



1 Haven for Hope Way – San Antonio – Texas – 78207

Board of Directors Board Meeting

Craig Hopkins, Board President

Chamber of Commerce NBC
1100 NW Loop 410, Ste. 109
San Antonio, TX 78213

February 23, 2017
3:00-5:00 p.m.

The following agenda items may not necessarily be considered in the order they appear.

1. Call to Order

Board President Craig Hopkins called to order the **February 23, 2017 Board Meeting** of the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless at **3:15 p.m.**

2. Public Comment

Lori Stinson with the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce announced John Doucette as their new Executive Vice President.

3. Introduction of City Faith Liaison – Edward Gonzales

Anne Helmke was introduced as the new city Faith Liaison. This is a newly appointed position which will focus on engaging the community and by providing a bridge between the city government and faith groups.

4. Consent Items

- Minutes from January 19, 2017 Meeting
- January Financial Report

Board Action: Motion was made by Lori Stinson, seconded by Rebecca Brune. Motion carried-unanimous decision.

5. Vote on NOFA Consultant Approval – Woollard Nichols & Associates

Board Action: Motion was made by Edward Gonzales, seconded by Greg Matula. Motion carried unanimous decision.

6. Vote on Auditor Approval – Carmona/Shriver

Board Action: Motion was made by Lori Stinson, seconded by Greg Matula. Motion carried unanimous decision.

7. Vote on Treasurer Board Seat – Estella Garza, School District Director

Board Action: Motion was made by Rebecca Brune, seconded by Greg Matula. Motion carried unanimous decision.

8. Vote to Eliminate \$50 Membership Dues Fee

Board Action: Motion was made by Rebecca Brune, seconded by Edward Gonzales. Motion carried unanimous decision.

9. Discuss CSH Contracts with Bexar County

Bexar county still has some funds for CoC planning to spend. CSH has two contracts with SARAH. One contract is with Bexar county and one is with the city to the gap analysis. CSH has two proposals. One proposal is for \$37,000 and the other proposal is for \$30,000. The first proposal involves implementation of the Charrette recommendations and action planning. CSH would like to take all the recommendations from the Charrette and create an action team that are going to see the recommendations are going to stay on a timeline and come to fruition. The second proposal is focused on permanent supportive housing. On the second proposal, they are suggesting an all-day training on system supportive measures and a training on HUD documentation and best practices for supportive housing.

Scott Ackerson brought up the idea of bringing in a third party to look at the proposal from CSH and seeing what they recommend. It might be good to get another perspective.

The two proposals can be changed to fit the needs we feel would best serve our community. We have a total of \$42,000 to spend with CSH. The contract would also have to fit the needs of Bexar county as well as SARAH.

10. Charrette/Strategic Plan Crosswalk Overhead and Handouts

Bexar County hired CSH as a consultant to create a strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. Bexar county created a steering committee to identify issue areas and recommended experts for the Charrette process. CSH took notes on the recommendations of experts and community members to create recommendations for our CoC. Charrette had six different issues areas:

- Prevention and Diversion
- Housing & Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS
- Frequent Users & Discharge Planning
- Housing First
- Housing for People with Experience Chronic Homelessness
- Housing for Other Populations Experiencing Homelessness

SARAH's Priorities are as followed:

- HUD Grant Management and Oversight
- Community Advocate for Homelessness Issues
- Assess Community Needs
- Define Scope of Homeless Problem and Address System Improvements
- Expand Appropriate Housing Options
- Increase Collaboration Across Systems
- Reduce Homeless Population
- Prevent Homelessness

Priority 1: HUD Grant Management & Oversight

Charrette Recommendations:

- Funnel resources through the CoC as it increases capacity to administer federal resources
- Transfer HMIS from Haven for hope to SARAH

SARAH Board Recommendation:

- Sponsor and provide oversight of NOFA process
- Establish targets and monitor performance of grantees
- Take action against poor performers
- Oversee submission of federal reporting
- Repository for data from service providers

Priority 2: Act as Community Advocate for Homelessness Issues

Charrette Recommendation:

- Increase political will lead changes
- Improve CoC governance
- Empower SARAH to convene all needed workgroups and committees to implement Charrette recommendations

Board Recommendations

- Participate in city and county consolidated planning process
- Community focal point for issues concerning homelessness

Priority 3: Assess Community Needs

Charrette Recommendations:

