



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING MINUTES

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness provides a forum for communication and coordination about the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness, and for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in the County, educating the community on homeless issues, and advocating on federal, state, and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The Council provides advice and input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County. Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Council.

Date, Time: Thursday, February 2, 2017 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Council Member Attendance:

Present: Gabriel Lemus (Chair), Teri House (Vice-Chair), Diane Aguinaga, Alejandra Chamberlain, Gary Kingsbury

Absent: Tracy Cascio, Dan Sawislak

Staff Attendance: Jamie Jenett, Lavonna Martin, Jennifer Baha, Dana Ewing, Contra Costa Health Services (H3); Tara Ozes, Erica McWhorter, HomeBase

Public Attendance: Sanaa Gad, Anne Struthers, Stephanie Batchelor, Dawn Morrow, Sarah Thomas, Usha Ramachandran, Melaine Venenciano, Tom Brooks, Hannah Frank, Stephanie Stovall, Susan Waters, Nathalie Sterne, Doug Leich, Sean Conley, Dick Beal, Guita Bahranipaur, LaLisha Norton, Vicki Proctor, Angelique Dawkins, Lori Ogorchoch, Miguel Hidalobailes, Araceli Garcia, Kimberly Gamboa, Tamisha Walker, Larnel Wolfe

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Call to order by Gabriel Lemus, Chair

2. Approve Minutes (Action Item)

- This item was tabled and scheduled for action on next month's Council meeting agenda due to the Board needing to review the previous meeting's minutes.
- Jaime Jenett will distribute the previous meeting's minutes via email to the Board.

3. Youth Homelessness Panel Next Steps

- Teri House, Vice-Chair, presented overview of January's youth homelessness and trafficking panel and facilitated discussion about next steps, as follows:
 - Review the service providers available;



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- Determine how to integrate this issue with ongoing coordinated entry implementation efforts, particularly HMIS data capturing and sharing solutions, ongoing issues of insufficient youth services in central county, youth and others with companion animals;
- Clarification and coordination about “youth” and “homeless” definitions.
- Alejandra Chamberlain will monitor the issue and update the Council periodically;
- Add this as agenda item before the end of the year for Council to continue to review and address.

4. Filling of Vacant Council Seats (Action Item)

- Jamie Jenett (staff to Ad Hoc Nominating Committee) provided update on the review of applications for Community Seat #3 and action to recommend nominee to Board of Supervisors for approval.
- Out of five applicants, nominating committee selected one person for recommendation to fill vacant council Community Seat #3: Cecelia McCloy
- Motion
- Statement of Motion:
 - The Council moves to approve the applicant recommendation of the Nominating Committee to the Board of Supervisors of Cecelia McCloy for Community Seat #3 on the Council on Homelessness.
- Discussion:
 - The Council discussed the qualifications of the nominee.
 - The Council moved to approve.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by Teri House (Vice Chair)
 - Seconded by Gary Kingsbury
 - AYES: Diane Aguinaga, Alejandra Chamberlain, Teri House (Vice Chair), Gary Kingsbury, Gabriel Lemus (Chair)
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAINS: None.
 - ABSENTS: Tracy Cascio, Dan Sawislak
- Motion Carried
- There were no applicants for the Consumer/Consumer Advocate Alternate seat.

5. By-laws and Governance Charter Update (Action Item)

- Tara Ozes updated Council on necessary action items based on current by-laws adopted by the Board in January 2016.
- Action items:
 - Need to review annually
 - Review Healthcare for the Homeless language



