

HOUSING FIRST SOLANO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2022 | 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Kari Rader called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Attendees

Akon Walker, Solano County Office of Education
Aloha Snyder, Resource Connect Solano
Amanda Russell, Caminar
Antonio Pizano, Voices
Brandon Wirth, SHELTER, Inc.
Chris Sheridan, Nation's Finest
Christina Sinohua, Solano Family Justice Center
Christine Wetzal, Volunteers of America
DeAndre Richard, Resource Connect Solano
Doug Chen
Ellen Dektar, Unite Us
Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera, Lived Experience Committee Co-chair
Gina Hernandez, SHELTER, Inc.
Greg Papish, Resource Connect Solano
James Randolph, SHELTER, Inc.
Janel Fletcher, SHELTER, Inc.
John Eckstrom, SHELTER, Inc.
Joshua Arnold, Volunteers of America
Kari Rader, CAN-B
Katie Ward, Solano County Probation
Keetra Welling, CAN-B
Meghan Freebeck, City of Benicia
Miranda Ramirez, Solano County Behavioral Health
Natalie Peterson, City of Vallejo
Renee Parham, JPA/CoC Staff
Scott Mulvey, City Church
Tamara Murphy, Lutheran Social Services
Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce

3. Additions or Deletions

There were no additions or a deletions from the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda

John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the agenda. Elizabeth Muniz Palomera 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 August 24, 2022

Akon Walker asked to edit the name of the organization she represents from Solano County Board of Education to Solano County Office of Education. John Eckstrom made

a motion to approve the minutes with the edit described by Akon. Akon Walker seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. 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 the continuation of virtual meetings under AB361. John Eckstrom made a motion to approve. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

6.2 Committee Updates

i. Racial Equity Action Lab Update

Reneé Parham announced the only update was that the meetings were being held on Mondays from 3:30 – 4:30pm.

ii. Lived Experience Committee

Ely Muniz-Palomera provided an update that the Lived Experience Committee (LEC) had their first in-person meeting at CAN-B where they voted on a logo, updated group agreements, and selected a new Co-Chair, Antonio Pizano, to be introduced at the next CoC Board meeting, in hopes of approval from the Board. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera also stated that the LEC had an upcoming training for Authentic Engagement of People with Lived Experience and that all were invited to attend if interested.

iii. Youth Advisory Board Core Planning Committee

Akon Walker provided an update that Homepage had provided information at the last meeting about the YHDP Grant requirements, which helped give a better picture of the work necessary to happen prior to the March deadline. Akon Walker explained that based on the amount of work and the short time frame, the group decided to focus on getting the other moving parts in line for the YAB, to better align and walk in tandem with the application process to afford more opportunity to be in line for the funding, and that the next meeting would be December 19, 2022. Akon Walker asked if any of the members had something to add. Miranda Ramirez added that they were looking for other Youth focused Homeless organizations or local stakeholders to help with recruitment of representatives, resources, or youths with lived experience who would be interested in participating.

iv. Governance Committee

John Eckstrom announced the next meeting would be January 9th at 10 am and that there were open seats on the Board for the Faith-Based, Member-At-Large, and Organization Serving Veterans so if any were interested to please send applications to Reneé Parham by December 28th. John Eckstrom also stated that at the meeting they would be going over the Governance Charter, and reviewing Board Member applications.

v. Coordinated Entry System Committee

DeAndre Richard gave an update about edits to the Policies and Procedures that would be coming up on the agenda and that there had been a Fair Haven Case Conference for the No Place Like Home units in November, with another one January

24th. DeAndre Richard also announced the Landlord Engagement Subcommittee meeting on January 26th.

7. New Business

7.1 JPA Staff Introduction and Report

Kari Rader introduced Megan Richards as new JPA Staff. Megan Richards introduced herself and gave an update on the changes to the JPA as of September 2022 which changed to include elected officials as Board Members in place of staff from the various jurisdictions. Megan Richards announced the next Board meeting for December 15, 2022 and that it was an evening meeting without virtual opportunity to attend, but that the ability to get a recording or some type of virtual opportunity was in the works. Megan Richards briefly went over the items on the JPA agenda for that meeting and that the agenda and public folder was available on the website.

Kari Rader gave further explanation that some of the previous JPA Board Members were now part of the Technical Advisory Committee and sharing their advice and experience with the new Board members, and that her role as the Chair of the CoC was to make sure the voice of the CoC was heard, and JPA Meetings were attended as well as understood. Kari Rader also explained that the great thing about the new JPA was the ability to leverage more funding.

7.2 Presentation – Unite Us

Ellen Dektar presented information on the Unite Us no cost coordinated care platform for Solano County that generates real time data to help fill the gaps in resources as an agency to agency referral system.

7.3 Approve Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures

DeAndre Richard presented the Coordinated Entry policies and procedures edits made at the previous Coordinated Entry System subcommittee meeting and found in the public folder on the website, <http://www.housingfirstsolano.org/committees.html>

Kari Rader asked for a motion to approve the Coordinated Entry System policies and procedures with proposed edits. Elizabeth Muniz Palomera made a motion. Brandon Wirth seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

7.4 New RCS Housing Locator Introduction

DeAndre Richard introduced Aloha Synder as the new Housing Locator for Resource Connect Solano who will be doing upcoming Landlord Engagement Subcommittee meetings and jumped right in to working with service providers and reaching out in the community.

7.5 Approve 2023 Meeting Dates

The General Membership Meeting dates for 2023 were presented on the screen for approval: February 22, April 26, June 28, August 23, October 25 & December 20, 2023. John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the dates. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

8. Staff Updates

8.1 Staff Communications

Reneé Parham announced the next CoC Board Meeting on January 25, 2023, where there will be Board Member, Officer, and Subcommittee Chair Elections. Reneé Parham also announced the Authentic Engagement of People with Lived Experience Training being held December 15, 2022, and explained the process for the Tripartite Advisory Board elections for all three sectors, Private, Public, and Low-Income.

8.2 Funding Opportunities

Reneé Parham announced the American Rescue Plan Act Emergency and Bridge Funding Notice of Availability (ARPA NOFA) was released December 8, 2022 and applications are due January 4, 2023.

9. Adjourn

Brandon Wirth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Eckstrom seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.