

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Funding and Evaluation Committee



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Funding and Evaluation Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023

2:00pm-4:00pm

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 2:02pm

Present

Dennis Pocekay
Kelli Kuykendall
Teddie Pierce
Margaret Sluyk
Dannielle Danforth
Una Glass
Chessy Etheridge
Karin Demarest (proxy for Don)

Not Present

Rebekah Sammet (maternity leave)
Don Schwartz (Karin Demarest served as proxy)

Public

Gerry La Londe-Berg
Hunter Scott
Kaitlin Carney
Angie Moeller

Staff

Andrew Akufo
Michael Gause
Daniel Overbury-Howland
Thai Hilton
Andrew Hening (consultant)
Karissa White
Dave Kiff
Adam Siegenthaler

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Daniel Overbury-Howland

2. Consent Calendar (00:05:50)

- **Agenda Review** – Teddie requested to add an update about the recommendation for HOME/ARP funds to the agenda. **The item was added as #6 HOME/ARP Recommendation Update.**
- **Minutes from 1/24/23 – ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes - Una motioned to approve minutes. Dennis Pocekay seconded motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Homeless Services Team (Update)** – Dave shared an update and explained the breakdown of the division.
- **March 2023 meeting schedule update** – Teddie mentioned wanting to host a second Funding and Evaluation Committee meeting in March.

3. Draft Long Term Funding Strategy (00:10:58)

- Andrew Hening presented a summary of 7 recommendations from the funding strategy draft.
- Dave asked questions about non-congregate housing.
- Kelly asked questions about prevention and outreach.
- Una added about ongoing outreach with providers and the importance of the relationships. She was also curious about the \$34,000.
- Dannielle appreciated caseload model and asked about the other 50%.
- Dennis asked if the 4th round of Homekey was finished. Dave answered the 3rd round was finished. Dennis expressed importance of having a primary care provider rather than several case managers.
- Dave asked about how many people need to be on each ACT community team. Andrew responded a range from 100-120.
- Chessy asked about non-profit amount and the NCS level of care payment amount compared to shared housing. Ashe also asked about outreach. Andrew will look up the amount.
- Karin Demarest commended the organization of the funding strategy and was curious about the impact of savings.
- Dannielle and Margaret added their input.
- Dannielle asked about re-purposing the team, referencing what Dave had mentioned.
- Margaret mentioned piloting a health professional on staff and the high cost affiliated with it.
- Chessy asked if CAL AIM provided services. Andrew mentioned their process is still developing. Chessy also asked about how moving costs and landlord incentives fall into the funding plan. Andrew mentioned shifting funding around to be more flexible and

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using in less restrictive ways.

- Teddie wanted to know what we were giving up to restructure everything and what kind of framework would be put around it. What would be the baseline and delta?
- Margaret expressed hesitation about endorsing plan without knowing exactly how it fits with strategic plan.
- **Chessy motioned to forward funding strategy to the CoC Board for adoption with ties to the strategic plan.**
- **Teddie amended the motion to include notes and observations from the committee.**
- **Una seconded the motion**
- **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public comment

Gerry La Londe-Berg had 17 points to share and asked to for-go 2-minute timer. He encouraged the committee to solve for all 3,000, suggested reports reference sections of the strategic plan to sections attend to flexible dollars coming down, separating 200-page report into 3 sections, better description of behavior health teams and cohorts, look at Sonoma Connects similar work, an actual report of the cost to solve homelessness and underlying data.

Staff encouraged Gerry to send the rest of his points and comments to staff as well as the committee.

4. FY 2023-24 Consolidate NOFA Draft (01:23:35)

- Michael shared consolidated NOFA draft.
- Karin shared feedback on behalf of Don who was absent. Mentioned the need for stronger language and clarity when mentioning equity and the involvement of people with lived experience.
- Dannielle mentioned having direction for the entire Continuum.
- Kelli mentioned making sure the questions asked line up with CoC strategic plan. And suggested revising or removing language about only considering proposals tied to sub-regionalization outreach.
- Dennis expressed support for both the funding strategy and NOFA Draft.
- Una suggested the providers be included quarterly on the agenda to present their feedback to the board as a whole what should be included in NOFAs.
- Michael encouraged committee members to send him and Chuck their NOFA suggestions and plan to send out the NOFA mid-next week upon finalization.
- Teddie seconded Karin's comments and suggested revising or removing wording under Goal #3.

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- Teddie will send edits to Michael.
- Teddie suggested downplaying encouraging providers to apply for prevention funds due to uncertainty of where county-wide might end up.

Public comment

- Gregory Fearon expressed his appreciation for the integration of the strategic plan in CoC decision-making, mentioned his participation with First Five and the integration of their strategic plan and seconded Karin's point.

5. Staff Recommendation 2023 Continuum of Care Performance Review Process (01:48:03)

- Karissa shared a staff recommendation to create a CoC Competition and Evaluation workgroup from the Funding and Evaluation Committee to review CoC renewal applications. The workgroup could consist of Funding and Evaluation Committee members as well as other non-committee members such as lived experience community members and people who have served on the CoC Competition and Evaluation Committee and are familiar with the process.
- **Dennis motioned to create a workgroup to review CoC renewal applications.**
- **Kelli seconded the motion.**
- **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Kelli and Dennis volunteered to participate in workgroup.

Public comment

- No public comment

6. HOME/ARP Recommendation Update (01:55:30)

Teddie stated the Community Development Commission was administering HOME/ARP funds for affordable housing and homelessness. Dennis, Dave and Teddie reviewed the HOME/ARP allocation plan and submitted comments and recommendations to the CDC.

Teddie shared summary of recommendation in favor of support for permanent shelter housing and to enhance permanent supportive services.

6. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda (02:01:42)

- Gregory Fearon shared update about funding from Congress for ARP and home repair.

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7. Adjourn (:)

- **Chessy motioned to adjourn**
- **Margaret seconded**
- **All in favor**
- **Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm**

Next Meeting: March 9, 2023, 2-4PM

Virtual

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

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