

# HOUSING FIRST SOLANO BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 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

#### CoC Board Members:

Akon Walker, Solano County Office of Education

Amanda Russell, Caminar

Colleen Berumen, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation

Elizabeth (Ely) Muniz-Palomera, LEC

Joey Carrizales

John Eckstrom, SHELTER, Inc.

Josh Arnold, VOA

Kari Rader, Change and New Beginnings

Lori Bowley, Veterans Affairs

Meghan Freebeck, City of Benicia

Miranda Ramirez, Solano County

Natalie Peterson, City of Vallejo

Reggie Sironen, Berkeley Food and Housing Project

Scott Mulvey, City Church

Sullina Sanchez, City of Fairfield

Tamara Colden, City of Vacaville

Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce

#### Other Attendees:

Adriana Ames, Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California

Angel Mackelvie, VOICES

Antonio Pizano, VOICES

Ashley Banta, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation

Christine Wetzels, VOA

Dawn La Bar, JPA Chair

DeAndre Richard, Resource Connect Solano

Devra Edelman, Homebase

Karina Vega, Solano Family Justice Center

Katie Ward, Solano County Probation

Keetra Welling, Change and New Beginnings

Kevin Lewis, SHELTER, Inc.

Maya Spark, Homebase

Monica Kasey, Kasey Corporation

Peter Macapugay

Pixie Popplewell, California Homeless Youth Project, Sacramento CoC

Renee Parham, JPA Staff

Sara Herbert

Shayne Kaleo, SHELTER, Inc.

### **3. Additions or Deletions**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the agenda. Lori Bowley seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

### **5. Consent Calendar**

#### **5.1 Approve HFS Board Minutes of Meeting on March 23, 2022**

Akon Walker made a correction on the agenda, to correct her title from Board of Education to Office of Education. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. John Eckstrom seconded the motion. There were no abstentions or objections. The motion was approved.

### **6. Old Business/Standing Agenda Items**

#### **6.1 Provider Presentations/Trainings:**

##### **Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California and Solano County Family Justice Center**

Adriana Ames presented and said the mission of the Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California is to ensure equal housing opportunity and to educate the community on the value of diversity in local neighborhoods, currently in Marin, Sonoma, and Solano County. Adriana Ames talked about Fair Housing Laws to help protect families with children and protect against different types of discrimination.

Karina Vega presented the Best Practices for Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence Training and said the Solano County Family Justice Center is a parallel entry system to Resource Connect Solano as a Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry System for those who are fleeing domestic violence. Karina Vega defined domestic violence and went over four types of abuse, tips for how to assist someone in this situation and how they help by partnering with different providers.

#### **6.2 Veteran Affairs Update**

Lori Bowley said the VA is busy working with additional partners on their mission to house 38,000 veterans by the end of the year and that they are working to link with their partners to get more Veterans Loaned. Reggie Sironen said they are working on the same thing.

#### **6.3 Virtual Meeting Continuation per AB361**

Kari Rader said that AB361 allows Brown Act covered bodies to hold meetings via teleconference as long as the current Executive Order regarding COVID and social distancing requirements are in place and that AB361 requires a vote to continue virtual meetings every 30 days. John Eckstrom made a motion to approve the use of remote meetings for the next 30 days. Lori Bowley seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved.

#### **6.4 Committee Updates**

- **Governance Standing Committee:** Maya Spark said the next regularly scheduled meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am – 12pm. Maya Spark said that at this meeting the Committee will review proposed Written Standards edits related to the Violence Against Women Act and CoC's emergency transfer policy, as well as applications for the open Affordable Housing Developer seat. Maya Spark said that the meeting materials, including proposed edits to the Written Standards were sent over the CoC listserv.

