

May 2, 2023 ~ Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Introductions

LEC Members:

- Elizabeth (Ely) Muniz Palomera, Co-Chair
- Joey Carrizales
- Reggie Sironen
- Sally Griffieth

Other Attendees:

- Devra Edelman, Homebase
- Kari Rader, CoC Chair/CANB
- DeAndre Richard, RCS
- Mike S, RCS
- Reneé Parham, JPA/CoC Staff

II. Introductions / Icebreaker

- Icebreaker Question – What one food item could you eat for the rest of your life?
- Review Meeting Group Agreements
 - Respect one another.
 - Be present during meetings – please mute cell phones and other distractions.
 - Speak one at a time.
 - There are no right or wrong answers.
 - All thoughts and ideas are valued.
 - It is ok to have different opinions. We agree to disagree.
 - Please be respectful of time when speaking.
 - What is said here stays here; Stories stay – lessons leave.

III. LEC OUTREACH/STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

- Reports on April Outreach: Dignity Day for the Unsheltered, NHSDC “Nothing About Us Without Us” Presentation
 - Members who attended Dignity Day reported that there was good attendance and support, around 75 people.
 - Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera and Devra Edelman gave a review of how the presentation went at NHSDC, noting that many people were surprised to know she was a person with lived experience and even asked how their community could start a LEC. She also commented on the importance of helping break down stereotypes of those with lived experience.
 - Reneé Parham reported that Antonio Pizano represented the LEC at the JPA Meeting and gave a thought-provoking introduction. There will be a more in-depth presentation at an upcoming JPA meeting.
- Upcoming Events: HOPE Event June 7, 2023 – Downtown Fairfield

- The event will be held on the lawn across from the Solano County Government Building on Texas St. Applications to have a table would be going out soon, so volunteers were recruited for the event.
- Open Meetings Schedule (June, September, December) and Planning
 - The group discussed pushing back the June meeting date since it will be the day before the HOPE Event, so that people can be invited to the June meeting, and the plan is to get a flyer out on the CoC Listserv as well to encourage people to attend the open meeting as well.
- Planning for Solano Employment & Eligibility Participant and Staff Training – Surviving to Thriving
 - Conversation was had around planning for training that had been requested by Solano County’s Employment & Eligibility Division to educate their employees and to work with participants to help improve the success of assistance for local residents. Devra Edelman stated that she would be working with the LEC co-Chairs to create slides to present and get feedback from Solano County. The goal is to create an authentic experience and not just present textbook scenarios that may not be as impactful. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera stated that she hopes this will be a doorway to future collaborations and an opportunity to bring in money for the LEC on a continuous basis to help support members and assist those in the community.
- CA/Solano REAL Team Updates
 - Devra Edelman explained that there is a small group meeting with state Technical Assistance providers to address racial equity and work on goals identified in the HHAP Grants. Devra Edelman stated that the two goals being worked on are:
 1. Developing an equitable coordinated entry assessment and prioritization tool and process.
 2. Developing targeted street outreach to equitably connect people experiencing homelessness with services and housing.

IV. ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT PLANNING

- CES Survey Presentation
 - DeAndre Richard presented the draft version of the participant survey and asked for feedback. Feedback included simplifying and shortening the questions and support of the emoji faces on the survey for easier understanding. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera asked DeAndre to return and give a Coordinated Entry 101 Presentation at the June Meeting.
- HUD NOFO Scoring re: Engagement of People with Lived Experience
 - Devra Edelman explained that based on the feedback from the LEC on the NOFO Scoring Tool, Homebase would be working on developing a survey of providers to create policy change and include people with lived experience in decision-making and would be bringing it to the LEC for input to help develop a more in-depth scoring process.

- Dr. Lynch Research Update
 - Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera informed the group that she had spoken to Dr. Lynch and that her research would be sent to the LEC and they would hopefully be able to hear from her at the June meeting.
- CSBG Community Needs Assessment and Action Plan Update
 - Devra Edelman explained that the Community Needs Assessment and Community Action Plan was posted publicly with a 30-day period for taking public comment and that a special public hearing was going to be held on May 31 so people could give feedback in person on the data that was found and the priorities identified.

V. LOGISTICS AND NEXT STEPS

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 1 pm – 3 pm with possible change for the HOPE Event

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.