

## RTFH Charter & Bylaws Review Community Input Meetings Summary

In-person/Via WebEx: April 22, 2019 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

In-person: April 25, 2019 from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

The RTFH Governance Charter is updated annually and two Community Input Meetings were held in April of 2019 to solicit feedback and input. The table below summarizes the recommendations from the Community.

### Community Input Received

#### Input Received (in-person/webex forum on April 22, 2019)

There were no members of the Community present at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting nor participation via WebEx.

#### Input Received (in-person forum on April 25, 2019)

Amanda Lee, Housing Manager, City of Vista provided input that there's a lack of representation from the North County. She said that there's only two representatives from North County on the Board and they are both service providers. Service providers play a valuable role in their respective fields but there's a need for locality involvement and regional collaboration. She noted that North County represents approximately half of the homeless population. She recommended that additional representation be included in the CoC representing North County, South County, and East County. There is an overrepresentation of the Central region on the Board. If consideration was given to adding additional Board seats it was asked if there were any seats she felt could be reduce as the 31-member board is already quite large. She agreed that a 31-member board is large but she did not recommend any specific seats to be eliminated but felt that some of the appointed seats could be modified. Ms. Lee was also very supportive of the three (3) flexible seats on the Board being prioritized for consumers/individuals with lived experience. She felt that priority for all three of the flexible seats should be given to consumers/individuals with lived experience. Ms. Lee was supportive of at least one health seat be given preference to a consumer/individual with lived experience.

### Input Received (in-person forum on April 25, 2019)

Jeffrey Najarian, Wellness Coordinator, Wakeland Housing was very supportive of the three (3) flexible seats on the Board being prioritized for consumers/individuals with lived experience. He felt that priority for all three of the flexible seats should be given to consumers/individuals with lived experience. Mr. Najarian was supportive of at least one health seat be given preference to a consumer/individual with lived experience. He also recommended that the category be modified to make it clear that it is encompassing of both health and behavioral health. He noted that a significant number of individuals experiencing homelessness have behavioral health needs. He felt that there should be more seats dedicated to the behavioral health sector.

Pat Leslie agreed with the recommendation of prioritizing the three (3) flexible seats on the Board for consumers/individuals with lived experience. She also was supportive of at least one health seat be given preference to a consumer/individual with lived experience.

Nancy O'Connell agreed with the recommendation of prioritizing the three (3) flexible seats on the Board for consumers/individuals with lived experience. She also was supportive of at least one health seat be given preference to a consumer/individual with lived experience.

### Input Received (via email on April 29, 2019)

Jeffrey Najarian, Wellness Coordinator, Wakeland Housing, emailed on April 29<sup>th</sup>. His email stated:

"I'd like to follow up on input that I gave on Thursday at the Public input session. It's wonderful to hear that the RTFH is considering expanding board seats to more people with lived experience of homelessness. My understanding now is that there is currently one board seat of someone who was formerly homeless. My understanding also is that any member has a fee that they need to pay every year to be a member. As the board looks to expand seats for people with lived experience, there needs to be an understanding that some people with lived experience might not be in a financial position to be able to afford the membership fee. Therefore it would be useful to find a source of funding to pay for the members seat on the RTFH, or waive the fee, and help with transportation costs to the meeting. For many people who end up homeless there's a history of disabilities or other long-standing challenges. Just because people transition out of homelessness doesn't necessarily mean that their economics transition into a place where having enough money isn't an ongoing issue."

### Input Received (via email on May 1st, 2019)

Karen Youel, Housing & Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Escondido, emailed on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Her email stated:

"I am concerned with the outreach in the North County. While the 2019 PITC shows that the largest concentration of homeless continues to be in the City of San Diego, there are 1,540 homeless folks in North County (964 unsheltered and 576 sheltered individuals), or approximately 20% of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego County. However, North County voices are not strong. I would like additional information about consultation with jurisdictions put into the Charter. The Charter refers to an ESG Guide which does not appear to be complete and a future Intergovernmental Council. When will these be created?"