

Minutes for County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) Meeting

May 25th 2022 10AM – 12PM Teams Meeting

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Housing and Workforce Solutions – CoC Division staff

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TOPIC PRESENTER			ACTION/ OUTCOME			
1. a)	New Members and New Voting Members	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	 The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Welcome and introductions A roll call of the CoC membership was conducted, quorum established New Members HomeAide Inland Empire New Voting Members City of Banning Citizen Advocates for Senior and Homeless Solutions (CASHS) 			
2.	consent Items a. April 27, 2022 CoC Meeting Minutes	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	Recommended Motion: Approve the consent items: Approve the April 27 th , 2022 CoC Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Michelle Davis and seconded by Linda Krupa to approve the consent items. Motion Passes.			
3.	Public Comments		• None			
4.	New Business	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME			
	a) Laura's Law Presentation	Marcus Cannon, RUHS-BH	 Marcus Cannon provides a presentation on Assisted Outpatient Treatment, also know as Laura's Law. Marcus Cannon reviews who may request Laura's Law. Marcus Cannon reviews the criteria for Laura's Law. The number for Laura's Law referral is 1 (800) 499 – 3008. The referral must come from someone that knows the consumer very well. A referral does not guarantee acceptance. 			

Page 2 of 9	 Marcus Cannon explains Laura's Law implementation. Karen Roper asks if there is anything the CoC can do to support Laura's Law. Marcus Cannon answers to continue creating more housing options and remember the need for transitional housing. Karen Roper asks if there is any reflection you can provide if CARE Court is adopted by the legislature. Marcus Cannon answers that CARE Court is very similar. Both these pieces of legislation there is no funding. Behavioral Health has an annual funding shortage of \$150 million. What will CARE Court do that Laura's law does not already do and how will we pay for additional staff, that is the big question. Gena Estrin asks how Laura's Law affects teens. Marcus Cannon says he is not the best person to answer this question. IF you know a child in need of serious help, contact DPSS through their CPS services. 	 Marcus Cannon reviews the screening process. The screening is face to face. Ideally the consumer will engage in voluntarily treatment and the petition will not need to go before the court. Marcus Cannon explains the details of the ordered treatment. Note: Failure to comply with Laura's Law order alone may not be grounds for involuntary commitment or hospitalization or a finding that the consumer is in contempt of court.
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b) Rapid Re-Housing Toolkit and Presentation	Karyn Young-Lowe, Lighthouse Social Service Center	 Karyn Young-Lowe explains what Rapid Re-Housing is. Karyn Young-Lowe explains what Housing First is. Karyn Young-Lowe goes into detail explaining the steps LightHouse takes to identify housing for clients. Karyn Young-Lowe discusses the best approaches to determining the amount and duration of financial assistance for a client. Karyn Young-Lowe explains the progressive engagement approach where LightHouse pays 100% of the first 3 months of rent then the client slowly starts paying a larger share. Karyn Young-Lowe reviews the core component objectives of housing case management.
c) CoC Chair & Vice Chair Elections	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	 Geneva from San Jacinto College asks what the referral process looks like for a student that needs to be housed rapidly. Karyn Younge-Lowe answers that the client may contact us, however, they need to go through CES first. Ideally the client will first contact CES then be sent to a rapid-rehousing provider. If they do call us the individual will be referred to CES. Chair Nominee: Karen Roper Vice Chair Nominees: Donna Craig, Michelle Davis Each nominee shares a few words and a description about themselves. A voting ballot will be sent out the CoC mailing list.

d)	2022 HUD CoC
	Program Review
	and Evaluation
	Process Policy and
	Scorecards

Jamie Gibson, CoC Lead Agency Background: In April 2021, the Ad hoc Committee for 2021 CoC Program Competition was formed and charged to review and recommend revisions of the HUD CoC Program Review and Evaluation Process Policy and Scorecards. During the CoC Meeting on June 23, 2021, the New Project Scorecard and revision of the Renewal Project Scorecard and the Review and Evaluation Process Policy were approved based on the recommendations from the Ad hoc Committee. Based on experience applying the policy and using the scorecards, CoC staff is hereby recommending further refinement of the policy and scorecards with no major impact on the integrity of the policy and scorecards.

- Jamie Gibson discusses moving a motion to approve what we've used from last year with a few minor additions / edits.
- Susan Larkin addresses concerns regarding cost effectiveness evaluation.
- If you are an organization that has lots of outside resources the potential for your cost per outcome is low, if the organization has less resources or uses more internal resources then potential for cost to housing outcome is higher but you might have a better program. We need a solution for this. Susan Larkin states she does not like the question but understands the need for it.
- Tanya Torno shares that we had a state audit last year that encouraged us to develop a scorecard that has a similar scale for new projects as to renewal projects. The reason these tools were developed were because of that audit and recommendation.
- Michelle Davis follows up that every year they would receive extra money every time the grant was
 renewed. It becomes more difficult to spend those dollars as expenses are not increasing at the same rate.
 Hopefully there is the ability for subrecipients to reduce their allocation in the renewal process.
- Michelle Davis raises the question if we may assist individuals offsite. Tanya Torno adds clarification to the
 question where if agencies with a fixed site may use additional funds to pay for a scattered site rental
 subsidy unit to serve more clients. Further information will be provided.
- Greg Rodriguez suggests using the finds for a transitional housing unit. Tanya Torno responds saying we will ask.

