

HOUSING FIRST SOLANO CoC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Kari Rader called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Present CoC Board Members:

Amanda Russell, Caminar
Brandon Wirth, SHELTER, Inc.
Andrea Foti, SHELTER, Inc.
Chris Sheridan, Nation's Finest
Colleen Berumen, VSSC
DeAndre Richard, RCS
Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera, Lived Experience Co-Chair
Joey Carrizales, Coordinated Entry Co-Chair, Lived Experience Member
John Eckstrom, SHELTER, Inc.
Joshua Arnold, VOA
Kari Rader, CAN-B
Meghan Freebeck, City of Benicia
Miranda Ramirez, Solano County Behavioral Health
Natalie Peterson, City of Vallejo
Reggie Sironen, Berkeley Food and Housing Project
Yajaira Herrera, Eden Housing
Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Black Chamber of Commerce

3. Additions or Deletions

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda – ACTION

Joey Carizzales made a motion to approve the agenda. Colleen Berumen 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 February 22, 2023 HFS CoC Meeting Minutes

Chris Sheridan made a motion to approve the minutes. Natalie Peterson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Joshua Arnold, Colleen Berumen, John Eckstrom, and Yajaira Herrera abstained. There were no objections. The motion was approved.

6. Old Business/Standing Agenda Items

6.1 Veterans Affairs Update

Chris Sheridan gave a reminder that after May 11, 2023 SSVF will return to normal standards for funding. Jai De Lotto gave an update that the ride share program would be ending May 11, 2023 due to the end of COVID-19 funding.

6.2 Committee/Work Group Updates

6.2a Coordinated Entry System Committee

DeAndre Richard gave an update that RCS has been working on getting referrals over for the Fair Haven Commons, Solano House, and Blue Oak Landing units. DeAndre Richard also stated that they are working with Opportunity House to become a pilot partner to create another access point for Coordinated Entry in addition to the Fairfield and Vallejo locations. DeAndre Richard announced the Coordinated Entry Meeting taking place on April 5th, Veterans Case Conferencing on March 28th, and CoC Case Conferencing on March 29th.

6.2b Governance Committee

Reneé Parham stated John Eckstrom accepted the nomination to remain the CoC Co-Chair for the committee and the next meeting would be June 1st from 10 am to 12 pm.

6.2c HMIS Committee

Reneé Parham stated that the next HMIS Committee meeting would be April 4th from 10 am – 12 pm and that if anyone would like an invite, reach out to reneep@capsolanojpa.org.

6.2d Lived Experience Committee

Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera gave an update that the LEC participated in the Community Needs Assessment and was able to include voices from the public in addition to the members, in addition to the HOPE Event that members were part of in helping spread awareness about the LEC.

6.2e Youth Advisory Board Core Planning Work Group

Antonio Pizano gave an update that planning for several youth Focus Groups was underway and that the next meeting was taking place later that afternoon as part of the bi-weekly meetings.

6.2f Racial Equity Action Lab (REAL) Update

Kari Rader expressed that the last meeting had to be rescheduled due to the Technical Assistant Lead not being able to make it and that the team was waiting for final confirmation on the next meeting date and

time.

7. New Business

7.1 System Performance Measures – PRESENTATION

William Matson gave a brief overview of the information found in his presentation located in the [public folder](#) about the most recent System Performance Measures for Solano County.

7.2 NOFO Scoring Tools/Performance and Evaluation Committee – UPDATE

Reneé Parham gave an update that on April 12th from 9 to 11 am there will be a Performance and Evaluation Committee Meeting where the performance and scoring tools will be evaluated and to look for materials coming out over the listserv.

8. Staff Updates

8.1 Staff Communications

Devra Edelman from Homebase introduced their new colleague, Kenya Rawls. Kenya gave a quick review of her background in homeless services and shared her enthusiasm to be part of Homebase and now assisting in Solano County.

Reneé Parham gave an update that the Chair of the Tripartite Advisory Board, Jenalee Dawson, had been elected to serve on the JPA Board, which opened one Low-Income Representative seat and the Chair Officer Position. Reneé explained that the TAB would be taking nominations for the Low-Income Representative seat until March 28 and that online voting would run from March 30 to April 14. Reneé provided the link to the online Nomination Form and stated that the Chair nomination and election would take place at the April 24th Quarter 2 TAB Meeting, which would be held in person at the Suisun City Hall from 2-4 pm.

Reneé Parham announced that the JPA would be having strategic planning meetings on April 22nd from 9 am – 2 pm and April 27th from 3 – 8 pm and gave one final reminder that the Community Needs Assessment and Action Plan Forum would be held at 11:15 am following the CoC Meeting.

8.2 Funding Opportunities

Reneé Parham shared the following funding opportunities:

- The JPA released an RFP tied to HHAP Funding for a Navigation Center/Emergency Shelter. All the details would be on the website and direct questions could be sent to Megan Richards until March 27th. Proposals would be due by April 12 at 5 pm and the information is on the website www.capsolanojpa.org

- Solano County Behavioral Health released an RFP tied to several funding sources to support an array of services including but not limited to Street Outreach, Housing Navigation, Landlord Engagement and Rental Subsidy Management, Recover/Respite Homes, Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing. The RFP is on the County website https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/genserv/purchasing/bids_rfps.asp and proposals would be due by April 26th.

9. Adjourn

John Eckstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am. Chris Sheridan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. There were no objections or abstentions. The meeting was adjourned.