

Regional Task Force on the Homeless
Ad Hoc Committee: Aging and Homelessness
June 14, 2021:
Meeting Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members: Paul Downey (co-chair), Shaina Gross (co-chair), Alana Kalinowski, Anna Zimbrick, Ben Moraga, Betsy Knight, Bob Kelly, Drew Moser, Liz Wellbrock, Stephen Russell, Tricia Levien, Veronica Blea

RTFH Staff: Tamera Kohler, Susan Bower, Zoe Ridgway

II. Action Item: Review and Approve May 25th Minutes

Paul Downey

- i. **Action:** Motion to approve minutes by Shaina Gross and seconded by Bob Kelly. All in favor, May Minutes approved.

III. Action Item: Prioritization of Emergency Housing Vouchers for Older Adults

Paul Downey

- i. Tamera suggested revising the Board action to reflect the need to pair EHVs with supportive services. The group discussed the minimum supportive services needs the aging population has, which include case management, resources for food, and assistance in connecting with any necessary health/behavioral health services.
Additionally, because EHVs must be paired with existing community support services, a specific number of vouchers cannot be allocated for older adults; however, the Board action can include data demonstrating how this group should be prioritized.
- ii. These changes have been incorporated into the updated Board Action (see attached Aging and Homelessness Board Action EHV).
- iii. Housing Authorities and Continuum of Cares need to have MOUs by July 31st, and have to identify what supportive services can be committed in the coming 6 weeks.
- iv. **Action:** Ben Moraga motions to send the updated Board Action to the CoC Advisory Board, seconded by Veronica Blea. All in favor, motion carries.

IV. Discussion Item: Committee Workplan

Committee Members

- i. Tabled to July meeting, due to time constraints.

V. Next Steps/Action Items

Susan Bower

- i. Assuming the CoC Advisory Board approves the Committee's recommendation on Thursday, when meeting with Housing Authorities early next week Tamera will bring the recommendation forward. Housing Authorities will provide language they want embedded in the MOUs regarding supportive services.
- ii. Tamera, Susan, Paul and Shaina to meet and begin discussing next steps of prioritization, following RTFH's meetings with the Housing Authorities.
- iii. Zoe to send out a doodle poll to the committee for a July meeting time.

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Location: Zoom video conference