



Alliance to House Everyone

Continuum of Care Membership Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

2:30 – 4:00 PM

Attendance

Dacey Werba, SARAH	Lauren Samora, CIU	Juan Reyna, UTSA	David Huete, H4H
Jenn Serna, SARAH	Matthew Howard, CIU	Brian Clark, CHCS	James Mores, H4H
Billy Mahone, SARAH	Lamar Elliot, VA	Marisela Garcia, SAAF	Jarvis Anderson, CSCD
Azhalia Ramirez, SARAH	Ingrid Sullivan, SAAF	Scott Ackerson, WestEast Design Group	Karen Land, AGIF-NVDP
Heather Thatcher, NISD	Neldy's Ortiz, HABC	Tina Tosi, Endeavors	Rex Brien, SAMMinistries
Tia Moen, HFCC	Erin Garcia, Thru Project	Tammye Trevino, Endeavors	Nikisha Baker, SAMMinistries

1. Call to Order – Scott Ackerson

- a. Scott Ackerson called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.
- b. The Membership Council Members went around the room and introduced themselves and their agency.

2. Approve November 1, 2022, Minutes

Motion Lamar Elliot Second David Huete Abstain None Approved Yes

3. SARAH Non-Profit & TX-500 CoC Governance Updates – Dacey Werba

- a. Dacey Werba explained the new SARAH governance changes that the SARAH CoC Board approved. These changes can be found on the [SARAH website](#), which went into effect on January 1st, 2023. Dacey Werba reiterated the changes made to this Council as it will be more focused on networking, training and will switch to a quarterly meeting in accordance to HUD requirements. In between the months that there is no Membership Council, the Community Collaboration Call will be another

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space to give agency updates or relevant information on happenings in the community.

- b. Please reach out to azhaliaramirez@sarahomeless.org to be part of Membership Council or the Community Collaboration Call.

4. New Membership Council Agencies – Scott Ackerson

- a. Scott Ackerson welcomed Hands Over Home, a new Membership Council agency.

5. Membership Council Application – [The Tithing Foundation](#)

Motion Tammye Trevino Second Lamar Elliot Abstain None Approved Yes

6. CoC Lead Agency Updates – Dacey Werba

- a. Dacey Werba encouraged the Council to subscribe to the [SARAH Newsletter](#) for news on any CoC updates and follow SARAH on Social Media channels (Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram). She recounted the success of the Point-in-Time Count, in which there were over 250 Volunteers. Dacey explained that there are Listening Sessions taking place at the CoC for people with lived experience to give feedback on programming and what is happening in the city. H-E-B has donated gift cards that will be used to incentivize participation. She explained that the Strategic Planning Oversight Committee is finalizing the 2023 Priorities, which will be disbursed amongst the committees to ensure alignment and identify the gaps in San Antonio.
- b. Dacey Werba discussed the success of the Homelink Revamp, and future coordinated entry operation manual information will be coming soon.



- c. If any additional training or information is needed on Homelink, please reach out to Crystalsantibanez@sarahomless.org or Patriciapalomo@sarahomeless.org.

7. San Antonio Community Resource Directory (SACRD),

Housing Finder Presentation – Bill Neely

- a. Bill Neely gave an overview of the [SACRD](#) resources and their website directory. Anyone can find the information they are looking for by searching in their search box, which shows the nearest resources available based on zip code, different categories, or keywords. For any other information, please email Bill Neely at bill.neely@sacrd.org.

8. The Center For Health Care Services (CHCS),

Mental Health & Substance Use Resources Presentation – Brian Clark

- a. Brian Clark discussed the services provided to the San Antonio Community, which included a crisis observation unit, Residential Detox, The Josephine Recovery Center, and other direct services, which can also be found on their [website](#).

9. Training/Presentation Suggestions – Dacey Werba

- a. Dacey Werba presented the Council with a new form that could be used to [submit requests for future training or presentations](#). The form is fillable and is available through our SARA website but will be emailed to all members.

10. Membership Council Discussion Items for the Board



- a. The Committee asked Scott Ackerson to bring the topic justice involved individuals to the next Board of Directors meeting to ensure these individuals have resources.

11. Agency Updates – Open Discussion

- a. John Allison, Hands Over Homes, shared his experiences and gave an overview of his organization and resources offered to the community.
- b. The selection council of Town twin village has chosen the first dozen residents who will be able to move in the next few weeks.
- c. Marisela Garcia, San Antonio Aids Foundation, discussed that there is still a shortage of housing for people living with aids, addiction, and background. She explained that there is a need for transitional housing, as well as single housing, due to limitations with the voucher program as well as leasing. Interested in collaborating with the members for housing.
- d. Karen Land, AGIF, announced an upcoming Job Fair on February 16th at 611 N. Flores St. This Job fair is open to veterans and non-veterans. There will be felony-friendly and second-chance employers recruiting.
- e. Matthew Howard, Bexar County CIU, announced the upcoming community court, which takes place at the Bexar County Municipal Court House beginning later this week. He informed the members that next week the misdemeanor court will begin. February 22, 2023, there will be a virtual instructional meeting on the community court, in which the Judge will discuss the process and their personal outlook. A link will be sent to all



members. If the Council would like more information, please contact matthew.howard@bexar.org.

- f. Lamar Elliot, HUD VA, announced that there are many vouchers available and are taking referrals for the housing authority. He explained that they have expanded eligibility to serve more individuals in the community. Ineligibility for these vouchers is if they have had a bad conduct discharge or dishonorable discharge. For more information, please contact him at Lmar.Elliot@va.gov.
- g. Tammye Treviño, with Endeavors, has announced that there are 8 positions available in supportive housing programs with their agency. She encouraged the members to spread the information to people they know will be interested.

12. Next Membership Council Meeting

- a. The next Membership Council meeting will be on May 30, 2023. If your agency would like to host please email azhaliaramirez@sarahomeless.org.

13. Adjournment – Scott Ackerson

- a. Scott Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 3:57 pm.