roll Call

HPSC Voting Members in Attendance:

### Elected Officials

Cities and Towns:

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

### Probation

County of Marin Probation Department Chief Officer Michael Daly

### Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul:

Howard Schwartz

Ritter Center:

Mark Shotwell

### Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound:

Mary Kay Sweeney

Buckelew Programs:

Claire Zurack

Center Point:

Marc Hering

### Veteran's Services

HHS Veteran Services

Spence Casey

### Employment Services

Downtown Streets Team:

Jesse Taylor-Vermont

## 3. Public Comment

- a. Bill Hale expressed concern that with no REST this year, people may be sleeping on restroom floors and so on.
  - i. Maryellen Danehy said on behalf of MOC that they are working out an agreement with Homeward Bound, St. Vincent's, and the Street chaplaincy to do some REST-style dinners
  - ii. Ashley Hart McIntyre said that the County is working on ways for Homeward Bound to increase capacity in case of extreme cold weather, similar to the protocol for expanding REST in the past.

- b. Linda Jackson noted that in San Rafael, many families had their rent go up \$700/month. This affects 70 children in San Rafael schools. She also spoke about the Aging Action Initiative: an increasing number of older women are losing their housing and moving into cars.
- c. Debbi La Rue announced that because the vacancy rate is very low, effectively 0, the County is talking about just cause eviction. A Board of Supervisors meeting will be on 9/11 at 5:30 PM in Board Chambers. There will be two workshops the week before.

**4. 2018 Continuum of Care Review and Rank: Discussion and Approval of Ranked Project List (ACTION ITEM)**

- a. Homebase staff summarized the Review and Rank process
  - i. Mary Kay Sweeney, whose PSH for families project straddles Tier 1 and Tier 2, suggested that we look at how this community is responding to homelessness around families. We need to look at our scoring tools and how they prioritize different populations.
  - ii. Christina Schiffner Santschi stated that Center for Domestic Peace used to receive funding through the CoC and were happy to see that HUD has recognized nationally the importance of DV; however, a lot of DV programs lost funding because of the way HUD scored Transitional Housing projects. She requested that for future scoring tools, when sections are not scored based on a formula, that applicants be able to receive committee comments on the project in general for project planning in the future. Staff noted we can do that for next year's projects.
  - iii. Mark Shotwell added that if Family Place 2 is not renewed, that's a crisis. That's something this group needs to grapple with; it's a crisis for a community to lose faith in everything we're working towards, if children are losing their housing. I hope that we would all recognize that if that did happen, we need to convene and figure out how we'd help those families.
  - iv. Marc Hering asked why Family Place 2 slipped into tier 2. Paul Fordham replied that because it was a new project and ramping up, it didn't expend all its funds.
- b. Marc Hering moved to approve the ranked project list. Debbi La Rue seconded the motion.
- c. All in favor, none opposed. Mary Kay Sweeney, Mark Shotwell, Christina Schiffner Santschi, Kimberly Carroll, and Claire Zurack abstained due to conflict. Motion carried.

**5. 2018 California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Grant Designation of Administrative Entity (ACTION ITEM)**

- a. Staff summarized the state CESH funding, which must be allocated by the CoC. The CoC must designate an administrative entity. The only eligible administrative entity in Marin is the County.
- b. Howard Schwartz moved to designate Marin County Health & Human Services as the administrative entity. Mary Kay Sweeney seconded the motion.
- c. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**6. 2018 California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Grant Creation of Subcommittee and Delegation of Authority (ACTION ITEM)**

- a. Staff proposed creating a subcommittee to determine the best use of the CESH funding. The HPSC would delegate the power to make the final decision to the subcommittee to avoid calling a full HPSC meeting in the short time available.
- b. Marc Hering moved to create the subcommittee and delegate decision-making authority. Mark Shotwell seconded the motion.
- c. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**7. 2018 Homeless Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) Grant Approval of Funding Application and Selection Process (ACTION ITEM)**

- a. Staff proposed using the same subcommittee as for CESH funding to determine the best use(s) of \$4.8 million in HEAP funding that the HPSC must allocate by December 2018.
- b. Jesse Taylor-Vermont moved to delegate HEAP decision-making authority to the same subcommittee as CESH. Maryellen Danehy seconded the motion.
- c. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**8. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:59