

## CoC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 17, 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.

<b>Attendees Present</b>		
<b>Board Seat</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
Public Housing Authority	San Diego Housing Commission	<b>Chair:</b> Richard Gentry
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	Jacqueline Sabanos on behalf of Carlos Cortez
Elected Official	Supervisor: District 1	Nora Vargas
Elected Official	Councilmember: District 3	Stephen Whitburn
Flexible	Voices of our City Choir	John Brady
Health	Family Health Centers of San Diego	Jeff Gering
Health	Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties	Lindsey Wade on behalf of Dimitrios Alexiou
Homeless Advocate	PATH	Jonathan Castillo
Homeless Service Provider – East	Home Start, Inc.	Laura Tancredi-Baese
Homeless Service Provider – General	Father Joe’s Villages / SVdPV	Anna Zimbrick on behalf of Deacon Jim Vargas
Homeless Service Provider - North Coastal	Interfaith Community Services	Greg Anglea
Homeless Service Provider – Central	San Diego Youth Services	Walter Phillips
Homeless/Formerly Homeless	n/a	Ellis Rose
Law Enforcement	City of San Diego Police Department	Bernie Colon
Public Housing Authority	County of San Diego HCD	David Estrella
San Diego County HHSA	San Diego County HHSA	Nick Macchione
San Diego Workforce Partnership	San Diego Workforce Partnership	Shaina Gross
US Dept. of VA	Veterans Affairs San Diego	Jessica Chamberlain
<b>Attendees Absent</b>		
Faith Community	Meridian Baptist Church	Rev. Rolland Slade
Flexible	HEAL Network	Jo Barrett
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	Scripps Mercy	Karen McCabe
Homeless Service Provider - North Inland	Mental Health Services	Laura Otis-Miles
Homeless Service Provider - South Bay	SBCS	Kathryn Lembo
Technology Business	2-1-1 San Diego	Camey Christenson
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>		
<i>Public Health:</i> Dr. Wilma Wooten, <i>Stephen Whitburn staff:</i> Emily Bonner, <i>Nora Vargas staff:</i> Andrew Feaster; <i>HUD TA:</i> Michelle Williams, Sue Reynolds.		
<b>Others in Attendance</b>		
<i>Alpha Project:</i> Kaitlin Patterson, <i>Built for Zero:</i> Shantae Smith, <i>City of Encinitas:</i> Jennifer Gates, <i>City of Escondido:</i> Karen Youel, <i>City Heights CDC:</i> Natalia Torregrosa, <i>Coronado PD:</i> Chuck Kaye, <i>County of San Diego:</i> Jackie MacLean, Omar Passons, Megan O’Dowd, Michele Williams, Randy Minemann, Tareq Haidari, <i>Downtown SD Partnership:</i> Rebecca Rybczyk, <i>East County Homeless Task Force -</i> Anna Marie Piconi Snyder, <i>FJV/SVdPV:</i> Ruth Bruland, <i>Oceanside Housing Division:</i> representative, <i>PATH:</i> Hanan Scrapper <i>Salvation Army:</i> Megan Dowell, <i>SDHC:</i> Lisa Jones, <i>ThreeSixty:</i> Greg Block, <i>USICH:</i> Helen Schneider, <i>Voice of San Diego:</i> Lisa Halverstadt, <i>VVSD:</i> Susan Chung; Tuck Forsyth		
<b>RTFH Staff Present:</b>		
Tamera Kohler, Aimee Cox, Jegnaw Zeggeye, Justin Creel, Kat Durant, Kris Kuntz, Susan Bower, Carrie Stemrich, Sally Zamadics		

