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Continuum of Care Board of Directors Meeting

Craig Hopkins, Board President

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

April 25, 2019
3:00 – 5:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order – 3:17PM

Board President, Craig Hopkins, called to order the April 25, 2019 Board Meeting of the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless at 3:17pm.

2. Present: Craig Hopkins, Edward Gonzales, Morjorie White, Salena Santibanez, Leslie Komet Ausburn, Brenda Mascorro, Leilah Powell, Meghan Oswald, Roy Fletcher (proxy for Sheriff Salazar), Tyler Shoesmith (proxy for Estella Garza), Marie Lopez, Annie Erickson, Katie Vela, Cliff Cantu, Marcos Carmona, Eric Morris, Kathy Lacy, Chelsey Viger.

Guests: Katherine Dillard Gonzalez, Kenny Wilson, Gary Chance

Absent: Lori Stinson, Martha Leiper, Eddie Ortega, William McManus, Greg Matula

3. Public Comment – None

SARAH NONPROFIT BUSINESS

4. New Board Members & Reappointments

- Board President Craig Hopkins introduced Annie Erickson from Endeavors as SARAH's new Board member. Annie is the Senior Director of Veteran and Community Services.
- Executive Director Brenda Mascorro reported that there are three seats that need to be reappointed and that she will be sending those letters to the city manager, county manager, and San Antonio Police Department within a few weeks.

5. Board Member Recognition

- Craig Hopkins recognized Salena Santibanez for her dedicated work on the Coordinated Entry Committee Bylaws.

6. Roundtable Update on Homelessness

- Edward Gonzales reported on the Alternative Giving Campaign. The City of San Antonio Department of Human Services is launching a pilot to offer an alternative method for residents in San Antonio to donate to individuals that may be in need. The Alternative Giving Fund's purpose



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is to direct donations to homeless service providers that are working to end homelessness. There will be a social media campaign, billboards, and other marketing efforts launched in May.

- Edward Gonzales reported that the City of San Antonio is also piloting a program for mobile showers. Discovering the volume of need for mobile showers will be one aspect of this pilot program, which will occur on the eastside of the city at CAM on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The Food Bank will be helping with hygiene kits as well.
- Leilah Powell at LISC reported that they hold free trainings in the community, including an introductory session for those looking to start a non-profit on June 1st along with a two-part session in September on nonprofit legal issues.

7. Consent Items

- Minutes from February 28, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting 
- February Financial Reports 

Motion Meghan Oswald Second Roy Fletcher Abstain None Passed Yes

8. Executive Director Report – Brenda Mascorro

- Brenda presented SARAH's 3 new staff members: Cliff Cantu (Coordinated Entry Director), Eric Morris (Coordinated Entry Navigation Specialist), and Marcos Carmona (Coordinated Entry Referral Specialist). Each employee gave a brief introduction of their prior work history and their goals while working for SARAH.
- Brenda presented the SARAH Workgroup Goals document and asked for feedback.
- Brenda presented that SARAH is applying for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). If awarded this grant, San Antonio / Bexar County would receive between \$1-\$15 million, which would become a part of the CoC's annual renewal. Brenda discussed that SARAH is currently working on a collaborative MOU with various partners in the city along with a needs assessment survey that will be dispersed to youth homeless providers to ascertain which issues our application needs to focus on.
- Brenda presented on the USAA Process Improvement Volunteer Effort. In May, USAA will give their commitment on what process improvements toward which they would like to volunteer their time.
- Brenda presented that San Antonio was recognized for its collaboration between the CoC and the HMIS Lead at the National Human Services Data Consortium's (NHSDC) spring conference in Nashville. SARAH and HMIS gave a presentation regarding this collaboration. Katherine Dillard also co-presented with ICF on the topic of HMIS Governance. These presentations were filmed and will be available on the HUD website.

CONTINUUM OF CARE BUSINESS

9. Membership Council Report – Marie Lopez

- Marie presented that the SARAH Membership Council convened in March.



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- i Veteran Homelessness Workgroup – The workgroup reports there are under 300 Veterans enrolled in HMIS and that the standard of placement has been less than 90 days. They are currently working on obtaining access to Squares, a program that verifies VA status. This would be beneficial to Veteran service providers in increasing efficiency. AGIF and Endeavors submitted a Rapid Resolution plan that was approved by the VA. Trainings for Rapid Resolution will begin soon.
- ii Chronic Homelessness Workgroup – The workgroup has identified that a significant gap in the San Antonio homeless response system is a comprehensive outreach plan. The workgroup is looking at a type of outreach grid software that could interface with HMIS. The workgroup is also continuing its work with Move-On vouchers.
- iii Youth Homelessness Workgroup – The workgroup helped SARAH to create the Youth Action Board, which has 7 youth, 2/3 of which have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness. The workgroup has continued to partner with SARAH in submitting the YHDP application.
- iv Housing Strategies Workgroup – The workgroup had a setback with Tripp Properties and is currently trying to reengage them. There will be a landlord event held in May hosted by the workgroup.
- v Family Homelessness Workgroup – The workgroup had its inception meeting and planned its goals.

