



HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
2023 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: Hunter Scott Agency: HomeFirst

Telephone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

The CoC Consolidated Application requires CoC Lead Agency to include specific race and ethnicity information for those included in CoC Board, committees, and activities. Responses must specifically identify the race(s) and ethnicities overrepresented in our homeless care system and provide the percentage of their over-representation. Please select all that apply.

How would you describe your racial/ ethnic identity?

- Latino (North America) Latino (Central America) Latino (Other group)
Another Race or Ethnicity Asian Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Black or African American
Afro Caribbean Indigenous or Tribal Nations White Other: Prefer not to answer

Geographical Area or Subpopulation(s) Represented:
N/A - all

Other reasons the nominee should be considered for the CoC Board:

In Sonoma County HomeFirst operates the Coordinated Entry System, Labath Landing Interim Housing site in Rohnert Park, street outreach, landlord recruitment, and By-Name-List management for South County, and By-Name-List management for Sonoma Valley. Through these roles HomeFirst is deeply connected to all homeless services providers in Sonoma County, are a quality provider themselves, and Hunter Scott is a strong candidate to represent providers' perspective on the CoC board.

Please fill out this section only if you are nominating someone other than yourself. Please ensure you forward the Statement of Interest form to the individual you are nominating for completion.

Name of Nominator: Don Schwartz Agency: Rohnert Park

Contact Information: [Redacted] Signature of Nominator: [Redacted]

Vacant Seats for Election by the CoC Voting Members

1 At Large: No CoC membership requirements and anyone can apply; elected by voting the CoC voting members.

1 Homeless Service Provider: One representative of a homeless services provider different than the one with an appointed seat, as elected by CoC voting members.

1 Licensed Health Care Organization: One representative from a licensed health care organization, as elected by CoC voting members.





Please see below for my statement of interest in the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board:

As the Coordinated Entry operator and a By-Name-List Manager for two subregions, HomeFirst has an important “birds eye view” of both services system strengths and the barriers providers experience towards our collective efforts to achieve functional zero. We interact on a daily basis with every homeless services provider in the county and lead likely the largest regular meeting space of providers in the county – the CE Case Conference each Friday. Our interaction is not just with established providers: as the CE Operator in our first two years we helped 22 agencies become new Access Points, many of whom had never formally interacted with the homeless services system. Since then we’ve provided over 150 trainings and 200 hours of 1-on-1 technical assistance to the services provider community on CE topics as well as general services best practices. In Sonoma County we also provide direct services ourselves, at our Labath Landing Interim Housing Site in Rohnert Park and Street Outreach in Petaluma. Across all the counties we operate in HomeFirst provides services to over 6000 participants a year in every homelessness intervention type.

My personal qualifications for the provider seat on the CoC board aside from the above roles include experience managing programs across all interventions in multiple CoCs, including Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing, Emergency Shelter, Interim Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Diversion, and Street Outreach, and I can speak to the common needs of programs operating in each. Through a previous role as HomeFirst’s Director of Program Evaluation and regular attendance at industry conferences such as the National Alliance to End Homelessness meetings I can contribute knowledge of evidence-based practices in the field to Board efforts. I am familiar with efforts already under way as I sit on the Funding and Evaluation Committee, have staff on the HMIS Committee, interact closely with the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, and have sought input on our efforts from the LEAP board.

I am from Sonoma County and chose to return here after several years working in other CoCs. I have a deep commitment to the idea that together we can achieve functional zero homelessness in our diverse and beautiful home.

Thank you,

Hunter Scott  
Coordinated Entry Director  
HomeFirst



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Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_



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