

CoC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2021 **Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Location:** Zoom Video Conference

The CoC Advisory Board meeting of the Regional Continuum of Care Council was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

The number of board members required to reach a quorum for this board is 15. A quorum was present at this meeting.

Attendees Present		
Board Seat	Organization	Board Member
Public Housing Authority	San Diego Housing Commission	Chair: Richard Gentry
Homeless Service Provider – General	Father Joe’s Villages / SVdPV	Secretary: Deacon Jim Vargas
Business	Sharp HealthCare Foundation	Ben Moraga
Business	Downtown San Diego Partnership	Betsy Brennan
Business	Community Housing Works	Sean Spear
Collective Impact	Serving Seniors	Paul Downey
Education	College of San Diego Continuing Education	Carlos Cortez
Elected Official	Supervisor: District 1	Nora Vargas
Elected Official	Councilmember: District 3	Stephen Whitburn
Flexible	Voices of our City Choir	John Brady
Flexible	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	Michael Hopkins
Funder Representative	Funders Together to End Homelessness	Amy Denhart
Funder Representative	City of San Diego	Keely Halsey
Health	Family Health Centers of San Diego	Jeff Gering
Health	Scripps Mercy	Karen McCabe
Homeless Advocate	PATH	Jonathan Castillo
Homeless Service Provider – East	Home Start, Inc.	Laura Tancredi-Baese
Homeless Service Provider - North Coastal	Interfaith Community Services	Greg Anglea
Homeless Service Provider - North Inland	VVSD	Andre Simpson
Law Enforcement	City of San Diego Police Department	Paul Connelly
Public Housing Authority	County of San Diego HCD	David Estrella
San Diego Workforce Partnership	San Diego Workforce Partnership	Shaina Gross
Technology Business	2-1-1 San Diego	Camey Christenson
Attendees Absent		
Faith Community	Meridian Baptist Church	Rev. Rolland Slade
Flexible	HEAL Network	Jo Barrett
Health	Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties	Dimitrios Alexiou
Homeless Service Provider – Central	San Diego Youth Services	Walter Phillips
Homeless Service Provider - South Bay	SBCS	Kathryn Lembo
Homeless/Formerly Homeless	n/a	Ellis Rose
San Diego County HHSA	San Diego County HHSA	Nick Macchione
US Dept. of VA	Veterans Affairs San Diego	Jessica Chamberlain
Others in Attendance		
Pat Leslie, <i>Chief Medical Doctor, HHSA Public Health:</i> Dr. Ankita Kadakia, <i>Veterans Affairs:</i> Nicole Loebach, <i>Dianne Feinstein staff:</i> Mary Dover, <i>Stephen Whitburn staff:</i> Emily Bonner, <i>Nora Vargas staff:</i> Andrew Feaster, <i>Alpha Project:</i> Kelly Knight, <i>Kyla Winters, Lucky Duck:</i> Stephanie Kilkenny, <i>FJV:</i> Anna Zimbrick, <i>Ruth Bruland, USICH:</i> Helen Schneider, <i>PATH:</i> Glen Hilton, <i>ThreeSixty:</i> Greg Block, <i>HHSA:</i> Jackie MacLean, <i>City of SD:</i> Jillian Kisse, <i>County Probation:</i> Kristine Lefebvre, <i>SDHC:</i> Lisa Jones, <i>Brilliant Corners:</i> Lucky Michael, <i>County of SD:</i> Zuleika Rosa, <i>Brilliant Corners:</i> Tuck Fong; <i>others:</i> Jane Chippendale		
RTFH Staff Present:		
Tamera Kohler, Lahela Mattox, Kat Durant, Aimee Cox, Kris Kuntz, Jill Hroziencik, Susan Bower, Jegnaw Zeggeye, Justin Creel, Heidi Kone, Carrie Stemrich, Myleya Griffin, Evan Hamner		

AGENDA ITEMS:**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Board Chair Rick Gentry welcomed Board Members to the CoC Advisory Board Meeting.

2. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of February 18, 2021, CoC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Rick Gentry

Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 22	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Deacon Jim Vargas	Paul Downey

Motion passed unanimously

3. Board Chair Report and CEO Updates

- Community Solutions Built for Zero model received the McArthur award for \$100M in general funds to address veteran and youth homelessness.
 - Also received \$7M from Ballister organization and they expect to receive more – will allow us to use the additional funding, including the announcement that came from HUD and the VA for their strong push to end veteran homelessness
- Working on data within the City, then with Alliance for Regional Solutions in North County
- Received approval to hire HUD TA's Darlene Matthews and Michele Williams to function as TA's for the Ad Hoc Committee Addressing Homelessness Among Black San Diegans

4. Action Items

1. Board Meeting Schedule – Governance Advisory Committee Greg Anglea

- Reviewed frequency of meetings and recommended moving the meetings from monthly to every other month to provide growing number of committees more time to participate in those committees (*pg. 9 of Board Packet*)
 - Recommendation formalized today by requesting approval to modify these meetings to every other month

Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 22	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Greg Anglea	John Brady

Motion passed unanimously

2. Board Slate – Governance Committee Greg Anglea

- Action today – approval of the seats as outlined on pages 11-13 of board packet.
 - Modification in document (Michael Phillips corrected to Michal Hopkins).
 - If approved by the board, this will go to Full Membership for ratification at their next meeting 05/13.

Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 22	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Greg Anglea	Deacon Jim Vargas

Motion passed unanimously

3. Board Charter Change 2021 – Governance Committee Greg Anglea

- Annual charter change starts on page 14 of the board packet
 - Along with the open comment period, community input sessions were held.
 - Many of the changes this year related to bifurcation of the board

Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 22	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Greg Anglea	Laura Tancredi-Baese

Motion passed unanimously

4. Ad Hoc committee on Aging Homeless population Tamera Kohler/Paul Downey

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Board Retreat came a need to focus efforts on older adults to actively address their needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are seeing increases in this population, and Serving Seniors has additional data to use. Identify what we need to include in our system for older adults Requesting the addition of this Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Paul Downey and to develop a work plan. 					
Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 22	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Paul Downey	John Brady
<i>Motion passed unanimously</i>					
5. 2021 Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures					Kat Durant CoC Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlined on page 47 of the board packet to reflect changes made since the last update made in 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes made in collaboration with the CES workgroup 					
Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 22	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Paul Downey	Sean Spear
<i>Motion passed unanimously</i>					
5. Organizational CoC Updates, Committee Updates, Discussion Items					
a) New County of San Diego Department on Homelessness Solutions and Equitable Communities					Vice-Chair Supervisor Nora Vargas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiated this department that is committed to housing-first approach within equitable principles listed in their board letter to create a person-centered system, emphasizing trauma-informed care and establishes county-wide leadership that works collaboratively with our regional partners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important that best practices lead the way, and Supervisor Vargas will continue to provide updates. 					
b) COVID-19 Update					Dr. Ankita Kadakia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided the most current data on positive cases on persons experiencing homelessness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information can be found on the San Diego County website. 					
c) COVID-19 Vaccine coordination efforts for homeless population					Tamera Kohler
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine rollout information is outlined beginning on page 51 of the board packet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important to share with homeless service organizations to get this information out. RTFH will continue to share scheduling and encourage outreach teams to disperse information. 					
d) Report from Board Retreat					Aimee Cox
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff sorted through what had been collected during the Board Retreat and prepared a Retreat Summary (in board packet pages 62-63). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key themes: access and navigation, communication and clarity, and flexible funding. Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTFH will send survey requesting your feedback on the summaries and priorities. Prepare a work plan for the Board to review in June. Review activities with the appropriate committees/RTFH staff Incorporate activities into regional plan scope. Prevention around first time homeless should rise to a more dominant place, as there was a lot of discussion at the retreat, and prevention needs to be listed more directly. Quantitative data collection system to identify gaps in service across all of our programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared measurement will be lifted up in the document. 					
e) HEAP and HHAP final process					Lahela Mattox
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HEAP activities have been identified based on HEAP grantee feedback, city/regional group engagement, City Plan, CCP, and regional plan. Funding priorities that have been identified to eliminate gaps in service are Street Outreach, Diversion only, Safe Parking, Flexible Client Funds (to include prevention and diversion), and SOARS. 					

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOI, SOW, and budget will be accepted from current HEAP grantees through the end of the month. • All HEAP grantees of youth providers are also recipients of YHDP funding – slow spending has made additional YHDP funds available, so we will ensure leveraging with providers to expend funding dollars to fill gaps and then come back to the table for HHAP funding for youth set-aside. • HHAP Round 1 and 2 will be combined to be spent over a 3-year period currently targeted for July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 – this time frame can be adjusted as needed and allows us to act if there is an immediate need as well. 	
f) RTFH Annual data report – data work plan for 21/22	Kris Kuntz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level analysis of key indicators and performance regionally out of HMIS, look at all programs to use data more to ask questions and engage in further discussions regarding all those served in 2020 in the homeless response system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big drivers of increases were seen in prevention, street outreach, and emergency shelters, and increases were identified across all projects with the exception of RRH. ○ With data for average number of people who exited programs in 2020, increases showed in outreach, TH, RRH, and PSH, while Emergency Shelter (including isolation hotel rooms) remained steady. ○ Permanent Housing exits showed a large percentage of decrease in emergency shelter and TH ○ Returns to homelessness remained relatively consistent with prior years. • Data work plan is included in the board packet: pages 64-66 	
6. Educational Presentation	
a) Flexible Housing Pool - report	Lahela Mattox
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracted with Brilliant Corners and completed a 6-month report (Oct.2020 to March 2021) • Priorities for the first year include the placement of 140 households into permanent housing, promote a regional strategy (18 cities in San Diego County), target priority populations, support housing exits, and engage new partners and funders to promote regional landlord strategy to increase housing capacity of our market. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PowerPoint slides reviewed in this meeting will be shared. • Nicki Loebach of the VA spoke on Brilliant Corners’ work of housing placement for a client with multiple evictions, along with their work ensuring renter’s insurance and other items, like moving costs and other financial barriers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also have weekly office hours has helped to build relationships and create new ideas. 	
Adjournment	
Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. The Board will tentatively reconvene for their next meeting on 06/17/2021 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm via Zoom Video Conference.	