



Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
2022 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: Benjamin Leroi Agency: Santa Rosa Community Health

Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Geographical Area or Subpopulation(s) Represented: Work in Santa Rosa, Live in Petaluma, Intend to serve the needs of the whole county. Subpop(s): Ppl experiencing chronic homelessness and less acute homelessness as well.

Other reasons the nominee should be considered for the CoC Board: It has been an honor serving as the Sonoma County CoC Board Chair over the past year. Thanks to the members of the CoC Board, Lead Agency staff, partners, CoC Membership, and an engaged public including people with lived experience, great progress was made in revamping our charter, Board policies, and rebuilding trust with varied stakeholders in building a coordinated system of care. There is obviously still much work that remains to be done in the long-term goal of approaching functional zero.

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: _____ Agency: _____

Contact Information: _____ Signature of Nominator: _____

Vacant Seats for Election

1 Second 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.

2 At Large: at large seats as selected by voting CoC members; the candidates need not be CoC members themselves.

Lived Experience: individual currently experiencing homelessness or who has experienced homelessness within five years (at the time of election) prior to the Board election, as elected by the Lived Experience and Planning body if functioning (as determined by the Board) or if not then by the CoC voting membership.

Candidates may run for no more than two seats. Should a candidate run for two seats, one of them must be an at-large position.

Please select which seat(s) the individual is being nominated for:

- Provider Licensed Health Care Organization At Large Lived Experience

Nominations and Statement of Interest must be received by 5:00 pm on February 23, 2022

Signed forms may be scanned and emailed to Karissa.White@sonoma-county.org or delivered to Sonoma County Continuum of Care, c/o Sonoma County Community Development Commission, 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa CA 95403. The information on the statement of interest is to be filled out by the nominee. This information will be shared publicly and personal contact information will be redacted. Self-nominations are permitted.



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2022 Statement of Interest

This section is to be filled out by the individual being nominated and will be shared publicly.

Name of Candidate: Ben Leroi, Sr. Dir., Special Population Pgms Agency: Santa Rosa Community Health

Please provide a statement of your interest in the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board:

It has been an honor serving as the Sonoma County CoC Board Chair over the past year. Thanks to the members of the CoC Board, Lead Agency staff, valued partners, CoC Membership, and an engaged public including people with lived experience, great progress was made in the past year rebuilding trust between various stakeholders in building a coordinated system of care for our most vulnerable residents. Committees were stood up to revamp our Board Charter and policies, launch a community-wide strategic planning process, evaluate and improve our data systems, and transition to a housing-focused Coordinated Entry System. A Youth Action Board and standalone lived experience advisory body held planning sessions in 2021 and will be formally launched in 2022 with stipends. It would be an honor to continue serving as a member of the Board as we collectively build on this momentum as there is obviously still much work to be done as work on our long-term goal of approaching functional zero homelessness in our community.

In my role at Santa Rosa Community Health, a community health center serving more than 40,000 patients each year, including more than 2,000 people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, I help lead our Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) programming. In recent years, we have launched mobile care providing medical care in the community at congregate shelters, non-congregate shelters, and homeless service programs, including mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Our HCH team is working closely with Catholic Charities to open a new HCH clinic in the forthcoming downtown Santa Rosa Caritas Center. In my career, I have worked at organizations in San Mateo and Marin counties that provided outreach, homeless drop-in services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, integrated mental health, substance use, and medical services, multidisciplinary case conferencing including shared client data systems, and permanent supportive housing with local, state and federal government funding. I have worked to launch integrated Whole Person Care and Coordinated Entry systems inclusive of a By Names List. I serve on the Board of Directors of COTS, which is working closely with the City of Petaluma to launch People's Village, a community of Quick Haven tiny homes as an alternative to congregate shelter. I believe strongly in integrating multi-disciplinary health care services and housing/shelter for our most vulnerable residents to help promote stability and quality of life. I support a housing-focused Coordinated Entry System as long as the most vulnerable are still able to access shelter without additional barriers. I believe we can learn from other communities in high-cost, low-vacancy housing markets that have successfully engaged landlords to provide housing units for people experiencing homelessness.

There is still much that needs to be done, but working together, we can make substantial progress to improve our community's system of care as we work towards functional zero.

Signature of Candidate:

Date: 01/03/2022