

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Funding and Evaluation Committee



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Continued Funding and Evaluation Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2023

2:00pm-5:00pm

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00pm

Present

Dennis Pocekay
Teddie Pierce
Margaret Sluyk
Dannielle Danforth
Una Glass
Chessy Etheridge
Don Schwartz
Rebekah Sammet

Not Present

Kelli Kuykendall

Public

40 members

Staff

Andrew Akufo
Michael Gause
Chuck Mottern
Suzanne Whipple
Erika Bernheimer
Thai Hilton
Karissa White
Dave Kiff
Adam Siegenthaler

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2. Consent Calendar (00:03:36)

- **The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm**
- Hunter Scott, John Baxter and Matthew Verscheure were introduced as new Funding and Evaluation Committee members.
- **4.19.22 minutes were tabled to May 11th meeting.**

Public comment

No public comment

3. FY Resume FY 2023-24 Funding Recommendations (00:10:55)

- Recusals: Teddie Pierce, Dennis Pocekay, Margaret Sluyk, Chessy Etheridge, Hunter Scott, Danielle Danforth, Matthew Verscheure
- Una chaired the meeting in place of Teddie (recused).
- Don suggested evaluating project by projected and reducing funding accordingly within a 2-step process.

Coordinated Entry:

- Rebekah suggested putting HomeFirst's Coordinated Entry project into a newly created Category #2 (to be considered for funding). Wendell agreed.

Emergency Shelters:

- Rebekah recommended reducing funding for West County Community Services (WCCS) in favor of Homekey. Una suggested funding at the same amount as last year for all projects within the emergency shelter category.
Don suggested leaving the amount the same for the time being.
- Chuck discussed additional funding.
- A change was suggested from \$67,845 to \$30,000 and a reduction for Sloan House. Rebekah clarified that the change was to keep the program afloat.
- Rebekah suggested a reduction of \$58,228 and moving funding elsewhere for Catholic Charities Sam Jones Hall. Rebekah recommended fully funding Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)'s Dream Center. Don suggested putting the project in Category #2 to be considered for funding.
- Don recommended placing the Homeless Action Sonoma's project in Category #2 for consideration of funding.
- **The committee agreed to continue reviewing projects until 5:00pm and schedule a continued meeting later.**

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- Don suggested putting WCCS's George's Hideaway project in Category #2 for consideration of funding.
- Don recommended adding all of the Homeless Prevention programs to Category #2 for consideration of funding.

Public comment (02:54:06)

- Gerry La Londe-Berg and Elizabeth Goldman asked for the updated spreadsheet to be posted online for the public.
- Colleen Halbolm mentioned difficulties recruiting employees for shelters, issues with fentanyl and SHARE Sonoma's impact.

4. May 2023 Meeting Topic Discussion

- **The discussion was skipped – to be continued during next meeting.**

5. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

The item was skipped – to be continued during the next meeting.

9. Adjourn (02:58.35)

- **Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm**

Next Meeting: May 3, 2023, 2-5PM

Virtual

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING: Public Comment may be submitted via email to Andrew.Akufo@sonoma-county.org