

# HOUSING FIRST SOLANO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022 | 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

## MEETING MINUTES

### Call to Order

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

### 1. Roll Call and Introductions

#### Attendees

Andrea Foti, SHELTER, Inc.  
Ashley Banta, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation  
Brandon Wirth, SHELTER, Inc.  
Colleen Berumen, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation  
Dawn La Bar, City of Fairfield  
Deena Lemley, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation  
Denise Coleman, Solano County Behavioral Health (?)  
Devra Edelman, Homebase  
DeAndre Richard, Resource Connect Solano  
Ely Muniz-Palomera, Lived Experience Committee Co-chair  
Emery Cowan, Solano County Behavioral Health  
Jai De Lotto, Veteran Affairs  
James Randolph, 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  
Keetra Welling, CAN-B  
Kevin Lewis, SHELTER, Inc.  
Kim McDowell, Solano County Child Welfare Services  
Lynna Magnuson, Resource Connect Solano  
Maya Spark, Homebase  
Meghan Freebeck, City of Benicia  
Miranda Ramirez, Solano County Behavioral Health  
Natalie Peterson, City of Vallejo  
Omari Williams, Solano County Behavioral Health  
Pixie Popplewell, California Homeless Youth Project, Sacramento CoC  
Renee Parham, JPA Staff  
Rosa Portillo  
Scott Mulvey, City Church  
Sonya Wright, Solano County Child Welfare Services  
Sullina Sanchez, City of Fairfield  
Tamara Murphy, Lutheran Social Services  
Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce  
Xiong Vang, Solano County Older & Disabled Adult Services

## **2. Additions or Deletions**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda

## **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Kathy Caesar-Lawton made a motion to approve the agenda. John Eckstrom seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

## **4. Consent Calendar**

### **4.1 Approve HFS General Membership Minutes of Meeting on April 27, 2022**

John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the minutes. Ely Muniz-Palomera seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion was approved.

## **5. Presentations**

### **5.1 CoC Provider Presentation – Solano County Behavioral Health**

Miranda Ramirez and Emery Cowan, Solano County Mental Health, and Denise Coleman, attendee with lived experience, presented on the topic of Behavioral Health. They expressed that with having 1/3 of the homeless population in Solano County struggle with mental/behavioral health issues, this topic is important to discuss and understand.

Miranda Ramirez addressed how behavioral health impacts our capacity to think, feel and act in ways that enhance our ability to enjoy life and deal with challenges. Miranda Ramirez also expressed that when we experience behavioral health challenges it diminishes our cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacities.

Denise Coleman gave her personal experience of being homeless for a period of time and how a change in her approach to her own behavioral health and her determination to better herself helped her to come out of that situation. Denise Coleman's example showed the benefits that could be experienced when working with the Solano County Behavioral Health Department.

Emery Cowan added that Solano Behavioral Health has an 800 line, (800) 547-0495 and an app that can be accessed on a smartphone, computer, tablet, or any other device with internet access, <https://solanoconnex.org/> to assist people in the community.

## **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. Colleen Berumen made a motion to approve continuing remote meetings under AB361. Ely Muniz-Palomera seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

### **8.2 Committee and Workgroup Updates:**

#### **i. Solano Racial Equity Action Lab Update**

Kari Radar provided an update on the activities of the Solano REAL Team, including Phase 2 of the State Racial Equity Action Lab Initiative and a discussion about outcome goals for underserved and disproportionately impacted populations for the HHAP-3 application. Kari Radar mentioned the next biweekly Racial Equity Action Lab (REAL) meeting would be held on June 27, 2022,

**ii. Lived Experience Committee**

Ely Muniz-Palomera provided an update on the Lived Experience Advisory Committee meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> and said they discussed changing the name of the committee to the Lived Experience Committee and were working to finalize the Bylaws.

**iii. Governance Committee Update**

John Eckstrom reported that the Governance Committee met on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am – 12pm. John Eckstrom said the Committee reviewed the VAWA sections of the Written Standards and proposed edits to the emergency transfer process and other VAWA specific forms and processes. John Eckstrom also stated there was an opening for the Affordable Housing Developer CoC Board seat and the Governance Committee reviewed the submitted applications and would bring the voted upon application to the July Board meeting for nomination.

**iv. Coordinated Entry Committee**

DeAndre Richard reported regarding the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CES committee and discussed the Vacancy Tracker and Outcome reports and presented the proposed eligibility forms/documentation that were shown for feedback at that meeting. DeAndre Richard asked for feedback by June 30 regarding case conferencing.

**v. Grievance Advisory Committee**

Devra Edelman reported that the mandatory training for the JPA/CoC Participant Grievance Policy was held May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00 pm. Devra Edelman reported the Grievance Advisory Committee currently has 7 members/applicants with 1 pending application for Board approval at the July meeting. Devra Edelman said there is a minimum of 10 committee members required within the policy and we continue to seek members. A link to the application was provided in the chat.

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Presentation on System Performance Measure**

Maya Spark presented the System Performance Measures and discussed how they are used to inform the design of the Housing First Solano CoC's local scoring factors in the NOFO Competition. Maya Spark provided the slides in the public folder to help explain what each of the 7 measures are and why they are important and how each measure could be improved upon.

**7.2 HUD CoC NOFO Scoring Tools**

Maya Spark reviewed the HUD CoC NOFO Scoring Tool Revisions and provided the documents with tracked changes in the public folder. Maya Spark explained that at the scoring meeting there was discussion around the 10 Bonus Points and how they should be added to the scoring tool, which resulted in a consensus to not give the point for a specific project but to award the 10 points to any new project. Colleen Berumen motioned to approve how the 10 points were awarded. Joey Carrizales seconded. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

**8. Staff Updates**

**8.1 Staff Communications**

Devra Edelman reminded attendees that the new JPA/CoC Staff Person, Reneé Parham would be in training to start facilitating meetings and communication with the JPA. Reneé Parham's email was provided in the chat.

Reneé Parham referred to Dawn La Bar to discuss the questions regarding Cooling Centers. Dawn La Bar explained that a draft plan for the Fairfield Cooling Center was being modified for finalization and the City of Fairfield would be working with a service provider to facilitate it.

Dawn La Bar also updated the attendees regarding the current progress of the restructuring process for CAP Solano JPA which includes the change to involve elected officials from each jurisdictional district. Mitch Mashburn was picked as the Interim Chair and Rick Viccaro was chosen as the Vice Chair. Dawn La Bar stated that the Memorandum of Understanding is in draft form and the redlines are being discussed at the public meetings that are being held at the County. Dawn La Bar expressed that once the redlines are adopted they will start getting into the Bylaws and invited public comments to be made at the next meeting on July 28, 2022.

## **8.2 Funding Opportunities**

Reneé Parham gave an update on the Homeless Management Information System Request for Proposal that was made into a Request for Qualifications, stating that all submissions were to be sent to her email address [reeneep@capsolanojpa.org](mailto:reeneep@capsolanojpa.org) by June 21, 2022 by 5pm and the JPA Executive Board would review and bring the recommendations to the next JPA meeting.

Devra Edelman discussed the HHAP-3 allocations that were decided at the JPA Special Meeting on June 16, 2022, and that the HHAP-2 RFP re-release would be discussed at the next JPA meeting.

## **9. Adjourn**

Joey Carrizales made a motion to adjourn. Colleen Berumen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.