

HOUSING FIRST SOLANO CoC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 27, 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:

Amanda Russell, Caminar
Angelica Naranjo, Insight Housing – alternate for Reggie Sironen
Brandon Wirth, SHELTER, Inc.
Chris Sheridan, Nation's Finest
DeAndre Richard, RCS
Don Hendershot, City of Dixon
Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera, Medical Representative
Joey Carrizales, Lived Experience Representative
John Eckstrom, SHELTER, Inc.
Joshua Arnold, Volunteers of America
Kari Rader, CAN-B
Meghan Freebeck, City of Benicia
Miranda Ramirez, Solano County Behavioral Health
Samantha Meyer, Eden Housing
Scott Mulvey, City Church
Tamara Colden, City of Vacaville
Tamara Murphy, Lutheran Social Services
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

Brandon Wirth made a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Mulvey 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 August 23, 2023, HFS CoC Meeting Minutes

John Eckstrom motioned to approve the August 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Don Hendershot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chris Sheridan, Miranda Ramirez, Natalie Peterson, and Samantha Meyer abstained. There were no objections. The motion was approved.

5.2 Approve September 6, 2023, HFS Special NOFO Meeting Minutes

John Eckstrom motioned to approve the September 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Chris Sheridan and Angelica Naranjo abstained. There were no objections.
The motion was approved.

6. Standing Agenda Items

6.1 Veterans Services Update

Jai De Lotto announced the Department of Veterans Affairs set a goal in 2022 and 2023 to house 38,000 unique homeless Veterans. The goal was met in 2022 and to date for 2023 a total of 30,695. Northern California is meeting its mark, and everyone will keep working through the end of December 2023 to reach the goal.

6.2 Committee/Work Group Updates

6.2a Coordinated Entry System Committee

DeAndre Richard announced the next meeting will be October 4, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

6.2b Governance Committee

John Eckstrom reported that the next meeting will be October 12, 2023 at 11 a.m. and there are some open Board seats and looking for applications for the Tribal Seat and Domestic Violence Seat.

6.2c HMIS Users Committee

William Matson shared that at the last meeting, the committee reviewed and made edits to the Policies and Procedures and approved a new Data Quality Plan. These items will be presented at upcoming meetings starting today for final approval by the CoC. Bill explained that the committee also discussed requirements around the Coordinated Entry Reporting Requirements that would adjust HMIS so that users are reporting specific details and that this is a very critical initiative of the HMIS Committee. William Matson asked if DeAndre Richard had anything else to add and DeAndre mentioned that the process has been and will continue to help those working at the access points match clients more effectively.

6.2d Lived Experience Committee

Antonio Pizano shared that Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera's term as the CoC Co-Chair for the LEC was ending and that the committee elected Joey Carrizales as the new CoC Co-Chair. Antonio explained they are still looking for applicants for the LEC's vacant seats.

6.2e Youth Advisory Board Core Planning Work Group

Antonio stated that the most recent Focus Group included youth who were justice-involved and that they were working on getting a budget together to present to the JPA for further advancement of the YAB.

6.2f CA REAL Core Team

Miranda Ramirez gave an update that the team would be presenting the Racial Equity Project to the state's Continuum of Practice meeting in October and that the project and efforts are scaling up for implementation.

7. Presentations

7.1 HMIS Policies and Procedures

William Matson discussed the recent edits made to the HMIS Policies and Procedures as outlined in the Public Folder and discussed at the recent HMIS Users Committee Meeting. John Eckstrom motioned to approve the proposed edits to the HMIS Policies and Procedures. Don Hendershot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. There were no abstentions or objections. The motion was approved.

8. New Business

8.1 Workforce Development Board of Solano County

Matt Moon-Bailey presented on behalf of the Workforce Development Board of Solano County explaining the purpose and process of the organization and job search services available to the public. Mr. Bailey provided his contact information in the chat and program information in the [slides](#).

8.2 Mainstream Benefits – Solano County Employment and Eligibility

Michelle Hackett presented on Mainstream Benefits available through Solano County Employment and Eligibility and made note that some of the programs are subject to change/removal. The [slides](#) provided program and contact information.

8.3 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Miranda Ramirez presented on how to access Behavioral Health Services provided by Solano County and the various resources available such as Medi-Cal benefits available through Partnership Health Plan. The slides located in the [Public Folder](#) provided program and contact information.

Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera asked if people with lived experience of homelessness were included in helping others who start the process for receiving benefits. Miranda Ramirez explained that there are Peer Support Specialists that have lived experience to help assist and there was an online training that could be taken for those interested. The SOAR online course link was also provided in the chat:

<https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/online-courses>

8.4 Medi-Cal Redetermination Update

Riley Meve shared information regarding the Medi-Cal renewals taking place after a three-year pause. Riley Meve explained the impact this could have on those over 2 million Medi-Cal members, especially those experiencing homelessness, because the renewal packets were being mailed out. A flyer was shared with information for an upcoming Webinar held by Homebase on October 3, 2023 to further discuss how to help those in the community avoid losing their benefits.

9. Staff Updates

9.1 Staff Communications

- The Emergency Solutions Grant Balance of State Notice of Funding Availability (ESG BoS NOFA) Recommendations will be presented to the CAP Solano JPA Board. The Review and Rank Panel completed their list of recommendations based on applications provided and the JPA Board will finalize the recommendations to be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published [Federal Register Notice: Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate \(NSPIRE\); Extension of Compliance Date](#). The notice now extends the compliance date until October 1, 2024.

9.2 Funding Opportunities

- Emergency Solutions Grant Homelessness Prevention Notice of Funding Availability (ESG HP NOFA) – Applicants apply directly through eCivis. The NOFA Summary is available on the Housing First Solano CoC website.

10. Board and Public Comment

10.1 Comments from Board Members

Joey Carrizales stated that he attended the Blue Oak Landing Opening and that he hoped in the future the paperwork required for those who received assistance would be less.

Miranda Ramirez agreed that the process was a learning experience in seeing the barriers people faced during the lease-up process.

10.2 Board Member Intro –

- Tamara Murphy – Newest Member-At-Large. Tamara Murphy has worked in homeless services since 2008 starting with outreach to encampments, and is currently the Project Manager for the Stop Plus Permanent Supportive Housing Program in Solano County and the Crossroads Permanent Supportive Senior Housing Program in Vacaville.
- Scott Mulvey – Lead Pastor of City Church. City Church provides onsite housing, park and sleep plus wrap around services for those experiencing homelessness, food giveaway, and a one year addiction program for those looking to fight addiction.

10.3 Public Comments – There were no public comments.

11. Adjourn

John Eckstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. Brandon Wirth seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. There were no abstentions or objections. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.