- Conduct a system wide skills analysis to determine overall training needs
- Provide monthly capacity building meetings and trainings for providers'
- Create system level performance measures to track housing placement and retention
- Use data to drive decisions on systems change e.g. cost per permanent housing placement

Board Recommendations:

- Define success of HMIS
- Align Funding with performance and collaboration

Overlapping Recommendations:

- Develop a robust, system wide Coordinated Entry System
- Coordinate with other systems to end homelessness

Priority 4: Expand Appropriate Housing Options

Charrette Recommendations:

- Clearly identify the number of PSH units that need to be developed, establish a timeline and measure success in reaching a specific goal
- Develop a location policy that makes an effort to spread housing throughout the county
- Create a system level landlord strategy

Overlapping Recommendations:

- Create affordable housing inventory: PSH and other housing options
- Step down facility from emergency room and hospital discharge
- Ensure equal access/fair housing to shelters and housing programs and make adjustments to address any issues

Priority 6: Increase Collaboration Across Systems

Charrette Recommendations:

- Develop system coordination with HOPWA and Ryan White
- Follow up on Frequent User Report issued by Methodist Healthcare Ministries by prioritizing frequent users for housing and services
- Coordinate care among providers who serve the aging
- Ensure cultural competency through training e.g. HIV/AIDS, Domestic Violence

Overlapping Recommendations:

- Engage cross sector collaborations to integrate services and support for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Discharge plans for individuals experiencing homelessness being released from hospitals and jails
- Reduce recidivism across systems
- Expand involvement of organizations in the community
- Support community partners and identify gaps in service delivery

Priority 7: Reduce Homeless Population:

Charrette Recommendations:

- Conduct a data match and FUSE (frequent user; systems engagement) effort for people who are long-term clients of Haven for Hope and in the Bexar County jail

Board Recommendations:

- Effectively end homelessness for specialty populations
- Address downtown homelessness
- Reduce panhandlers
- Eliminate need for Courtyard
- Sustain end to veteran homelessness
- End homelessness overall

Overlapping Recommendations:

- Child welfare system- emancipated youth strategy
- Expanded definition for homelessness beyond HUD

Priority 8: Prevent Homelessness


Charrette Recommendations:

- Consider creating a flexible pot of funding that can cover expenses directly connected to assisting households in not entering the homeless system

Board Recommendations:

- Income capacity program (earned and benefits)

11. Executive Director Report – Bill Hubbard

- Board Vacancies Discussion 
- Open Position – Secretary
- Homeless Awareness Day
Will be held on February 28th in Austin, TX from 10:30-4:00 pm at the State Capitol. The event will allow everyone who attends to meet with legislators and their staff and discuss homelessness in Texas.
- Fund Raising – Downtown Giving Stations
Central SA wants to use SARAH brand in a downtown giving station. The initiative is to divert panhandling in the downtown area. The topic was discussed with the board and it was decided to not pursue it at this time.

12. CoC Program Report – Katie Vela

- NOFA Score & Comparison
- YHDP Debrief Update
- PIT Update
- Data Requested by Board
- Coordinated Entry Update

13. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Committee Meetings

Title	Point of Contact	Event Details
Coordinated Entry Committee	Luke Leppla, SARAH lukeleppla@sarahomeless.org	March 13 th , 1:30-3:00 pm American G.I. Forum 206 San Pedro, 78207
HMIS Meeting	Katie Vela, SARAH katievela@sarahomeless.org	March 16 th , 3:00-5:00 pm SAMMinistries 5922 Blanco Rd, 78216
Membership Council Meeting	Katie Vela, SARAH katievela@sarahomeless.org	March 21 st , 2:30-4:30 pm TBD
SARAH Board Meeting	Tiffany Smith, SARAH tiffanysmith@sarahomeless.org	March 30 th , 3:00-5:00 pm Chamber of Commerce 1100 NW Loop 310, Suite 109, 78213
Upcoming Events		
USAA Bowlathon	Kathy Lacy, SARAH kathylacy@sarahomeless.org	March 2-4, All Day Venue: Bandera Bowl 6700 Huebner Rd, 78238

14. Announcements

- USAA Bowlathon – March 2-4, 2017, All Day

15. Adjournment

Board President Craig Hopkins adjourned the **February 23rd, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting** of the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless at **5:15 p.m.**