- **CES Standing Committee:** DeAndre Richard said the next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am over Zoom and to please attend if interested in reviewing eligibility documentation forms and discussing how to improve case conferencing.
- **HMIS Users Committee:** Devra Edelman said the HMIS Users Committee meetings are on hold until HMIS lead agency is chosen by JPA **and to please remember to email [solanohmis@homebaseccc.org](mailto:solanohmis@homebaseccc.org)** for HMIS issues.
- **LEAC Update:** Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera said the LEAC met on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 – 3 pm. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera said there will be a Bylaws Subcommittee on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2-4 pm and the next LEAC meeting will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm.
- **Grievance Advisory Committee:** Devra Edelman said that Homebase provided a training on the CAP Solano JPA/Housing First Solano CoC Grievance Policy and process to GAC applicants, service providers, and other community members on May 23<sup>rd</sup> – the training was recorded so that any program staff working directly with participants who were not able to attend, or anyone else interested in the training, can review it. Devra Edelman said the CoC is also continuing to take applications for members of the GAC and encourage community members to consider applying.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 LEAC Member Grievance Advisory Committee Application Approval

Kari Rader said that Yvonne Montgomery, a CoC general member and member of the LEAC applied to serve on the Grievance Advisory Committee. Kari Rader said per the Grievance Policy, all applicants are to be reviewed and voted on for approval by the Board on which the applicants serve or are members of.

Colleen Berumen made a motion to approve Yvonne Montgomery to the Grievance Advisory Committee. Elizabeth Muniz-Palomera seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved

### 7.2 FY2021 CoC Competition Debriefing

Devra Edelman presented the Fiscal Year 2021 HUD CoC NOFO Debrief which included the report on the 2021 Scoring Analysis that is in the public folder.

Devra Edelman shared the summary and highlighted a few key points:

- The HFS CoC scored 6.75 points above the median score for the country as a whole
- HFS CoC received perfect scores on the rank and review section and on the approach to COVID-19 questions
- Areas for improvement were on the CoC coordination and engagement and system performance areas
- HUD had a lot of concern about the Rapid Rehousing scoring. If the count went up the CoC got full points and if it went down, partial points were given. The HFS CoC bed count went down by 1 and so lost 6 points.

### 7.4 Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

Kari Rader said the CoC previously approved the creation of a YAB and that a subcommittee will soon start meeting to create the YAB, so agencies that previously expressed interest in being part of this subcommittee should look for an invite from René to this subcommittee.

Akon Walker said how excited they are to start a YAB and encouraged others to get involved. Akon Walker stated that our homeless youth are slipping through the cracks, and this is an opportunity to lift the voices of our youth.

## **7.5 2-Part Series from HUD Technical Assistance Providers on the CoC**

Kari Rader said HUD's Technical Assistance providers are holding a workshop that will run in a 2-part series and will focus on the requirements of the Continuum of Care and how communities can fulfill those requirements through collaborative relationships and clear roles and responsibilities between and among various key stakeholders like the CoC Board, Collaborative Applicant, and HMIS Lead. Kari Rader said there will be two times offered for Part I of the series and two times offered for Part II of the series and that you must register ahead of time to receive the log-in information for the trainings. Kari Rader said to see the links in the CoC listserv to register.

## **8. Staff Updates**

### **8.1 Funding Announcements**

Devra Edelman said that Homebase is providing the CAP Solano JPA and Solano County with technical assistance to complete and submit their HHAP-3 Applications, which are due to the State on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Devra Edelman said a community forum was held to gather feedback on the Outcome Goals, Strategies and potential uses of HHAP-3. Devra Edelman thanked all who attended and provided important feedback which is being incorporated into the draft Landscape Analysis, Outcome Goals, and Strategies that will be presented to the JPA at their meeting tomorrow, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Devra Edelman said CoC funded projects were sent their APRs for the 2022 local competition and they are due back June 16 at 5PM.

## **9. Comments from Board Members**

### **9.1 Public Comments**

Joey Carrizales asked when the PIT count would be released.

Natalie Peterson answered that the PIT count was submitted, and they are waiting for the numbers to be released from HUD but that once it's ready the community will be informed.

Colleen Berumen announced that the My Friends House is working on CIP – Children of Incarcerated Child, because there are so many children of incarcerated parents who need support, and they are looking for diverse people to help this group.

### **9.2 Adjourn**

John Eckstrom made a motion to adjourn. Colleen Berumen seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 A.M.