

Housing First Solano
Solano County Continuum of Care
Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2015
11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Board members present: Ron Marlette, Vice Chair, Scott Mulvey, Dawn La Bar, Ron Grassi, Reginald Doss, Norma Jean Ramos, Tranine Chisom, Keetra Welling (alternate for Chair Ruth Matz), Matt Hart, Emily Cantu

Other attendees: Carol Elliott; Kimberly Alexander-Yarbor, Solano County Counsel; Greg Schwei; Carrie Sager & Carolyn Wylie, CoC Staff, HomeBase

1. Vice Chair Ron Marlette called meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.
2. There were no presentations.
3. Public Comment: Greg Schwei, the Chair of Veterans Unlimited Services of Solano County: introduced himself and his organization, which works to make veterans successful and self-sufficient.
4. There were no additions or deletions from the agenda.
5. Emily Cantu moved to approve the agenda and Ron Grassi seconded motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion carried.
6. Emily Cantu moved to approve the Consent Calendar and Dawn La Bar seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion carried.
7. There was no Old Business
8. New Business:
 - a. HFS Board Member Applications:
 - i. Dawn moved to immediately accept Lori Bowley's application, which had previously been approved by the CoC, and place her in the category of Representative/Organization Serving Veterans. She also moved to approve Suzanne Frank's application and that she be placed in the category of Health Provider for CoC consideration. Emily Cantu seconded the motions. There were no objections or abstentions. The motions carried.
9. Coordinated Entry Pilot Expansion: Staff presented the idea of expanding the current limited volunteer program. The program uses the VISPDAT assessment through HMIS, which assess vulnerability and gives a numerical score that shows high, medium, or low need. Those using it found it helpful and easy to use, but given limited implementation are unable to use the VI-SPDAT for appropriate referrals. Expanding use of the tool is the next step in implementation of a HUD-required Coordinated Entry system. Ron Grassi moved that staff work to expand the Pilot Program to require all CoC-funded programs to use the VISPDAT. Dawn La Bar seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion carried.
10. Solano County Counsel Kimberly Alexander-Yarbor provided Brown Act training for the Board.
11. SSI/SSDI SOAR Training Update – Housing First Solano received a SOAR TA grant from SAMHSA to help providers implement the SOAR model. Ruth Matz, the CoC Chair and

the Lead for the Solano SOAR effort, attended the leadership training. She and HomeBase had a phone call with the TA Providers. The next step is to hold a community planning forum, hopefully in June. Sign-up sheets were distributed during the CoC general meeting and will also be sent out via email.

12. Funding Opportunities: The monthly list of HomeBase-identified funding opportunities is available. If you have questions, please feel free to contact HomeBase at solano@homebaseccc.org. Board member Dawn La Bar emphasized that there are many people willing to help with grants if someone needs assistance, and that the CoC may wish to consider creating a forum for small agencies to receive grantwriting support.
13. Comments from the Board: None
14. Ron Grassi moved to adjourn. Tranine Chisom seconded the motion. No opposition or abstentions. The motion passed with the agreement of the Board and the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.