



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

November 17, 2016  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

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*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 **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting** of the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless at 3:10 p.m.

2. **Roll Call (Sign-In Sheet)**

**Present:** Craig Hopkins, Tammi Woodard, David Jordan, Lori Stinson, Eddie Ortega, Edward Gonzales, Scott Ackerson, Robert Blanton, Estella Garza, Greg Matula, Bill Hubbard, Katelyn Underbrink

**Guest(s):** Marta Pelaez (Family Violence Prevention Services)

**Absent:** Rebecca Brune, Louis Rubiola, Leslie Komet Ausburn

3. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

4. **Consent Items**

- Minutes from October 27, 2016 Meeting
- October Financial Report

**Board Action:** Motion was made by Estella Garza and seconded by Greg Matula. Motion was carried-unanimous decision.

5. **Approval of Youth Demonstration Advisory Board**

**Board Action:** Moved by Estella Garza, seconded by Greg Matula to approve Youth Advisory Board as a standing committee of the Membership Council. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

6. **Service Provider Presentation- Marta Pelaez**

FVPS is about to arrive at 40 years of service and were pioneers nationally and were the second to open a shelter in Texas. 40 years ago, FVPS was just a house with capacity for two families and it was during time that domestic violence was not yet coined as a term. They eventually moved from the house to a church and then ten years ago they moved to the location that they are at today. As time went on they began to understand that domestic violence was a pattern for mothers in our community and FVPS started to include legal services and therapeutic services to address the issues that come with Domestic Violence phenomenon. They began to offer counseling and offered clothing and basic needs items. 80% of homelessness is related to domestic violence.

FVPS created a Community based counseling program with Scott Ackerson to address mental health for adults and children and have a child specific program. It is not women who are the greatest victims but the children and most people that FVPS helps is the children. One accomplishment of FVPS is that they established a connection with CPS since Child abuse and domestic violence co-exist and they now have several programs working in conjunction with CPS. 85% of people brought to the shelter are brought by the police. They have a batter's intervention program, there are only 163 of them in the state of Texas and only 20 of them are certified and funded. In Bexar county, there are only 2. They believe that you need to intervene with the perpetrator so he can learn why he batters. 20% of women go back 7 times before they can sever all relationship with the perpetrator, but in Bexar county it is 11%. When women go back to their perpetrators it can result in fatalities.

FVPS has another program called celebrating families where it helps with families who are in drug court where the families can come together and understand what substance abuse does and how they can relate that to what happened in their homes. Craig Hopkins asked what SARAH can do to assist FVPS to increase their effectiveness. Leslie Schultz responded that understanding how DV impacts the community providing funding, providing supportive services, and understand that domestic violence related homelessness is not just a housing issue.

## 7. **Executive Director Report – Bill Hubbard**

- Consultant for Audit Procedures
- Development Committee Plans
- 2017 Draft Budget

Bill Hubbard Reviewed the 2017 draft budget for SARAH (see attachment).

SARAH hopes to receive around 175,000 conservatively from the USAA Bowlathon. USAA will be donating their proceeds from their Bowlathon event and are hoping to raise \$300,000. SARAH has worked out a deal where the first 15% of the proceeds will go towards infrastructure and the rest will go towards sustaining veteran homelessness initiatives.

One major expense item is \$62,00 for funding consultants but SARAH would like to see that money go towards staff support and payroll.

## 8. **Point-In-Time Update- Luke Leppla**

- SARAH has contracted with SIMTECH solutions for a specialized app that we can use on our volunteer's smart phones to conduct the PIT survey digitally.
- Volunteers will download the app and it will allow us to drop pins and geotag where that experiencing homelessness are in real time while viewing this from the command center.
- This app and its mapping will allow us to de-duplicate data by looking exactly at who the volunteer counted.
- Data will need to be cleaned up after gathering but it will take a much shorter time than previous PITs
- This year the survey committee limited the survey collection questions to only essential HUD elements and experiences with Domestic violence.
- Currently SARAH is working on developing a contingency plan in case the event is cancelled. The next PIT meeting will center around developing Event Cancellation plan.
- SARAH plans to pair up volunteers to their location as early as December 15<sup>th</sup> and assign them to zones
- SARAH will have the venue until midnight so both the evening count and the downtown count can be conducted at TRI-Point

- SARAHA already has 50 people signed up for the PIT as volunteers through use of a third-party volunteer application. Volunteers can choose which zone they would like to volunteer in so they can choose their own neighborhoods if they desire.
- PIT count still needs a few items from the community and these are the asks:
- SARAHA needs help with fundraising, we are looking for around 650 bags of comfort items. If anyone has any leads, please let us know.
- We are looking for items not cash donations, such as toiletries, socks, feminine hygiene, tang, hot chocolate. Tammi mentioned she can help with the items.
- Greg Matula stated that it is important for the bags to be consistent, that the bags last year were too large and bulky to carry.
- Scott recommended only doing food and socks and no toiletry items.
- Help with mapping out where that experiencing homelessness are located
- SARAHA is trying to come up for a plan if they must turn away the volunteers such as serving hot chocolate to the homeless or volunteering elsewhere. Any ideas appreciated.
- The PIT will not have a youth specific event but they will train volunteers to recognize youth homelessness. We were told some points of interest for youth homelessness and have some special techniques for seeking out youth.

## 8. Upcoming Meetings and Events

<b>Committee Meetings</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Point of Contact</b>	<b>Event Details</b>
Veteran Working Group Meeting  <i>*recurs every other Wednesday</i>	Marc Wonder, COSA marc.wonder@sanantonio.gov	November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 1:00-4:30 pm Head Start 1227 Brady Blvd, 78207
Coordinated Entry Committee	Luke Leppla, SARAHA lukeleppla@sarahomeless.org	December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30-3:00 pm American G.I. Forum 206 San Pedro, 78207
Performance Committee	Jayde Beebe, SARAHA jaydebeebe@sarahomeless.org	December 13 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00-10:00 am Salvation Army 521 W. Elmira, 78207
HMIS Committee	Maria Weseloh, H4H maria.weseloh@havenforhope.org	December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 3:00-4:00 pm SAMMinistries, TLLC 5922 Blanco Rd, 78223

SARAH Board of Directors Meeting	Tiffany Smith, SARAH tiffanysmith@sarahomeless.org	December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 3:00-5:00 pm Chamber of Commerce 1100 NW Loop 410 #109, 78213
Membership Council	Tiffany Smith, SARAH tiffanysmith@sarahomeless.org	December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 3:00-5:00 pm San Antonio Area Foundation 303 Pearl Pkwy, 78215
<b>Upcoming Events</b>		
2017 Point-in-Time Count	Luke Leppla, SARAH	January 26, 2017, All Day Venue: Citywide PIT HQ: TBD
2017 PIT Count, Weather Day	TBD	TBD

9. Announcements

- On the week of January 16<sup>th</sup> Bexar county contracted with CSH to look at the process and system. There is going to be a two-day event and process planning charrette, developing a strategic plan, hosting up to 200 people, and will be putting together a strategic report afterwards.

11. Adjournment

Board President Craig Hopkins adjourned the **November 17, 2016 Board of Directors Board Meeting** of the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless at **4:32 p.m.**