

Housing First Solano
Vallejo-Solano County Continuum of Care
Board Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2015
12:00 p.m to 12:30 p.m.

Board members present: Kathy (Kat) Lawton, Emily Cantu, Anne Putney, Ruth Matz, Scott Mulvey, Scott Przekurat, Tranine Chisom, Nick Fisher (alternate for Ron Marlette), Angela Shing (alternate for Ron Grassi)

Members of the public present: Greg Schwei, Chelsey Jones, Larry Philpot, Carrie Ellen Sager, Ashley Hart McIntyre

1. Ruth Matz called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. There was a quorum of Board members present.
3. There were no presentations.
4. There was no public comment.
5. There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda.
6. Kat Lawton moved to approve the agenda. Tranine Chisom seconded. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.
7. Emily Cantu moved to approve the May Board Meeting minutes. Anne Putney seconded. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

8. Old Business

8.1. Continuum of Care NOFA Update: Staff noted that CoC Registration Review had been released back to the CoC; in the past, the NOFA has been released within a week or two of the Review deadline, but it could be released before that. CoC projects were asked to submit preliminary information and staff are preparing summaries for the Review and Rank panel.

9. New Business

9.1. Review of PIT data. Staff provided a quick update on the Point-in-Time count. Emily Cantu noted that 87% of people expressed that they want to be housed, which is important to counter the claim that Chronically Homeless people are homeless by choice. Larry Philpot of the Solano Recovery Project asked if the survey had included substance abuse issues. 46% of the people who responded to the survey had reported drug and alcohol issues.

9.2. CSBG Update. The JPA is required to submit a community action plan and needs assessment, which it will vote on tomorrow. Final documents will be submitted by June 30 and those documents will be available for strategic planning. CSBG money was recently distributed. New funds have been applied for with CANB. Annual grant awards will be decided tomorrow by the JPA.

9.3. Adoption of Conflict of Interest Policy. Staff explained that HUD requests a Conflict of Interest policy and described the proposed policy.

Scott Mulvey moved to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy. Kat Lawton seconded. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

9.4. SHOP tool. Staff described the 2014 Supportive Housing Opportunities Planner (SHOP) tool, provided by the Interagency Council on Homelessness. The tool compares the number of chronically homeless individuals with the number of Permanent Supportive Housing units and determines how many PSH beds will be necessary each year. Ruth Matz requested that staff keep the Board apprised of when an updated tool is released.

10. Anne Putney reported that there are currently 55 HUD-VASH vouchers.

Scott Mulvey reported that he has a team working with the City of Fairfield to identify sites and meet with Twitter to create a service center/day center for people experiencing homelessness, including an arm specifically for children. The next component of the project would be housing; a 22-room apartment complex has come up for sale, but it lacks kitchen space; they are considering

Chelsey Jones from the Solano Recovery Project asked if there were any plans to create shared housing for sober living in Solano County and expressed interest in creating such a project. Ruth Matz noted that Housing First prevents using CoC funds for required sobriety, and staff and Ms. Matz offered to talk to Ms. Jones after the meeting.

11. Staff reemphasized the importance of RSVPing to meetings to ensure a quorum.

12. Emily Cantu moved to adjourn. Tranine Chisom seconded. The motion passed with no opposition and no abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.