

Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes | February 13, 2019

Whole Person Care Conference Room | 1177 Francisco Blvd E. Suite B, San Rafael, CA | 4:00 PM-5:00 PM

1. Welcome. Call to Order: 4:02

2. Roll Call

HPSC Voting Members in Attendance:

Elected Officials

County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Damon Connolly

Cities and Towns:

Mayor Ann Morrison

Community Development

Community Development Agency:

Debbi La Rue

Public Housing Authority

Marin Housing Authority:

Michelle Taniguchi

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:

Howard Schwartz

Adopt A Family of Marin:

Jaqueline Jaffe

Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound:

Mary Kay Sweeney

Buckelew Programs:

Claire Zurack

Center Point:

Marc Hering

Veteran's Services

HHS Veteran Services

Sean Stephens

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. November 14, 2018 Minutes

- i. Staff noted that the draft minutes had the wrong names listed under Roll Call and provided an updated list.
- ii. Bill Hale moved to approve the minutes with the specified changes; Pat Langley seconded the motion.
- iii. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Introductions/Announcements

- a. Michelle Taniguchi announced that the Housing Authority gave out 12 project-based vouchers to the King Street senior housing program; MHA also gave out 8 mainstream vouchers of 28 today. Marin is one of first counties to give out the vouchers.
- b. Bill Hale expressed concern that people who follow rules and comply with treatment are the last people to get housing; the hardest people to deal with are getting housing first.

- i. Damon Connolly argued that this is by design, as Coordinated Entry and Housing First focus on the most vulnerable.
 - ii. Bill Hale asked about the long-term viability of focusing on this population.
 - iii. Howard Schwartz noted that the housing retention rate for those placed through Coordinated Entry is high, over 90%
 - iv. Michelle Taniguchi noted that the same question had come up at the Housing Authority; MHA Deputy Director Kimberly Carroll's analogy was to emergency room triage: someone having a heart attack is served before someone with a less intensive emergency, even if the latter person was more treatment compliant.
 - v. Ann Morrison noted that there is still a gap for people who are able to work and are trying to get their life together.
 - vi. Paul Fordham observed that Coordinated Entry is tied into the most vulnerable people, who might sometimes be the most difficult, but the focus really is on the most vulnerable. Some of the people housed are arrested all the time, but others are meek and mild. But there is other housing like Next Key that's not for that population. Also the King Street project in Larkspur, which is for seniors. Some of them some are high in the Coordinated Entry prioritization but some are not.
 - vii. Damon Connolly asked in light of that, how big is the gap?
 - viii. Paul Fordham responded that we have gaps in all populations: the hardest to serve, in the middle...
 - ix. Mary Kay Sweeney added families to the list of gaps.
 - x. Paul Fordham noted that we're short of resources all over, but in the system of care we're trying to make sure there's no people who are missed. Bill's point is well-taken, but we're trying to move people through all the systems.
- c. Ann Morrison requested feedback on what would people like from these meetings.

5. Public Comment

- a. Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative asked how many people were able to go to Marin Community Foundation's All Together Now event. 170 people came together to discuss the increasing issues of people aging into homelessness. She is curious to see what the HPSC is doing and is looking forward to the count.
- b. Sean Stephens noted that part of the HHS strategic plan that's being rolled out includes town halls and includes people aging into homelessness. Many people are cash poor but asset rich; HHS is making it part of strategic plan to address that issue.
- c. Damon Connolly noted that his office is getting calls every week, particularly from senior women at risk of losing their voucher or otherwise becoming homeless.
- d. Pat Langley noted that MOC is holding house meetings and senior issues are rising in all of the institutions.

6. HPSC Chair & Co-Chair Elections

- a. Supervisor Damon Connolly and Mayor Ann Morrison were nominated for re-election.
- b. Staff asked if any there were any additional nominations; none received.
- c. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Updated Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures

- a. HomeBase presented the updates to the Policies and Procedures, which had been approved by the Coordinated Entry committee.
- b. Marc Hering noted that CAADE, listed on page 27, no longer exists
- c. Sean Stephens asked about family prioritization and whether the prioritization is in the right order
 - i. It was clarified that factors 1 & 2 are eligibility, and the remaining should be prioritization criteria
- d. Sean Stephens moved to approve the updated Policies and Procedures as amended; Bill Hale seconded the motion.
- e. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

8. CoC NOFA Appeal to HUD for Defunded Project

- a. In the 2018 NOFA funding competition, Homeward Bound's Family Place project did not receive funding. A new project to provide Housing Location services for Coordinated Entry, which was ranked higher, was funded. Given the HPSC's stated priority for preserving existing high-performing projects, the option of appealing to HUD on the grounds that Coordinated Entry was wrongly prioritized above Family Place.
- b. There was consensus to not appeal the decision.

9. Updates

- a. Point in Time Count Update
 - i. The Point in Time Count was on January 28, 2019. Results will be available around June.
- b. Coordinated Entry
 - i. We have now housed 110 people through Coordinated Entry, 133 including HOT.
 - ii. All the VASH vouchers for vets are utilized and only 2 are still looking; since Coordinated Entry started we've housed 26 veterans, and have increased the housing rate from 2/quarter to 6/quarter
 - iii. Ashley Hart McIntyre thanked Marin Housing Authority and Kimberly Carroll for their leadership in expanding VASH capacity.
- c. ESG Update
 - i. We are still waiting on the results of last year's ESG competition, but the state has said they will release those results soon. This year's ESG competition will begin soon and will likely be similar to last year's competition.
- d. HEAP & CESH Update
 - i. HEAP and CESH applications have been submitted to the state. We are now under contract for HEAP funding and waiting for the state to send us the contract for CESH

funding. We will be working on contracting with the selected providers so they can begin using the funding as soon as possible.

10. Setting the Agenda for Future HPSC Meetings

- a. HMIS Update
- b. Elections
- c. CoC NOFA
- d. ESG NOFA
- e. Documentation of Strategic Plan

11. Adjourn 5:01

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