

## Housing First Solano Lived Experience Committee

### March 28, 2023 ~ Meeting Summary

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

##### LEC Members:

- Elizabeth (Ely) Muniz Palomera, Co-Chair
- Antonio Pizano, Co-Chair
- Joey Carrizales
- Anne McGrath

##### Other Attendees:

- Devra Edelman, Homebase
- Kenya Rawls, Homebase
- Kari Rader, CoC Chair/CANB

#### II. Introductions / Icebreaker

- Icebreaker Question – If you had a time machine, would you go back in time or go to the future?
- Review Meeting Group Agreements
  - Respect one another.
  - Be present during meetings – please mute cell phones and other distractions.
  - Speak one at a time.
  - There are no right or wrong answers.
  - All thoughts and ideas are valued.
  - It is ok to have different opinions. We agree to disagree.
  - Please be respectful of time when speaking.
  - What is said here stays here; Stories stay – lessons leave.

#### III. ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT PLANNING

- Upcoming Outreach Events:
  - Dignity Day for the Unsheltered – April 8, 2023
  - HOPE Event - June 7, 2023
    - A few LEC members plan to attend Dignity Day and discussed how to outreach for the LEC
    - Goal: to recruit more LEC members and help spread the word on the mission and purpose of the group
    - LEC members will plan to do outreach at the June HOPE event as well.
- Discussion of LEC Collaboration with Solano Employment & Eligibility Staff – Surviving to Thriving

- Devra Edelman shared that Solano County’s Employment & Eligibility Division would like to train their staff and participants to support participants with housing retention and thriving in their communities and asked if LEC members would be interested in presenting these trainings with Homebase.
- Goals of the trainings will be:
  - Staff – Building trusting relationships; motivational interviewing; connecting peer mentors/family navigators.
  - Participants – housing retention; budgeting, saving, and building wealth; navigating systems; advocacy (for themselves)
- Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera shared that she has done motivational interviewing training before and would be interested in working on the staff training; Antonio shared that he can facilitate and support the participant training.
- Devra will be working with Solano County staff to identify dates, most likely in May
- CA/Solano REAL Team Updates
  - Devra Edelman shared that a core team is being organized to work with technical assistance from the State of CA to work on racial equity goals for the CoC. She asked if any LEC members were interested in participating and Joey Carrizales volunteered.
- Community Needs Assessment Focus Group - Pt. 2
  - Devra Edelman and Kenya Rawls of Homebase led a continuation of the focus group discussion from the March 7, 2023 meeting to get input for the CAP Solano JPA’s biennial CSBG Community Needs Assessment and Action Plan.

#### IV. LOGISTICS & NEXT STEPS

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, 1 pm – 3 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm