

# HOUSING FIRST SOLANO CoC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 | 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

Kari Rader called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present CoC Board Members:

Akon Walker, Solano County Office of Education

Amanda Russell, Caminar

Brandon Wirth, SHELTER, Inc.

DeAndre Richard, RCS

Don Hendershot, City of Dixon

Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera, Lived Experience Co-Chair

Joey Carrizales

John Eckstrom, SHELTER, Inc.

Joshua Arnold, Volunteers of America

Kari Rader, CAN-B

Omari Williams, Solano County Behavioral Health

Scott Mulvey, City Church

Tamara Colden, City of Vacaville

Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Black Chamber of Commerce

Yajaira Herrera, Eden Housing

### 3. Additions or Deletions

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### 4. Approval of the Agenda – ACTION

John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the agenda. Tamara Colden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. There were no abstentions or objections. The motion was approved.

### 5. Consent Calendar – ACTION

#### 5.1 Approve July 26, 2023 HFS CoC Meeting Minutes

John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the June 28, 2023 meeting

minutes. Don Hendershot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Joshua Arnold, Omari Williams, and Yajaira Herrera abstained. There were no objections. The motion was approved.

### 6. Standing Agenda Items

#### 6.1 Veterans Services Update

Jai De Lotto announced HUD VASH updates regarding registered sex

offender qualifications, a new VA Outreach Specialist has been hired in

Solano County and will be introduced as soon as she is fully onboarded, and

gave the information for the Contra Costa County Veterans Stand Down on

September 8 – 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 and Solano County Veterans are invited.

## **6.2 Committee/Work Group Updates**

### **6.2a Coordinated Entry System Committee**

DeAndre Richard stated that there were edits to the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures that would be presented for approval later in the meeting.

### **6.2b Governance Committee**

John Eckstrom reported that the committee reviewed two applications at the last meeting, and they would be voted on later in the meeting.

### **6.2c HMIS Users Committee**

William Matson shared the agenda for the upcoming meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> and that they would be coming back to the next CoC Meeting for approval.

### **6.2d Lived Experience Committee**

Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera shared that the LEC was electing new members and a co-chair. And that they had recently approved a letter of support for the CoC NOFO process. The next public meeting is September 5, 2023.

### **6.2e Youth Advisory Board Core Planning Work Group**

Akon Walker shared that the YAB Planning Meeting was every other Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. and shared the link if anyone wanted to join. Akon stated that there was a recent Focus Group that included youth who were justice-involved and that they were getting good feedback from the recent groups they had met with.

### **6.2f CA REAL Core Team**

Kari Rader gave an update that the team was taking a deeper look at the VI-SPDAT and what other approaches were going to be taken.

## **7. Presentations**

### **7.1 Members-At-Large-Election**

Reneé Parham and John Eckstrom discussed the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Governance Committee Meeting and the two applications that were vetted for Board review and election. The applicants were Tamara Murphy from Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and Ashely Banta from Vacaville Solano Services Corporation (VSSC). Tamara Murphy gave a short introduction and explained her reason for wanting to be on the CoC. She was placed in a breakout room while the Board discussed the applications. Ashley Banta was unable to attend. Each Board Member stated who they voted for. Tara Beasley-Stansberry and Scott Mulvey abstained. Tamara Murphy won by majority vote.

### **7.2 Written Standards Proposed Edits**

Reneé Parham reviewed the edits made to the Housing First Solano

Continuum of Care Written Standards for Service regarding ESG-CV required updates that will be sent to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for approval. Brandon Wirth made a motion to approve the proposed edits presented in the Written Standards. John Eckstrom seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Omari Williams abstained. There were no objections. The motion was approved.

### **7.3 Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures Edits**

DeAndre Richard reviewed the edits and made to the [Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures](#) located in the Public Folder. The portion on the VI-SPDAT was not updated or approved at this time. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera made a motion to approve the proposed edits presented in the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures. Don Hendershot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Omari Williams abstained. There were no objections. The motion was approved.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Best Practices for Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence**

Reina Sandoval-Beverly and Mayra Sanchez presented Promising Practices and Interventions to Address the Housing Needs of Domestic Violence Survivors. The presentation will be shared on the Housing First Solano CoC listserv. Andrea Foti from SHELTER, Inc. announced that there will be a Domestic Violence HUD Program in September 2023 and would be contacting Reina and Mayra.

### **8.2 Community Supports Partnership Grant**

This item was skipped. The presenter was not in attendance.

### **8.3 2023 HIC/PIC Count**

William Matson reviewed the [2023 PIT data](#) and showed it in comparison to previous years.

## **9. Staff Updates**

### **9.1 Staff Communications**

- 2024 HIC/PIT Count Update – Becky Farris with Solano County introduced herself as the 2024 PIT Count Project Manager and stated that she is looking for volunteers to assist, as well as suggestions on what items would be helpful to distribute during the PIT Count.
- DV & Tribal Open Seat – Renee Parham stated that there was an open DV and Tribal Seat. Applications can be found on the Housing First Solano CoC website.
- Mandatory Special CoC Meeting 9/6/23 – Renee Parham reminded everyone about the Priority Listing that was decided on by the Review and Rank Panel and required to be presented to HUD, with Board approval at the upcoming Mandatory Special CoC Meeting.

### **9.2 Funding Opportunities**

- HUD VASH Property Manager Funding Opportunity - Jai De Lotto shared that David Gallegos was a property manager in Rio Vista who

was interested in connecting with a grant provider to use his house for those needing assistance. Jai De Lotto stated that if anyone were interested, they could reach out with their contact information. shared the information regarding the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity that had been released.

- ESG BoS NOFA – Renee Parham announced the Emergency Solutions Grant Balance of State Notice of Funding Availability was released on August 15, 2023, with a CoC due date of October 16, 2023. Renee Parham also shared the Summary and announced the webinar on August 29, 2023.

## **10. Board and Public Comment**

- 10.1 Comments from Board Members
- 10.2 Board Member Intro – Tamara Colden – Assistant Director at City of Vacaville Housing and Community Services Department. Tara Beasley-Stansberry – Current Vice Chair of the CoC and Vice President of the Black Chamber of Commerce.
- 10.3 Public Comments – Joey Carrizales thanked everyone for all their help and support of his unsheltered friends. Tara Beasley-Stansberry acknowledged the help that Joey Carrizales had been giving the community in Vallejo.

## **11. Adjourn**

Joey Carrizales made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. There were no abstentions or objections. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.