



Ad Hoc Committee: Addressing Homelessness Among Black San Diegans

April 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information	
Date: 4/14/21	Location: Via Zoom Video Conference
Time: 12:30 – 2 PM	
Members Present: Ben Mendoza, Dexter Egleston, Hanan Scrapper, James Carter, David Baker, Celese Turner, Curtis Howard, Sean Spear, Omar Passons, Amanda Nelson,	
Members Absent: Rolland Slade, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, Bobby Brown, Veronica Loving, Tracey Wilson, Christina Griffin, Adrian Donovan Scott	
Staff Present: Tamera Kohler, Kris Kuntz, Jegnaw Zeggeye	
Note Taker: Myleya Griffin	

Agenda Items:		
1	Welcome and Introductions	Committee Chairs
2	Discussion Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Updates from the County of San Diego <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Office of Equity and Racial Justice o Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities b) Coordinated Entry System Analysis and Discussion c) Report out from Work Groups d) Update on facilitation support e) Committee member updates and closing 	Andrew Strong Omar Passons Kris Kuntz and Jegnaw Zeggeye) Hanan and Omar Kris
Discussion Items:		
a	Updates from the County of San Diego <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Equity and Racial Justice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The office of Equity and Racial office was established June of 2020 to work on racial justice within the region. o Since June of 2020 they have contracted with Urban Policy Development, consulted with the earning and belonging Institute at UC Berkley. o Their vision is being the bridge between community engagement, advocacy for our community members and stakeholder, County operations policy and legislation. It's about equity in all areas. o They are working toward setting their roles and responsibilities. o The big picture goals are to rebuild trust within the community, creating cultural confident organizations and tearing down the structural racism that might persist and perpetuate within our community. o A couple of projects that the Board has directed are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In January 12, 2021 the Board of Supervisors declared racism as a public health crisis, a proposal of gathering a subcommittee has been set to reach out to work with members of the public to have the County departments bring policies, procedures and practices to get feedback from the community on how to address and change those policies that may have perpetuated racism. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating an equity impact statement for all of the Board Letters which will help build a broader racial equity impact tool to use as an equity lens on all of our projects and processes. A Budget equity tool will also be created for resources. - Adding equity and belonging into the mission, vision and values. - To establish a social equity program for cannabis. - Uplifting boys and men of color initiative which addresses the prison pipeline. Two programs to be focused on are k – 12 wrap around services and a workforce development program for folks who are aging out of the youth population. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board of Supervisors brought forward the call for the creation for Homeless Solutions and Equitable communities. The letter from Nathan Fletcher addressed how to figure out a more singular point of interaction that are working on helping those who are experiencing homelessness and it also made a reference to economic issues that impact homelessness. ○ How should the resources that are coming, what should they be doing about operating subsidy issues or where there is not enough resources where does that advocacy occur and how does that impact the directionality of resources?
B	<p>Coordinated Entry System Analysis and Discussion</p> <p><i>Kris Kuntz and Jegnaw Zeggeye presented a PowerPoint entitled (Coordinated Entry System – Racial Disparity Analysis)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CES process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Household assessed and then referred to a housing program (RRH or PSH) ○ Program reviews referrals and either accepts or denies the referrals, if accepted they are enroll the household in their program, if denied the referral goes back to the community Queue. ○ Enrolled households work with programs to identify housing unit in community and support lease up. ● The data that was presented starts from January, 1 2020 to December 31, 2020. ● A referral can be denied by the program eligibility or the client may not be able to verify the information that is needed. ● People of color had slightly higher percentage of referrals for Rapid Re-Housing than whites (48%vs 45%) ● People of color and other races had higher number of days to actually enter a rental unit in the community ● HUD approved for us to have HUD TA to help guide us within our work
C	<p>Report out from Work Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The working group is looking to hold lived experience focus groups or listening sessions. How many people do we think is a great sample size and based on the number to present to Tamera the total numbers for the compensation purposes? ● Hanan met with the HEAL Network who can help identify several graduates and once connected they will strategize and what their roles would be. Subcommittee to draft some questions to have for the group. ● Kris and Hanan to connect to the Board Members who hold the lived experience seats. ● Working Group will create messaging as far as what the purpose is and what they are trying to do.
D	<p>Update on facilitation support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
e	<p>Committee member updates and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
<p>Next Meeting: Date: May 12, 2021 Time: 12:30pm Location: Zoom</p>	