

November 7, 2023 ~ Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Introductions

LEC Members:

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

II. Introductions / Icebreaker

- Icebreaker Question – What are your Holiday Traditions?
- 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 or questions.
 - 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. LEC OUTREACH/STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

- LEC Potential Applicant Introduction
 - There were no new applicants present at the meeting.
- Local Opportunities
 - SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Online Training
Renee Parham shared the online training website <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/online-courses> that was discussed by Miranda Ramirez at the September Continuum of Care Board Meeting.
 - Solano County Behavioral Health Volunteer Opportunities – Lived Experience
Renee Parham shared the information provided by Eugene Durrah from Solano County’s Wellness and Recovery Liaison for those with lived experience of homelessness to assist as a Peer Support Specialist, <https://www.capeercertification.org/>

IV. ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT PLANNING

- Brainstorm & Active New Member Recruitment
 - Members had a robust conversation about the potential of having meetings in Spanish and offering flyers in Spanish as well. The current challenge of having meetings in Spanish is the need for translation and someone who speaks fluently to be present at all meetings. Members

decided to start with flyer translation and to see how things may progress from there. An outreach workgroup was formed to work on continued efforts to increase the committee and gain more input from those in the community. The committee also decided to distribute flyers at local food banks or during meal events during the holiday season.

- 2024 LEC Meeting Calendar
 - The 2024 proposed calendar dates were shared. Antonio Pizano made a motion to accept the proposed dates. Joey Carrizales seconded the motion. All members agreed unanimously. The motion passed and the dates were approved.

V. LOGISTICS AND NEXT STEPS

- Next Open Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 1 pm – 3 pm
 - Devra Edelman discussed public meetings for the upcoming Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 5 (HHAP-5) application process. The committee agreed to use half of the January meeting for the public meeting.
 - Conversation was had about LEC Stipends. The group would reach out to Renee Parham or Devra Edelman about meetings they had not been paid for. The information would be shared with Megan Richards, JPA Facilitator, and they would be contacted.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.