AGENDA ITEMS:					
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>					
Nora Vargas welcomed Board Members to the CoC Advisory Board Meeting (Chair Rick Gentry joined later)					
<b>2. Consent Agenda</b>					
a) Approval of April 15, 2021 CoC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes					Rick Gentry
<b>Vote</b>				<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Ben Moraga	Laura Tancredi-Baese
<i>Motion passed</i>					
<b>3. Board Chair Report</b>					Rick Gentry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>					
<b>4. COVID-19 Update after June 15th</b>					Dr. Wilma Wooten
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before 06/15 we were on a Blueprint for a Safer Economy (CA framework for monitoring COVID-19), and San Diego had been in the yellow tier for 2 weeks.</li> <li>We have now reached Beyond the Blueprint, dividing 2 categories of individuals (vaccinated and unvaccinated).</li> <li>Whether you wear a mask is predicated on if you have been vaccinated <u>unless</u> in these 9 indoor settings where a mask must be worn: all forms of transit, K-12, health care system including long term care facilities, correctional facilities and detention centers, and homeless shelters, emergency shelters and cooling centers.</li> <li>CA Dept. of Public Health created guidance, waiting on Cal/OSHA to finalize guidance for the work site later today.</li> <li>Mask must be worn inside if it is not documented whether someone is vaccinated due to the risk of those not vaccinated mingling with those who are vaccinated, such as in homeless shelters.</li> <li>85% of the goal population has been fully vaccinated - goal toward achieving herd immunity, which will be achieved when those 6 months+ can be vaccinated (still only administering vaccines to those ages 12+).</li> <li>If vaccinated and around others with vaccinations - no need to wear a facial covering. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mask guidance flyers can also be requested.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<b>5. CEO Updates</b>					Tamera Kohler
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Included in Board Packet with a few additional items not included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating dashboards July 1<sup>st</sup> to be updated monthly to provide system-level metrics for an overview of the populations served across the CoC and our system performance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public dashboards will identify the performance of specific agency programs, as is done in many CoC's.</li> <li>Will also be able to see how we're doing across the region, and can be used for grants.</li> </ul> </li> <li>HEAP program has wrapped and we released the HHAP funding notice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HHAP awardees include outreach, diversion, safe parking, and the SOAR programs, and youth set-aside.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Board Diversity Report shows demographics for the continuation of good recruitment and representation of the diverse population and expertise.</li> <li>Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was awarded to four of our Public Housing Authorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenant-based HCV differ from traditional HCV in their unique targeted population, representing an unprecedented opportunity for the region.</li> <li>Question: Are we factoring how disqualifying criteria will be developed on these vouchers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritization criteria created rather than disqualification (unlikely to be enough to cover all).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<b>6. Action Items</b>					
a) Adoption of <i>Live Well, San Diego</i> Partner Resolution					Greg Anglea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requesting that this Advisory Board officially approve the CoC as a Live Well San Diego member partner organization with the County of San Diego. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a newer entity now that we're separate from the RTFH, we are not a Live Well member.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<b>Vote</b>				<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Greg Anglea	Walter Phillips
<i>Motion passed</i>					
b) Adoption of HUD NOFA Priorities and Process					Tamera Kohler

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUD did not have us go through a competitive application process to receive funds as a result of the pandemic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ HUD understands our data, metrics, and service numbers may look different. Communities should not be concerned if performance was affected due to pandemic constraints or challenges.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local Ranking and Rating (R&amp;R) processes must be completed 30 days prior to federal due date (likely early Sept.)</li> <li>• Question: If a Board Member is part of the application process, do they need to recuse themselves? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ No decisions on specific organizations are being made, so that is not necessary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<b>Vote</b>				<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Paul Downey	John Brady
<i>Motion passed</i>					
c) Approval of Updated Advisory Board Policies & Authorization to Sunset Outdated Advisory Board Policies					Greg Anglea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Governance Advisory Committee has reviewed all of the CoC Board Polices and have determined there are some changes mostly addressing the bifurcation of the RTFH and the CoC.</li> <li>• Recommendations: 1) Approve updates to the following Board Policies: Full Membership – Enrollment, Board Recruitment and Selection, Board Policy Development, and Updates to the Governance Charter; and 2) Approve sunsetting outdated Board Policies: Communications and Media Relations, Procurement Policy, Employment after Board Service, Nondiscrimination, Legislative and Policy Activities, and Exec. Committee Authority.</li> </ul>					
<b>Vote</b>				<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Greg Anglea	Walter Phillips
<i>Motion passed</i>					
d) Approval of Candidates for Law Enforcement and Flexible Seats					Greg Anglea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations: 1) Approve Assistance Chief Bernie Colon of the San Diego Police Department to fill the vacant Law Enforcement seat and 2) Approve Paul Downey, CEO of Serving Seniors, to move to the Flexible Seat that was previously a designated seat for the United Way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ This will also need to be approved by our full General Membership.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<b>Vote</b>				<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Greg Anglea	Rick Gentry
<i>Motion passed</i>					
e) Acceptance of Written Community Standards					Kris Kuntz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CoC Community Standards (HUD requirement to govern provision of services) were last updated in 2018.</li> <li>• Process: RTFH staff worked with the HUD TA team on revising, then RTFH sent the draft out for a 30-day comment period (Board Packet contains a summary document of comments received and actions we took to incorporate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ In general, some revised items include more streamlined language (more concise/easier to use).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Question: How do we address health equity to make sure it is embedded deeply in our training collaboratives? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ We do not need to wait until the standards are updated; addendums can be added at any time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recommendations: 1) Accept the final revised CoC Community Standards 2) Task the RTFH with implementing updated Community Standards (may include trainings, learning collaboratives, monitoring, and other activities).</li> </ul>					
<b>Vote</b>				<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Nick Macchione	Nora Vargas
<i>Motion passed</i>					
f) Policy and Procedural Recommendations for Ensuring Equity in Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program					Hannan Scrapper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations factor in systemic and structural racism that have led to many Black San Diegans to become homeless. HUD TA consultants guided us through these recommendations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Black people are overrepresented across all age groups, genders, household types, and across geographies.</li> <li>◦ Documented as experiencing higher rates and longer periods of homelessness, fewer exits to permanent housing, and higher rates of returns to homelessness.</li> <li>◦ Incorporate race equity and pair supportive services to match needs to increase long term housing stability.</li> <li>◦ Working with PHA's to remove probations related to criminality to increase equitable voucher distribution.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

