

Housing First Solano
Vallejo-Solano County Continuum of Care
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

1. Tranine Chisom called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. There were no additions to or deletions from the Agenda
3. Lori Bowley moved to approve the agenda. John Evalle seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.
4. Emily Cantu moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 General Membership meeting. Kathy Lawton seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1. Staff presented an updated regarding the Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the State of California. Currently, Solano does not receive these funds. However, Solano will not receive funds for Rapid Re-Housing based on a recent redesign of fund distribution from the State. The new funds will be available through a partnership with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Staff will present additional information once it is available from the State and SHRA.
 - 5.2 Staff presented an updated on the 2015 CoC Competition funding. Staff was still waiting for HUD to release the Tier 2 funding awards. Staff expected HUD to release that information in the next week. Keetra Welling expressed concern about the delay in receiving funds.
6. New Business
 - 6.1. Jill Sowards presented about Legal Services of Northern California. LSNC provides comprehensive legal services to low income individuals in Northern and Central California. Services include representation in housing disputes, applying for public benefits, records remedies, issues relating to education rights, and health benefits. Can serve individuals who are below 120%-220% of the poverty line. LSNC is happy to receive referrals from programs for representation.
 - 6.2 Staff presented on Solano's coordinated entry program. Staff stated Solano has had a Coordinated Entry pilot program for approximately a year and a half. The CoC is looking to expand that pilot to families in order to test the effectiveness of the policies and procedures. Staff also explained how the CoC will use the VI-SPDAT assessment to prioritize persons entering the coordinated entry system.

After discussion, Norma Ramos moved to expand the Coordinated Entry system to families and utilize the VI-SPDAT as a prioritization tool. John Evalle seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

6.3 Staff gave a presentation on the education rights of homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act. Zoila Perez-Sanchez is a McKinney-Vento liaison and provided commentary about implementing the Act's provisions in actual schools. She encouraged the CoC membership to reach out to her for more information.

7. Staff Report

7.1 Staff summarized the funding opportunities listed in the handout.

8. Lori Bowley moved to adjourn. Emily Cantu seconded. The motion passed with no opposition or abstention. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.