

HOUSING FIRST SOLANO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2022 | 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Kari Rader called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Attendees

Adriana Ames
Akon Walker, Solano County Office of Education
Aloha, Resource Connect Solano
Amani Swaries, VOA
Andrea Foti, SHELTER, Inc.
Brandon Wirth, SHELTER, Inc.
Cayla Lander, Resource Connect Solano
Colleen Berumen, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation
Dawn La Bar, City of Fairfield
Dionne Carter, Vallejo Together
Devra Edelman, Homebase
DeAndre Richard, Resource Connect Solano
Ely Muniz-Palomera, Lived Experience Committee Co-chair
Emily Johnson, Solano County
Gina Hernandez
Greg Papish, Resource Connect Solano
Jai De Lotto, Veteran Affairs
James Randolph, SHELTER, Inc.
James Worley, SHELTER, Inc.
Janel Fletcher, SHELTER, Inc.
Jeann McDougald
John Eckstrom, SHELTER, Inc.
Joey Carrizales, Coordinated Entry Committee Co-chair
Josh Arnold, VOA
Julie Clemens, SHELTER, Inc.
Kari Rader, CAN-B
Karina Vega, Solano Family Justice Center
Kathy Lawton-Caesar, City of Suisun
Katisha Everett
Kevin Lewis, SHELTER, Inc.
Kim McDowell, Solano County Child Welfare Services
Lynna Magnuson, Resource Connect Solano
Marquetta McCleod
Meghan Freebeck, City of Benicia
Melissa Hong, Homebase
Michelle Hackett, Solano County Behavioral Health
Miranda Ramirez, Solano County Behavioral Health
Natalie Peterson, City of Vallejo
Pamela DeHaro, Resource Connect Solano
Reggie Sironen, Berkely Food and Housing Project
Renee Parham, JPA Staff
Scott Mulvey, City Church

Sheryl Cutler, America's Job Center of California
Sonya Wright, Solano County Child Welfare Services
Tamara Murphy, Lutheran Social Services
Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce
Xiong Vang, Solano County Older & Disabled Adult Services

3. Additions or Deletions

Item 7.1 – New Housing Development Presentation was pulled from the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda

John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item 7.1. Kathy Lawton Caesar seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

5. Consent Calendar

5.1 Approve HFS General Membership Minutes of Meeting on June 22, 2022

Scott Mulvey made a motion to approve the minutes. John Eckstrom seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion was approved.

6. Old Business

6.1 Virtual Meeting Continuation per AB361

Kari Rader said AB361 allows public agencies to hold meetings via teleconference as long as the current Executive Order regarding COVID, and social distancing requirements are in place. Kari Rader said AB361 requires a vote to continue virtual meetings every 30 days and asked for a motion to approve. Kathy Lawton-Caesar made a motion to approve continuing remote meetings under AB361. Scott Mulvey seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

6.2 Committee Updates

i. Racial Equity Action Lab Update

Dionne Carter provided an update on activities and shared the mission statement, work plan and goals of the REAL Team. Dionne Carter expressed that they are working towards creating an action plan to guide or support decision-making processes of the CoC and JPA Board over the next three to five years. Dionne Carter stated that Dr. Kerby Lynch was going to be doing a Pro-Bono research project for the REAL Team regarding Project RoomKey and stated that they were in the process of applying for several different grants.

ii. Lived Experience Committee

Ely Muniz-Palomera provided an update on the Lived Experience Advisory Committee and the name change to the Lived Experience Committee (LEC). Ely Muniz-Palomera shared that the Bylaws were in place and meetings were going to be held monthly moving forward.

iii. Youth Advisory Board Core Planning Committee

Akon Walker provided an update on the two meetings that have been held regarding getting this subcommittee up and running. Akon introduced Antonio Pizano from Voices Solano who gave further information on his involvement with the Alameda County Youth Advisory Board (YAB) as a Youth Coordinator. Antonio Pizano gave a

brief background on his activity with the Alameda YAB and announced the next meeting on September 15 to further discuss the Core Planning Team and next steps to move forward in firmly establishing the YAB, which included inviting local youth to participate in focus groups.

iv. Coordinated Entry Committee

DeAndre Richard reported on the work being done for the Bridge Housing participants and reassessing HMIS Clients for the upcoming Fair Haven & Blue Oak Landing Projects. DeAndre Richard announced the next Coordinated Entry System Committee Meeting would be September 7 from 9 – 11 a.m.

7. New Business

7.1 New Housing Development Presentation

Removed from the Agenda

7.2 Strategic Plan Implementation

Melissa Hong provided an update on the Solano Regional Strategic Plan and discussed the two areas of focus for the rest of the year. Melissa Hong explained that the State identified specific strategies to meet system performance measures, and that Homebase was able to identify how the JPA and jurisdictional entities were allocating resources but still needed further attention to street outreach and diversion and prevention. Melissa Hong provided a Google Form in the chat for those who would be interested in joining one or two subcommittees dedicated to those causes.

7.3 Connecting Clients with Mainstream Benefits Presentation

Michelle Hackett gave a presentation on the different employment and eligibility programs within Solano County Health and Social services. Slides provided in the public folder and applications can be submitted online, by mail or in person. The link to the presentation can be found [here](#).

Sheryl Cutler shared a video that highlighted the benefits offered by the America's Job Center of California (AJCC) for those coming out of prison and those in need of work. Sheryl highlighted the collaboration of AJCC with other local service organizations such as Caminar, in assisting with job readiness and connection to career pathways and shared the link to the referral form, found [here](#).

8. Staff Updates

8.1 Staff Communications

Kari Rader introduced Reneé Parham as Staff to the JPA. Reneé Parham introduced herself, provided her email contact information in the chat and announced the next CoC meeting on September 13, 2022, and the next Homeless Roundtable 2x2 Meeting would be September 22, 2022, and to feel free to reach out with any questions.

8.2 Funding Opportunities

Reneé Parham announced the California Community Reinvestment Grants Program was accepting applications through September 15, 2022, and that funding was contingent upon sufficient tax proceeds generated. A link to the application was provided in the chat.

9. Adjourn

Akon Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Colleen Berumen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.