		Recommended Motion: Approve the revisions of the HUD CoC Program Review and Evaluation Process Policy and Scorecards as recommended by CoC staff.
		A motion was made by Karen Roper and seconded by Susan Larkin to approve the revisions of the HUD CoC Program Review and Evaluation Process Policy and Scorecards as recommended by CoC staff. Motion Passes.
e) Housing and Workforce Solutions Travel Trailers	Tanya Torno, CoC Lead Agency	 Tanya Torno announces during 2020 the CoC department received trailers from the State to help support projects. We are now making the trailers available to any agency that can use the trailers to expand emergency shelter or transitional housing operations. Tanya Torno states we have a total of 12 trailers that are located at the Housing Authority office in Riverside. The trailers do not have generators; however, they have full hook ups, full sized beds and two-bunk cubbies. Please reach out to Marcus Dillard for coordination.
		 Karen Roper asks if in the future if there is an opportunity for operating funds connected to the trailers. Operational support to launch the program is crucial. Tanya Torno answers that we will explore solutions, however, there are funds that could be used to support an emergency shelter operation.
f) 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Results	Laura Gonzalez, CoC Lead Agency	 Laura Gonzalez opens her presentation with a 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Recap video. She proceeds to give a high-level review of what the team has been working on post-count. Laura Gonzalez shares a timeline of post-count activities. The sheltered and unsheltered data has been submitted to HUD.
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		 The data summary infographic was presented by Heidi Marshall to the Board of Supervisors. We received great feedback and a lot of support. A press release has been distributed to the community. Laura Gonzalez proceeds to share the results and highlights of the 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count. The infographic can be found in the Google drive folder here. Laura Gonzalez states in future CoC meetings we should have the discussion of conducting the PIT Count every other year, instead of yearly. Karen Roper agrees in the value of a discussion around conducting the PIT Count bi-annually. Gena Estrin shares that a bi-annual count is not appropriate. A yearly count is ideal. 	
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5. Standing Items a) BOG Update	PRESENTER Greg Rodriguez,	Action / Outcome	
	CoC Chair	Greg Rodriguez reminds the CoC we will be looking to fill 5 vacant seats on the Board of Governance. Please look out for an email requesting nominations.	
b) CoC & HMIS Lead Agency Update	Emma Perez-Singh, CoC Lead Agency	Emma Singh shares a brief presentation on ESG-CV & ESG RFP, HHAP, and YHDP.	
		 We have surpassed our clients served goal for ESG-CV. The goal was set at 420 individuals and we are currently at 588 and counting. We have also surpassed the 50% spend down requirement from HCD. We are at 55% spent down. Emma Singh adds that the new subrecipient spend down rates have been implemented at 50% spendown by 9/30/2022. Possible reallocation funds for those agencies that have not met their spending benchmark. We currently have an ESG RFP in the evaluation phase. We have \$336,038 and received 2 RRH and 4 Street Outreach proposals. The application for HHAP-3 is due 6/30/2022. We have a little over \$4 million and will be seeking Board of Governance approval in June. 	

		 For YHDP, we are in the process of formulation focus groups that will be held in the first week of June. This will be included in our Youth Needs Assessment portion of the application. We are partnering with RCC, UCR, and the HUB for Urban Initiatives. The YHDP application is due June 28th Current and Upcoming Requests for Proposals: 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (\$339k) 2022 HUD CoC NOFO (\$13M Renewal Projects + DV Bonus) HHAP Round 3 (\$3M) Susan Larkin asks when the HHAP Round 3 will be released. Raushanah Walker answers that HHAP Round 3 has been released through the state. The application deadline is June 30th. After that we will submit the RFP for that funding.
c) CES Lead Update	Myrel Cabezon, CES Lead Agency	 Myrel Cabezon shares there has been an increase in calls to the 1-800 number in April compared to last month. There has been a slight decrease in the VI-SPDAT received. Happy to announce that HomeConnect has officially transitioned to becoming a call center. HomeConnect staff were training in functionalities of the call center. Now it is possible to pull data from the calls through the call center software. There will be additional Clarity trainings facilitated to assist agencies becoming more comfortable with Clarity tasks. Myrel Cabezon adds we are one step closer to facilitating our first outreach coordination call with Behavioral health, County Staff, and community partners and agencies. This is a collaboration with HWS. The goal is to help train and support outreach staff. The first meeting will be held in June. It will not be a community meeting and confidentiality agreements will be required.

d) Housing Resource Update	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	Greg Rodriguez shares a success story news video.			
6. Informational Items	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME			
a) Committee Reports:	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair		Youth Advisory Committee/Youth Action Board Chair: AJ Vasquez Vice Chair: Nikki DeLong Report: April 28, 2022 arded to staff the National Alliance to End Honergets housing stabilization for seniors.	Policy & Advocacy Committee Chair: Karen Roper Vice Chair: Michelle Davis Report: May 5, 2022	

b) Request for letters of support and recommendation					
c) Annual Performance Reports (APRs)	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	Grant Number	Operating Start Date	Operating End Date	
		CA0936L9D082011	City of Riverside PSH for Disabled	2/1/2021	1/31/2021
7. Call for Agenda Items	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME			
	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	Future agenda items can be emailed to <u>CoC@Rivco.org</u>			
8. Announcements	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME			
	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	 Linda Krupa asks if we have considered putting this information of what resources are available inside our libraries? It is imperative to get information out. Greg Rodriguez answers that we are working on it. Karen Roper shares we actively use our library and have homeless resource information cards on our website and in libraries. Plenty of City Net case managers meet clients inside libraries. Greg Rodriguez advocates for using ConnectIE.org to find services. 			
9. Adjourment	RESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME			
Next meeting	Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair	Until further notice aMeeting AdjournedNext meeting will be		or teleconference.	