

Homeless Policy Steering Committee Meeting
 Meeting Minutes | July 15, 2021 (special meeting)
 Online Zoom Meeting | 11:30 AM-12:00 PM

1. Welcome. Call to Order: 11:36am

2. Public Comment

- a. Linda Jackson of AAI:
 - i. Reiterates previous data request – wants counts by age, county of previous residence, race, and other important demographics.
 - 1. Carrie Sager: working on getting out info on race, gender – no county of origin info. But can look at where ppl were VI-SPDATed – most done in Marin.
 - ii. Concern that vouchers will supplant vouchers for older adults – those facing eviction
- b. Julia Hales, MarinCIL:
 - i. Seeing a significant increase of aging adults needing housing – concerned that current housing services are not equitable and inclusive, requesting greater transparency to the process and waitlist. Last week at CE meeting instead of wait list ranking ppl per vulnerability, being discussed that vouchers would be distributed via case mgr discretion. Concern about lack of transparency.

3. Roll Call

HPSC Voting Members in Attendance:

Elected Officials

County Board of Supervisors	Damon Connolly
Council Member – City of Novato	Susan Wernick

Council Member – City of San Rafael

County Health and Human Services

Mental Health and Substance Use Services:

Community Development

Community Development Agency:	Molly Kron
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Public Housing Agency

Marin Housing Authority:	Kimberly Carroll
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Consumer Representatives

Bill Hale

Domestic Violence

Center for Domestic Peace:

Faith-Based Organizations

Marin Organizing Committee:	Pat Langley
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Law Enforcement

FMDT Liaison:

Probation

County of Marin Probation Dept.	Marlon Washington
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Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul:	Christine Paquette
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Ritter Center:	Mark Shotwell
Community Action Marin:	
Adopt A Family of Marin:	
<u>Homeless Housing Providers</u>	
Homeward Bound:	Mary Kay Sweeney
Bucklew Programs:	Chris Kughn
Center Point:	
<u>School Districts</u>	
Marin County Office of Education:	
<u>Veteran's Services</u>	
HHS Veteran Services	
<u>Employment Services</u>	
Downtown Streets Team:	
<u>Regional Representation</u>	
Women Helping All People	
<u>Youth</u>	
Side By Side TAY	
<u>Older Adults</u>	
Aging Action Initiative	Teri Dowling as alternate

4. Approve an MOU between MHA and the HPSC to use the new Emergency Housing Vouchers (ACTION)

- a. Carrie Sager presents the MOU to be voted on.
 - i. Kimberly Carroll liaison for MHA, Carrie for HHS/CoC, reviews MOU provisions.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. What is the criteria for domestic violence?
 2. Linda: there are ppl who are victims of domestic abuse by their children. Should not be limited to just romantic partners.
 3. Carrie: will look into it, see what HUD definition is.
 4. Salamah Locks: other types of trauma? E.g., PTSD. Has a friend who feels traumatized because of violence that occurred in front of her house, and therefore feels unsafe in housing. We need to know what the specific criteria is. Housing is health, and being in safe housing envt is important – if you're not feeling safe, it should fall under criteria and if it doesn't we should advocate for it to.
 5. Carrie: we will have to see how HUD defines it because HUD has said this is what we can use these for. We can advocate for other uses, but it's not our decision. It's a HUD decision.
 6. Teri: older adults are not priority population?
 7. Carrie: older adults can fit into any of these categories – chronically homeless, families with grandparents, etc. Many have been older adults. Not a specific priority, but may be included in other categories.
 8. Mark Shotwell: if an older adult that is being treated poorly and needs to flee housing but has not fled, do you have to have already left the housing?

9. Carrie: Vouchers are not an immediate resolution, so if someone is in imminent danger, it's a tricky situation. But could be someone who is in the process of fleeing, i.e., gathering resources and trying to get ready to flee.
 10. Carrie: this has to be done by end of month. Will have to call an additional meeting. Maybe try a Wednesday afternoon.
 11. Molly: no questions about the MOU, but about the program specifics. Will be receiving more info around that? Funding, the no. of vouchers, the time parameters, other service partners, service fees, etc.?
 12. Carrie: since we have to do another meeting, we can address that next time. 117 vouchers. Goal is to distribute have ppl move in in 4-6 months. Have assigned 75 so far.
 13. Kimberly – four new employees at MHA to do housing navigation. Once person housed and 20 out searching.
 14. Molly: time restricted?
 15. Carrie: Permanent, but after 2023 they can't be reissued. So if you have one, but you move out or no longer qualify, can be reissued before 2023, but not after. But so long as it's yours, you can keep it.
- b. No quorum – vote could not be taken.

5. Adjourn: 12:00pm