10. PSH Gap Analysis Report – Leilah Powell

- Leilah Powell presented her report on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Gap Analysis. This report was supported by grant funds from SARAH and local LISC dollars. Leilah reported that it is beneficial to keep people in housing instead of engaging them into the system. Leilah believes that setting aside money for those at 30% or more below the income level could help prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place.
- Leilah reported this presentation could be helpful to those in the community who may not understand homeless services.
- Leilah stated she will be conducting a conference call for anyone who would like to affect the results of this report.
- Annie Erickson requested that an analysis from this report be drawn on how much money this effort would save the community.

11. Veteran Update Requested by CoC Board – Kathy Lacy

- Kathy Lacy presented on the Veteran Update that was requested by the CoC Board at the February 28, 2019 meeting. This analysis discussed the federal background behind the Federal Benchmarks to End Veteran Homelessness, which were created by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), HUD, and the VA.



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- The San Antonio Mayor’s Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness was announced in January 2015. Due to a \$2.1 Million contribution from USAA and a partnership between SARAH, COSA, USAA, AGIF-NVOP, and Endeavors, the federal benchmarks were met and announced on May 13, 2016.
- Each quarter since that day, each benchmark has been met with one exception between July and September 2018 when the daily average time to housing placement was above 90 days.
- Board President Craig Hopkins requested that SARAH attempt to share these findings at a conference because of the level of accomplishment our community has achieved.

12. FY2019 NOFA Funding Priorities – Katie Vela

- Katie Vela presented the FY2019 NOFA Funding Priorities document.
- Edward Gonzales asked that the word “families” be added to priority #2 since the Point in Time Count numbers showed an increase in this target population.

Motion Leilah Powell Second Leslie Komet Abstain None Passed Yes

13. Point in Time Count Results – Brenda Mascorro  (pg. 39)

- Brenda presented that the number of persons in San Antonio / Bexar County experiencing homelessness decreased for all target populations except for families. She reported that health and housing data will be an additional factor that will be analyzed this year.
- The Point in Time Count Community Data Presentation will be held on May 2, 2019 from 9:30 – 11:00 at the San Antonio Area Foundation.

14. Point in Time Count Data Submission Approval – Katie Vela

Motion Edward Gonzales Second Salena Santibanez Abstain None Passed Yes

15. Housing Inventory Count Data Submission Approval – Katie Vela

Motion Leilah Powell Second Leslie Komet Abstain None Passed Yes

16. Coordinated Entry Committee Bylaws – Salena Santibáñez

Motion Tyler Shoesmith Second Roy Fletcher Abstain None Passed Yes

17. HMIS Advisory Committee Member Review and Approval – Meghan Oswald

Motion Edward Gonzales Second Leilah Powell Abstain None Passed Yes

18. ICF Site Visit



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- Brenda reported that there will be an ICF Site Visit on Tuesday May 7, 2019 that will cover the data privacy and security for HMIS as well as align a strategy for the community’s vision on homelessness between service providers. Through this work, HMIS can structure and prioritize staffing.

19. HMIS Report –Katherine Dillard

- Katherine presented a document for approval by the CoC Board titled “COSA CHO Modification”. She explained that for HMIS to edit this document, the CoC Board had to approve. The City of San Antonio cannot sign an agreement with an indemnity included.

Motion Leilah Powell Second Roy Fletcher Abstain None Passed Yes

- Katherine presented the updated HMIS priorities along with an update on the HMIS Data Clean-up Process. She also noted HMIS did not obtain the HMIS Capacity NOFA.

20. Upcoming SARAH Meetings and Events

Next SARAH Board Meeting

Next SARAH Membership Council Meeting

May 30, 2019 3:00 – 5:00 PM Chamber of Commerce, NBC 1100 NW Loop 410, Suite 109	May 23, 2019 2:30 – 4:00 PM Endeavors 6363 DeZevala Road, 2 nd Floor Training Room
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Committee Meetings & Working Groups

Title	Point of Contact	Event Details
Youth Homelessness Workgroup	Tyler Shoesmith, NEISD tshoes@neisd.net	May 3, 2019 9:30 – 10:30AM SARAH Conference Room 4100 E. Piedras Drive, Suite 105
Veteran Workgroup	Marc Wonder, COSA Marc.Wonder@sanantonio.gov	May 1, 2019; May 15, 2019 1:00 – 4:00PM Veteran’s Outreach Transition Ctr. 202 Connelly St.
Chronic Homelessness Workgroup	Morjorie White, COSA Morjorie.White@sanantonio.gov	May 10, 2019 2:00 – 3:00PM Haven for Hope Volunteer Center Volunteer Room A/B
Housing Strategies Workgroup	Ashley Askins, Haven for Hope Ashley.Adkins@HavenforHope.org	May 7, 2019 11:00 – 12:00PM TBD
Family Homelessness Workgroup	Kami King, Haven for Hope Kami.King@HavenforHope.org	May 21, 2019 3:30 – 4:30PM Haven for Hope Volunteer Center Room A



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HMIS Advisory Committee	Katie Vela KatieVela@SARAHomeless.org	TBD
Coordinated Entry Committee	Katie Vela KatieVela@SARAHomeless.org	TBD
Point-in-Time Count Committee	Katie Vela KatieVela@SARAHomeless.org	TBD

21. Topics for May Board Meeting

- Final NOFA Policies
- System Measures Final Report

22. Announcements

- There will be a Board Orientation held for new Board members this summer.
- There is a Homeless Veteran’s Conference on May 30, 2019.

23. Adjournment