- o Committee stands behind the commitment that San Diego has made to addressing racism as a health crisis, ensuring all people have a person-centered service package to prevent returns to homelessness.
- Hanan supports the amendment to request HUD to provide feedback on how hard that percentage can be.
  - o Recommendations: 1) Adopt the policy and procedural recommendations for EHV developed by this committee as amended; and 2) Task the RTFH to incorporate recommendations into MOU's with PHA's and work with PHA's to operationalize the recommendations.

Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Hanan Scrapper	Sean Spear

*Motion passed*

g) Prioritizing Older Adults for Emergency Housing Vouchers	Paul Downey
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- Since Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) need to come with services, they are ideal for older adults, and a number of existing resources have been identified that can be coupled with the vouchers in order to provide some of those services and are ideal for carving out those who can quickly move through the system.
- Recommendations: 1) Prioritize a proportionate share of the EHV awarded to the San Diego region for people aged 55+ and experiencing homelessness, recognizing vouchers must be paired with available supportive services, and 2) Identify housing opportunities with supportive services in places that have available units appropriate for EHV.

Vote				Motion	Second
Yay: 23	Nay: 0	Recused: n/a	Abstained: n/a	Paul Downey	John Brady

*Motion passed*

**7. Organizational CoC Updates, Committee Updates, Discussion Items**

a) Youth Provider Presentation	Laura Tancredi-Baese & Walter Philips
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- Youth Homelessness is a crisis across the country with CA home to 57% of the homeless youth - often don't appear to be experiencing homelessness and are generally running from something, i.e. escaping family issues
- High risk youth: Those with less than high school diploma/GED, unmarried parenting youth, those with less income (under \$24,000), LGBTQ, Black or African American, and Hispanic/non-White
- Consequences of not addressing this issue can be extreme (drug use, human trafficking, etc.)
- San Diego initiatives and funding show a greater youth focus and investment on federal, state, and local levels.
- Nine local organizations selected for YHDP: we received the most funding (different subpopulation experiences).
- Challenges: high needs/mental health, high unemployment, difficulty with landlord engagement, and prevention/diversion eligible costs do not cover most urgent needs.
- Intervention is critical to prevent chronic homelessness. Need coordinated and intersectional approach, and housing/support services should be age appropriate and tailored.

**8. Educational Presentation**

a) San Diego Eviction Prevention Collaborative: HousingHelpSD.org	Sue Reynolds
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- Online tenant and eviction prevention tool to use before the post-eviction moratorium wave hits in mid Aug. to assist with preventing avoidable evictions - key in stopping evictions before they occur
- Eviction is a short-term credit problem and a short-term solution with long-term damages.
  - o Landlords more likely to have attorneys, and the undocumented had no assistance prior.
- Over \$200M in rental assistance has been set aside for San Diego, but only 2% was distributed as of a few weeks ago.
- This English/Spanish online tool has both mobile and website access.
- Key resources to help understand tenant rights to get rent relief, find tenant protection workshops, and tenant FAQ's.
- The state is easing some of the difficult rules in the way - this site will provide information as it becomes available.
- Help stem the tide of evictions by spreading the word, and in the future you will be able to sign up for collaborative updates and staff trainings.

**9. Wrap up: Final Comments/Adjournment/Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm. The Board will reconvene for their next meeting on 08/19/2021 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm via Zoom Video Conference.