



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

Name of Nominee: Lisa Fatu Agency: Social Advocates for Youth

Telephone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

Geographical Area or Subpopulation(s) Represented: See Attachment

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

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: Anita Maldonado, CEO Agency: Social Advocates for Youth

Contact Information: [Redacted] Signature of Nominator: Anita Maldonado Digitally signed by Anita Maldonado
Date: 2022.02.14 10:31:13 -0800

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.

Geographical Area or Subpopulation(s) Represented: As Director of Youth Crisis and Career Services (YCCS) at Social Advocates for Youth (SAY), Lisa represents the specialized needs of youth experiencing homelessness across the whole of Sonoma County. Lisa has been a tireless advocate for the needs of those experiencing homelessness in our community, both in her long human services career and through her work on the CoC Board last year.

Other reasons the nominee should be considered for the CoC Board: Lisa should be considered for the CoC Board because she has been an active member and staunch advocate for youth experiencing homelessness and instrumental in the re-design of the homeless system of care in many capacities including during her terms on the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, as a member of the Sonoma County community and in her long human services career. Lisa's scope of work spans the gamut of homeless services from updating the County shelter standards to supporting and obtaining the Emergency Housing Voucher process, changing our county coordinated entry to be more housing focused and being part of the new provider coordinated entry system.

Please provide a statement of your interest in the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board: My name is Lisa Fatu, and I am the Director of Youth Crisis and Career Service (YCCS), at Social Advocates for Youth (SAY). In my role, I manage multiple emergency shelters, county wide street outreach, community housing, workforce, and career services. I work with rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, human trafficking victim services, violence prevention and intervention services. I am passionate about the betterment of the system of care and have used my voice and influence to advocate for changes in the Continuum of Care (CoC) system.

Throughout my 20 plus year career in Sonoma County, I have championed youth experiencing homelessness in various roles since becoming a member of the CoC Board where I helped to create foundational change. For example, as a member of the Coordinated Entry Advisory committee, we updated our coordinated entry standards to a housing focused system and were successful in finding a new operator. In my work with the Coordinated Systems of Care work group and shelter standards, I worked on updating the policy and standards for the shelters county wide. I also have been very involved with Transitional Youth having access to Emergency Housing vouchers by creating a standard for entry for the Transitional Ages Youth (TAY) portion of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) system. I am also an active member of the centralized housing location work group and in my role helped to create the foundation for a centralized housing locator for our county continuum.

As a founding and active member of the Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force, we not only spearheaded raising awareness across the county, but also have been involved in sting operations and the creation of support systems of care for the survivors of human trafficking. I have been involved in the Runaway Round Table, Human Services Department Work Readiness Task Force, ARPA Focus Group, and the Department of Justice victim housing committees. This work is an ongoing demonstration of my commitment to this population and an awareness of the work that has yet to be accomplished.

Having access to decision making is not something that I have taken for granted and I plan on using this privilege towards advocating for change. Throughout my time on the CoC board, I have always kept my focus on making decisions based on the humans we serve in our community. If I am re-elected I will continue to use my voice to educate and support those who have no voice in order to advocate for improved system changes that increase access and opportunity to the Sonoma County community.