



Continuum of Care Membership Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 29, 2021
2:30 – 4:00PM

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

Attendance (as indicated in the chat)

Celia Garcia, Salvation Army	Cristela Garcia, Northeast Lakeview College
Clarissa Fernandez, Endeavors	Katie Vela, SARAH
Karen Green, Haven for Hope	Chelsey Viger, SARAH
Nina Gall, HMIS Team	Dacey Werba, SARAH
Vanita De Leon, CHCS	Billy Mahone, SARAH
David Huete, Haven for Hope	Tia Moen, HFCC
Marisela Garcia, SAAF	Chris Plauche, Catholic Worker House
Gabriela Canavati, FVPS	Janet Martinez, RMYA
Leticia Inocencio, Palo Alto College	Robert Galan, TSVA
Molly Biglari, Haven for Hope	Scott Ackerson, Prospera
Dawn White-Fosdick, CAM	Nikisha Baker, SAMMinistries
Shirley Seaney, Catholic Charities	Laura Molinar, Suenos Sin Fronteras
Andrea Hofstetter, Visitation House Ministry	Katie Herrera, VA

1. Call to Order- Scott Ackerson

- a. Scott Ackerson called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm

2. Public Comment

3. Welcome Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) and Alamo College -

Northeast Lakeview

- a. Dawn White from CAM gave a brief overview of the services they offer.
- b. Cristela Garcia gave a brief overview of Alamo College Northeast Lakeview Advocacy Center.

4. Approve May 27, 2021, Minutes

Motion Molly Biglari Second Nikisha Baker Abstain No Approved
Yes

5. CoC Board of Directors Meeting Report – Scott Ackerson



- a. Meeting Minutes from the Board meetings will be listed on the SARAH website.
- b. Tyler Shoemith was voted into the Board as the newest member.
- c. SARAH is updating their Organizational Strategic Plan with Mission Matters group.
- d. There will be a Housing Surge Update later in this meeting.
- e. The 2022 PIT date was approved for January 25th, 2022.

6. Workgroup Reports

- a. **Youth Homelessness Workgroup** – Dacey Werba for Tyler Shoemith and Mandy Tyler
 - i. The Youth Homelessness Workgroup has been creating goals based off identified barriers youth are experiencing. Two of those goals are: establishing an MOU or formalized agreement with local/national ground transportation entities to provide free/reduced transportation fares for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness; and establishing an MOU or formalized agreement with Pearls, Strive, and/or a credit union to ensure aging out foster care youth have supportive systems of care 9-12 months prior to exiting. Efforts are underway to align the work done at this workgroup and the YHDP Steering Committee.
- b. **Housing Strategies Workgroup** – Dacey Werba for Sara Wamsley
 - i. The Housing Strategies Workgroup has been discussing the barriers to housing in terms of landlord engagement and has



created an eviction prevention toolkit to eliminate some of those barriers. A subgroup called Housing Identification has formed to help secure 400 units for the Housing Surge's goal to house 400 individuals from August 1st until the end of the year.

7. CoC Committee Report - Chelsey Viger

- a. PIT Count Date: January 25th, 2022 - The group has been working on what data they will be collecting during PIT. Chelsey Viger from SARAH is the contact if you would like to be involved in PIT.
- b. New HMIS license allocation policy - The new policy was shared with the group. If an agency has current licenses, they are grandfathered in at the amount they currently have. Nina Gall from HMIS elaborated that it is not possible to purchase more licenses but there is an application process if agencies would like to increase their licenses.
 - i. Question: How does the agency know which category they fall into? If your agency is an access point you automatically are in category B. The list of categories are available on the HMIS website found here:
<https://www.havenforhope.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/03/Agency-Mapping-3-17-21.pdf>
 - ii. Question: For agencies that have multiple departments, is there a list for how many each agency currently utilizes? Nina sends out the list on a quarterly basis.
- c. Outreach Case Conferencing Launch



- i. This will happen on a weekly basis, please contact SARAH if you would like to be connected to that group.

8. CoC Lead Agency Updates

a. Housing Surge

- i. Billy Mahone from SARAH gave an update on the community goal to house 400 individuals by December 31st starting August 1st. There will be a press release and marketing kit launched July 30th. You can go to SARAH's website to check on the progress of the Housing Surge. There is a commitment form to list agency point of contacts for Housing Surge information and a marking point of contact to receive the branding kit.

- ii. Emergency Housing Voucher application now available

- 1. SARAH has received over a hundred applications. Clients must have an open Homelink enrollment to receive a voucher. More information can be found here:

<https://www.sarahomeless.org/partner-resources/#housing-assistance-programs>

b. CoC Program NOFA

- i. SARAH is prepping for the NOFA to be released and are anticipating it to come out soon. SARAH anticipates additional DV Bonus funding again. There will be an information session once the application is posted.

c. CoC Scorecard Updates



- i. Working with HMIS to get requested changes made before the NOFA drops. There will be a summary of all the changes sent out.
- d. Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call
 - i. SARAH hosts a federal grant recipient monthly call with the City, County and HMIS. Please contact SARAH if this is something that you are interested in attending.

9. HMIS Lead Agency Updates – Nina Gall

- a. There are 4 positions available with the HMIS Team. Please pass this link along to anyone you know who might be interested:

<https://www.havenforhope.org/employment/work-at-haven/>

10. Membership Renewal Notice - Dacey Werba

- a. Due August 2, 2021

11. Leadership Opportunities

- a. Coordinated Entry and Outreach Advisory Committee
- b. Chair and Cochair opening for the Housing Strategies Workgroup

12. Items to Report to CoC Board of Directors

- a. None.

13. Next Membership Council Meeting

- a. September 30, 2021

14. Adjournment

- a. Scott Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.