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- Detailed language regarding seat expirations
- Definition of consumer/consumer advocate
- Role of alternates
- For discussion during this year's review of the by-laws and charter:
 - Re-consider the seats on the board that may be repurposed to better reflect community and community's needs
 - Ad hoc committee for addressing by-laws and governing charter
- Motion
- Statement of Motion:
 - The Council moves to establish an Ad Hoc Committee for addressing bylaws and governance charter.
- Discussion:
 - The Council discussed the qualifications of the nominee.
 - The Council moved to approve.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by Teri House (Vice Chair)
 - Seconded by Dan Sawislak
 - AYES: Diane Aguinaga, Alejandra Chamberlain, Teri House (Vice Chair), Gary Kingsbury, Gabriel Lemus (Chair)
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAINS: None.
 - ABSENTS: Tracy Cascio, Dan Sawislak
- Motion Carried
- Voluntary members of ad hoc committee:
 - Teri House (Vice Chair)
 - Doug Leich
 - Gary Kingsbury
 - John Eckstrom

6. PIT Count Update

- Jaime Jenett gave overview of the PIT Count structure, goals and data.
- This year's data is pending but should be ready over the next several months.
- Last year's data showed that 1,700 people are literally homeless (1100 per night needed shelter and did not have it), and 1,700 people were at risk of homelessness.
- Floor was opened for questions and comments:
 - While more people were on the ground collecting PIT data, it is likely that County will not necessarily count more people but collect more robust data due to increased number of surveys.
 - GPS mapping is available to see where encampments are and provide an estimate about the number of people in each encampment (data is not used to track or move individuals)



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- Contra Costa's approach is different than other counties due to the county previously experimenting with alternate methods and determining the best way to capture meaningful data in Contra Costa—no use of homeless guides; increased use of surveys
- Council and County uses PIT count data for various purposes, including grants; understanding migration patterns; tracking increases and decreases in the numbers of homeless youth, vets, families and individuals; better understanding community's needs, especially in terms of prevention and diversion; and to develop crisis response system
- EHSD and others want to work with county to support and enhance data collection by sharing data

7. Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee Updates (Standing Item)

- Jaime Jenett provided report out on progress made by CE committees and workgroups and reviewed the timeline for CE implementation.
- Alejandra Chamberlain to be invited to oversight committee.
- Policies and Procedures are in the process of being drafted with the support of HomeBase.
- New CE Manager recently hired to provide technical assistance and support of CE efforts and to ensure compliance, enforcement and oversight of policies and procedures.
- Housing waitlist purge is almost complete; this is part of CE and will ensure system identifies and prioritizes persons experiencing homelessness.

8. Built for Zero Update (Standing Item)

- Jennifer Baha provided updates on the progress of the Built for Zero campaign, including the current housing security fund amount (\$16,209), the development of partnerships with the Veterans Administration and the County Housing Authority, and changes in the by name lists.
- Built for Zero is being redesigned due to significant overlap with CE; several committees will be consolidated with the CE committees.

9. Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition (MFAC) Update (Standing Item)

- Doug Leich provided an update on activities and events from MFAC:
 - Ring of Solidarity event taking place on Feb. 3, 2017 at Walnut Creek Islamic Center.
 - HealthCare Town Hall Part 2 event taking place on February 4, 2017 at Bay Pointe Church.

10. Policy and Advocacy Update (Standing Item)

- Tara Ozes provided updates on two pending state of California bills:



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- AB 210: new protocols developed by the state that fall within existing privacy laws lowers the threshold to disclose information for counties attempting to create homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams with the goal of facilitating expedited identification, assessment and linkage to services via data sharing.
- AB 74: requires HCD to establish program or award grants for long term rental assistance for persons who need housing for health, particularly for homeless MediCal beneficiaries eligible for SSI; can be used to supplement whole person care pilot projects.

11. Nuts & Bolts

- Open public housing lists in the following locations:
 - Contra Costa Housing Authority site based housing waitlist, not vouchers (Feb. 27 – Mar. 2, 2017)
 - Seattle, WA voucher program (Feb. 6-24, 2017)
 - Beauregard County, FL voucher program (no dates provided)
- Head Start is recruiting children ages 3-5 for their program in Contra Costa County.
- County is working with communities under Prop. 47 to obtain grants to create reentry programs that include services and housing.

12. Pin It

- Next meeting will be March 2, 2017.