

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting February 14, 2018
Meeting Location: Placer County Community Development Resource Center
Cypress Room | 3091 County Center Drive | Auburn 95603

Board members present: Nancy Baglietto, Leslie Brewer, Jenny Davidson, Kathie Denton, Keith Diederich, Susan Farrington, Danielle Foster, Brendan Phillips, Jennifer Price, Ashley Simon, Lynda Timbers, Jason Winters (phone)

Board members absent: Jeff Brown, Sharon Cohen, Michael Heggarty, Michele Kellogg, Janella Kirkman.

On leave: Phebe Bell, Becca Bettis

Others: Justin Yavorski (phone), Veronica Williams, Will Taylor, Adam Mendoza, Shawn Polivoi, Carol Carter, Jennifer Gomes

CoC Coordinator: Scott Thurmond, Amy Wyatt, Carol Souza Cole

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by board president Leslie Brewer. A quorum was established.

1. **Approval of Agenda** - A motion was made by Nancy Baglietto; second by Jenny Davidson to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
A motion was made by Jenny Davidson; second by Nancy Baglietto to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting with this correction at item 5: *Danielle Foster left the room during this discussion and abstained from voting on this action to avoid a potential conflict of interest.*
Motion passed.
3. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
4. **Reports**
 - **CoC Coordinator** – Scott Thurmond distributed a summary of CoC work. New round for ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) coming out in May. ESG/HCD is considering allowing a maximum allocation of 70% funds to Rapid Rehousing (now at 50% maximum). HRCS board discussed feedback to HCD. Discussion around the decline of emergency shelter funding, important because some people aren't ready for housing directly from the street.

Amy Wyatt reported 3 noncompetitive and 3 competitive applications may be allowed in the upcoming ESG round. Discussion of whether funding would be more advantageous if there were 2 separate continuums: one each Placer and Nevada. It was suggested that this be followed up with executive committee. Minimum allocations per CoC by county may be beneficial to splitting. Discussion as to whether we are competing against ourselves to keep current funding in the CoC competition. If HRCS were to split, how would this affect the ESG allocation.

Scott presented a breakdown of the 2016 & 2017 CoC competition amounts. Overall \$5,588 less in 2017. They increased funding by a small amount for some projects due to fair market rate (FMR) amounts. One HMIS project (Tier 2) was not funded. HUD will provide a de-brief on funding strategies to HRCS. HRCS has a hard time competing with larger jurisdictions, is one opinion from HUD. \$20,000 HMIS deficit for the next fiscal year was reported by Jennifer Price, due to the HMIS project not being funded.

Homeless Inventory Count data (from last month) is being evaluated. Working with HMIS contractor to create final report and submit data to HUD HDX. HMIS transfer is complete, check is in the mail from Salvation Army.

No Place Like Home guidelines for strategic plans for the counties will be reviewed at a regional meeting this afternoon. The HRCS application was submitted to the Roseville Citizens Benefit Fund for HMIS funding and general operations (\$30,000 ask). CoC staff are assisting PCOH and NCCC meetings. Amy Wyatt will be staffing the Outcome Measurements committee and Carol Souza Cole will staff the Community Engagement committee. Amy will be attending the Citizens Benefit Fund Commission meeting April 10 to answer any questions about the HRCS application

- Committees

- i. Outcome Measurements**

1. Point in Time Count Report – Danielle Foster reported yesterday’s committee meeting was the first one to combine all areas of responsibility – HMIS, Coordinated Entry, and Point in Time. De-briefing on the PIT count has been done; forms may be revised for next year, and they should be finalized in plenty of time before the next count. Contact sheets will be evaluated
2. HMIS – trainings begin in March after PIT information is compiled. The HMIS subgroup will be meeting before they begin. The committee is following up on CoC and ESG scoring criteria.
3. Coordinated Entry Update – Improving the process; the system is being utilized, and service providers shared positive feedback with Connecting Point. Service providers still have questions about allocation strategies with housing resources.

- ii. Community Engagement** – Ashley Simon reported that the committee may meet when Becca Bettis returns from leave at the end of the month. Carol Souza Cole asked people to look at the website and comment on possible changes.

- iii. Executive / Finance**

1. Jennifer Price proposed amendment to 2017-18 budget for Thurmond Consulting up to \$20,000. Counties are being asked to provide the funding for the increased scope of work for HRCS.
The CoC coordinator contract won’t be revised unless funding comes in from the counties. No Place Like Home requirements have changed the scope of work for strategic plans.

A motion was made by Susan Farrington to expand the existing budget to include an additional \$20,000, once funding is obtained expenditures up to this amount will be itemized. Second by Brendan Phillips.

Motion passed with a show of hands. 9 yes; and 1 abstention. Jason Winters (on the phone) voted yes by voice vote.

Jennifer Price reported that she has several outstanding invoices for payment of HMIS license fees, and timely payment is requested.

- **Nevada County Health & Human Services** – Brendan Phillips reported that the homelessness center plan is moving forward. Community hospital has come forward with funding for medical respite. Received housing disability funds that will supplement housing first approach.
- **Placer County Health & Human Services** – PCN PCH housing forum March 8. Main Street housing project with AMIH. 78 applicants for 18 units. Several RFP’s are available for a number of services through Placer County on the procurement website. Nonprofits can sign up for the notices. First meeting yesterday for mountain housing and how to provide services in that region. Whole Person Care respite program is going well. Housing project with AMIH

moving forward; working through permitting issues, will gain 5 beds. Another RFP for supportive housing and medical respite should come out this year.

- **Regional planning groups, individual agencies:**

- Justin Yavorski reported on a Truckee joint task force for emergency services – bringing in law enforcement and fire dept. to work together and build relationships between people who are homeless and law enforcement. Outreach event is being planned for late March/early April
- Jenny Davidson reported that Stand Up Placer is becoming pet friendly at their safe house as a significant number of the people they serve stay in violent relationships because they fear for the safety of their pets.

5. HRCS Strategic Planning

- Carol Souza Cole presented a brief overview of steps that can be taken in a strategic planning process. One of those steps is adopting an organizational vision. The board adopted the organizational mission at the October 2017 board retreat. Discussion ensued around an appropriate vision and included concepts such as: universal access to appropriate housing; advocacy for affordable housing; ending homelessness; no one should be homeless; housing to meet individual needs; appropriate sustainable housing to meet diverse housing needs.

A motion was made by Keith Diederich and seconded by Kathie Denton to adopt “A home for everyone” as the organizational vision.

Motion passed

6. Future Agenda Items:

- Discussion about county level data and analysis about current program operations, including system performance measures analysis.
- Look at data within the CoC and if splitting into 2 separate CoC’s is beneficial to access additional funding.
- Strategies for organizing advocacy

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.