



## CoC Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, February 8th, 2017 8-9:30 AM

Sacramento Steps Forward, 1331 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA 95833 - VCR Room (2nd Floor)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joan Burke, Bill Knowlton, Beth Hassett, Cindy Cavanaugh, Cathy Creswell, Lisa Culp, John Foley, David Husid, Patty Kleinknecht, Diane Lampe, Sarah Thomas, Charles Ware, Holly Wunder Stiles

**GUEST(S):** Jeffery Tardaguila, Pastor Jonathan Gainsbrugh, Larry Mickleburgh, Cathy White, Todd Henry, Suzi Dotson, Kate Hesleheusch, Jenn Fleming, Erin Johanson, Gabriela Herera, Danny Marquez, Sarah Bontrager, Tricia Rosenbaum, Emily Halcon, Anira Khlok

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Dion Dwyer, Katherine Cooley, Katie Freeny, Jason Henry, Dr. Olivia Kasirye PHD, Lt. Dan Monk

**STAFF:** Ryan Loofbourrow-CEO, Michele Watts-COO, Nick Lee- VP of Operations, Desli Beckman-CFO, Tiffany Mock-Goeman, Andrew Geurkink, Kimberly Peterson, Kate Casarino, Gabrielle Salazar

**Call to Order:** Joan Burke, Chair

**I. Welcome & Introductions by:** Joan Burke, 8:06am. Quorum achieved 8:12 am.

**II. Review & Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept as presented: Patty Kleinknecht, 2nd Beth Hassett MSC

### III. Chairs Report:

Warming Center Update: The City's Winter Warming Center is following a less restrictive protocol than the one followed by the Office of Emergency Services, allowing for more days of refuge: If forecasting predicts 40 degrees or below, or 1 inch of rain for more in 24 hours, or if the weather is generally bad, then the Southside Park Pool House will be open. It can hold up to 40 people at a time. Women, men, and dogs are all welcome; however, no children are allowed. 211 will have updated information about when the Winter Warming Shelter will be open. This will continue through March 31st.

On January 26, 2017 a new shelter site was opened at 904 11<sup>th</sup> St. (I & 11<sup>th</sup>, downtown) that is not weather dependent. It is available for women, men, and dogs. It will be open every night for at least three weeks, until the City finds a more permanent location. There is a maximum capacity of 40 people, which is being reached every night. More shelter options will be announced soon. If anyone would like to volunteer, check the Hands On Sacramento website at [handsonsacto.org](http://handsonsacto.org).

Stanford Settlement is also hosting a County Winter Warming Shelter. They are taking the overflow from Winter Sanctuary at Loaves and Fishes. There is a capacity of 25 a night, and a background check will be conducted prior to entry. Salvation Army is also hosting a County Winter Warming Shelter at 1400 N A Street. Sign-ups are at Salvation Army at 1200 N B Street. Call 211 for more information.

### IV. SSF CEO's Report:

On January 31, 2017, the County Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento City Council came together for an historic joint meeting, in what ended up being a six hour session, to discuss current homeless issues. A set of similar proposals presented by the City and County, as well as SHRA, recommend possible uses of turnover Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) and conventional public housing for the homeless. City, County and SHRA all outlined next steps in moving these proposals forward. The City Council will meet again in the next month on this proposal and the County Board will hold a follow up workshop with on March 21, 2017. SHRA will host multiple opportunities for public comment on possible changes to HCV and public housing policies in the next 45 days.

On February 2, 2017, Sutter convened local elected officials and administrators and the business community in a

meeting of the tri-county public-private collaborative between Yolo, Placer, and Sacramento Counties. This collaboration is designed to match public funding with private investments of \$5M in the short term and up to \$20M over three years. The intent of this funding is to support strategic investments in an effective and efficient Housing Crisis Resolution System to end homelessness.

There is a new Smart Policing Project underway. Two sheriffs will work closely with a part-time Navigator. The goal will be keeping a small caseload and targeting specific locations. Sacramento State will be measuring the outcomes. The goal is to reduce the calls for service that the Sheriff's receive.

#### **V. New Business:**

##### **A. Item:** Annual Meeting, Nominating Committee Review:

Joan Burke, Chair, thanked all renewing board members. HUD would like for the Advisory Board to reflect the community. The board looked into each candidate's qualifications, along with how they participate within the community.

