

# Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | November 14, 2018

Whole Person Care Conference Room | 1177 Francisco Blvd E. Suite B, San Rafael, CA | 3:00 PM-4:00 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

Supervisor Damon Connolly

Cities and Towns:

Mayor Ann Morrison

Councilmember Kay Coleman

### Community Development

Community Development Agency:

Debbi La Rue

### Public Housing Authority

Marin Housing Authority:

Kimberly Carroll

### Consumer Representative

Bill Hale

### Faith-Based Organizations

Marin Organizing Committee:

Pat Langley

### Law Enforcement

San Rafael PD

Lynn Murphy

### Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul:

Christine Paquette

Ritter Center:

Mark Shotwell

Adopt A Family of Marin:

Jaqueline Jaffe

### 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:

Jesse Taylor-Vermont

## 3. Approval of the Minutes

### a. August 8, 2018 Minutes

- i. Tamara Player moved to approve the minutes from the August 8 meeting; Lynn Murphy seconded the motion.

- ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

### b. August 30, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

- i. Mark Shotwell moved to approve the minutes from the August 8 meeting; Howard Schwartz seconded the motion.
- ii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

#### **4. Introductions/Announcements**

- a. Tamara Player thanked the community for support after the critical incident at Helen Vine.
- b. Royce Mclemore introduced herself and her organization, Women Helping All People, and expressed her interest in being part of the group, representing Southern Marin, and verifying homeless status for the Housing Authority for Southern Marin residents.
- c. Pat Langley noted that Marin Organizing Committee is working with Homeward Bound and the Street Chaplaincy on dinners.
- d. Bill Hale expressed concern that temperatures are going down and people are outside in colder weather.
- e. Kimberly Carroll announced that the Housing Authority has received 28 new vouchers for non-seniors. All the vouchers are being issued and they have people on the waitlist. The vouchers are coming with services through Whole Person Care and Marin Center for Independent Living. The Housing Authority has also opened up the waitlist for the homeless preference set-aside. They are able to start putting people on the list and will pull in January. People will be coming with services through Whole Person Care or Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and must be added to the list through Coordinated Entry.
- f. Mark Shotwell announced that a group from Ireland is coming to Ritter from 3:30-5 on Friday, representing Housing First Ireland; Ritter will be highlighting Whole Person Care and Coordinated Entry.
- g. Jesse Taylor-Vermont announced that Downtown Streets Team was approved by Sausalito to bring mobile showers in December.
- h. Abby Ellis announced a piece of legislation from Senator Feinstein on homelessness.
- i. Ashley Hart McIntyre noted that boxes of air masks are available for nonprofits to distribute to people outside in the smoke.
- j. Mary Kay Sweeny announced the grand opening of King Street housing on December 13.

#### **5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **6. Marin County Office of Education report on student homelessness**

- a. Karen Allen presented a report on student homelessness at Marin County Schools.
- b. Students experiencing homelessness have a right to enroll and attend school. The Marin County Office of Education supports districts in ensuring that youth who have uncertain housing have full access to educational programs. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires school districts to ensure that homeless students have access to educational opportunities and other services needed to meet the same high academic achievement standards as all students.

- c. The State of California has the largest homeless youth population in the nation; 5% of the student population in the state (K-12) are homeless under the Department of Education definition, which includes doubled up for financial reasons.
- d. 250,000 homeless students
- e. 11,222 unaccompanied homeless youth
- f. 80% are unsheltered
  - g. Federal government only provides \$8 million for McKinney-Vento.
  - h. MCOE provides the McKinney-Vento liaisons at each school with the training and resources they need to serve homeless youth.

**7. Approval of 2018 HEAP and CESH awardees**

- a. Due to an active appeal, final HEAP recommendations were not available for approval at the meeting. Staff recommended delegating approval authority to a subcommittee so as to avoid calling a full HPSC meeting.
  - i. Tamara Player moved to create a nonconflicted HPSC subcommittee and delegate power to the subcommittee to approve final HEAP awardees.
  - ii. Bill Hale seconded the motion
  - iii. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Abstentions: Mary Kay Sweeney, Christine Paquette
  - iv. The committee will consist of Mark Shotwell, Bill Hale, and Kimberly Carroll.
- b. Ritter Center's application for housing stabilization services was recommended for funding
  - i. Mary Kay Sweeney moved to approve the recommendation; Howard Schwartz seconded the motion.
  - ii. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Abstentions: Mark Shotwell

**8. Proposal for new sub-committee addressing alternate plans for homelessness**

- a. Bill Hale proposed creating another subcommittee to create plan Bs to supplement existing plans for housing.
- b. Damon Connolly asked for more information on what the subcommittee would do.
- c. Bill Hale said that the subcommittee would look at all the things we're working on. People are finding housing, but it's not enough. The Subcommittee would reevaluate the community's plans.
- d. Howard Schwartz suggested that the Coordinated Entry Steering Committee is meeting weekly to strategize on these issues; Opening Doors is also working in parallel on the housing side.
- e. Bill Hale stated that more emergency shelter is needed for winter and suggested that FEMA funds may be available when temperatures drop below 44 degrees.
- f. Damon Connolly asked if, given the committees and subcommittees in place, we are missing anything. Housing First, Coordinated Entry, shelter... beyond "are we doing that well," and there are always ways to do it better, is there something not being captured in that work?
- g. Ashley Hart McIntyre responded to the cold weather emergency shelter, noting that the County Severe Weather Emergency Shelter plan calls for activation when the temperature is 38 degrees for multiple days with rain or flooding.

- h. Mark Shotwell suggested that this issue is similar to some of the comments from the Board of Supervisors workshop from people who aren't in our system of care but are members of the public. There are things members of those committees know that the general public doesn't, so if there are ways that information could get publicized that would be great.
- i. Kay Coleman agreed, noting that as a councilperson, the more information that can be put out the better, as constituents are often asking for information that they don't have.
- j. Ashley Hart McIntyre noted that Whole Person Care and Coordinated Entry Steering are putting together a condensed version of the Board of Supervisors presentation and are happy to come around to any group that wants it.

## **9. Updates**

- a. Point in Time Count Update
  - i. The PIT subcommittee is meeting to plan the 2019 Count
  - ii. Eric Petersen asked if volunteer recruitment has begun
  - iii. Carrie Sager noted that will be in December/January, to be closer to the actual date of the Count.
- b. Coordinated Entry
  - i. Including people housed through HOT, we have housed 100 people through community collaboration

## **10. Setting the Agenda for Future HPSC Meetings**

- a. HMIS Update
- b. Elections

## **11. Adjourn**