Motion to accept new members: Beth Hassett, 2nd David Hassid MSC

##### New Member Introductions:

Erin Johansen, TLCS Executive Director

-Representing the mental health voice. They have over 400 chronically homeless individuals within TLCS and would like to be a part of finding a solution.

Todd Henry, Lieutenant/ Operations Commander

-Manages the sheriff's homeless outreach teams in the North area. Responsible for developing emergency response plans for homeless communities.

Sarah Bontrager, Elk Grove

-Involvement in affordable housing for the homeless of Elk Grove, looking for localized solutions for homelessness. Would like to partner regionally.

Emily Halcon, City of Sacramento

-Homelessness is a priority issue to the City. Would like to be able to partner in finding solutions and would like to give back.

New Members Not In Attendance: Amani Sawires Rapaski and Emily Bender

**B. Item: 2017 PIT Report**

January 25, 2017 SSF conducted a Point In Time Count. 227 volunteers. 59 teams deployed in 45 minutes. Very well organized this year. All information gathered was handed off to Sacramento State's Focus Strategies for data collection. The Community Report will be published in June or July 2017.

Concerns:

- If SSF was able to get an accurate count of homeless youth
- If SSF was able to get an accurate count of all families
- If SSF was able to get an accurate count due to the river being so high

SSF was able to send the more seasoned Navigators out into the areas where clients were finding shelter due to high water levels, hoping to attain most accurate count.

<b>New Action Item:</b> Work with with homeless liaisons to obtain accurate numbers of homeless students, and send info out to Board.	<b>Champion(s):</b> Diane Lampe <b>Due Date:</b>
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In the course of the PIT discussion, the issue of difficulties in finding rental housing for RRH and PSH Rental Assistance clients was raised. Even with subsidies in hand, accessing apartments on the open market is increasingly challenging. Brilliant Corners, a program operating in southern California and the Bay Area, is focused on addressing these challenges through a variety of mechanisms for engaging with landlords to get clients in. Locally, TLCS has had success by hiring two housing location specialists to do this kind of work, resulting in housing 30 clients in the last month. SSF's Landlord Liaison (LLL) also works closely with landlords. If anyone knows of landlords or properties that the LLL should contact, please let a member of the SSF team know. In addition to the very limited number of vacant units, providers are also seeing an increase in current low-income renters facing loss of housing due to rent increases.

**C. Item: HUD Quarterly Update**

SSF gave a quarterly update on the final rule for defining chronic homelessness according to HUD. The reason for change is to serve the most vulnerable and those who have been homeless the longest. See attached Powerpoint for changes.

**D. Item: Discussion on Board Term Limits**

- Board members renew every two year.
- Serving maximum number of six years.

When board members term out, we must be prepared. Continually look at gaps and have thoughtful recruitment. All three officers will term out in 2018. There is difficulty surrounding bringing in new members and getting them updated and engaged. Even when officers or board members term out, they can still be present at the meetings and actively involved. HUD does not determine the term limits, but it does look at the governance of the board. Someone from a hospital would be a great addition to the board.

Change: When a board member terms out, we will no longer be replacing according to the agency, we will be holding it to the individual applying.

<b>New Action Item:</b> Develop orientation agenda in March	<b>Champion(s):</b> Nominating Committee/ Gabrielle Salazar <b>Due Date:</b> March 2017
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<b>New Action Item:</b> Send out new roster to all members	<b>Champion(s):</b> Gabrielle Salazar <b>Due Date:</b> March 2017
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**VI. Announcements:**

February 15, 2017 there will be a hearing regarding the Housing Choice Vouchers at 4pm at SHRA Headquarters on 12th & I street.

Tuesday, February 14, 2017. In-service training at SSF on resources for clients needing transportation to medical care.

Only two per agency, 1:30-3pm. Maximum capacity has been reached.

Mental Health Crisis Respite Center is available for clients in crisis. Open 24/7, and will send transportation if necessary. Must call first for a brief assessment (916) 737-7483 (916) RES-PITE.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned:** Joan Burke, 9:30 am

Prepared by: Gabrielle Salazar, CoC Coordinator