



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

9/21/2023

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Laura Golino de Lavato, Patrick Reynolds, Brandi Tuck, Drew Grabham, Mark Morford, Katie Cox, Jessica Harper, Jamar Summerfield, Stuart Zeltzer, Cammisha Manley, Christina McGovney, Hannah Studer, Lizzie Cisneros, Sherelle Jackson, Elise Cordle Kennedy
[Absent – Xenia Gonzalez, Skyler Brocker-Knapp, Ian Slingerland]
JOHS & County Staff: Alyssa Plessner, Malka Geffen, Emily Nelson

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land & Labor Acknowledgment ● Review Community Agreements ● Review Agenda <p>CoC Lead acknowledged CoC Board's one-year anniversary.</p>	
Provider Presentation: Our Just Future	<p>Nancy Jason shared about the work of Our Just Future (OJF), which used to be Human Solutions. The organization has been around for 35 years and provides a broad range of services, including shelters, affordable housing, economic development, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Its HUD-funded programs are Family Futures, Safe Home, Safe Home Partnership, and Moving to Permanent Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Futures is a Rapid ReHousing (RRH) program providing up to 24 months of permanent housing for families with at least one child under 18 in the household, with an emphasis on school enrollment and childcare resources, as well as increasing income; it is the largest OJF program because it merged with the former RRH Initiative. ○ HUD B2H expanded the previous PSH program Bridges to Housing that later became Moving to Permanent Housing with Home Forward to diversify the types of funding subsidies, also serving families with children. Each family has an advocate for support services and connecting to resources. ○ Safe Home Partnership is a PSH program for families and single adult women. It falls under the Dedicated+ designation, which involves more qualifications for 	

	<p>homeless status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Safe Home is the smallest program, serving 10 single women only, and is also a Dedicated+ program. <p>Questions:</p> <p>Q: What is the monetary value of HUD funding? A: \$3,517,363. What % of the overall budget? A: It's the largest part of our program funding (not shelter, etc.). One of the challenges of HUD grants is getting match dollars; compliance with HUD requirements causes staff burnout, even having a QA team.</p> <p>Q: What training is there for staff supporting LGBTQ2SA+ residents? A: Updated forms, DEI training, additional support to individual staff working with specific families/people, and specified resources.</p> <p>Q: What prompted the name change? A: OJF strategic and equity plan involved all staff and a consultant for rebranding, and moved from a social services to social justice vision.</p>	
<p>Board vote on MOU for Stability Vouchers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● These are long-term Housing Vouchers awarded to Home Forward. The vouchers are part of a partnership opportunity between the CoC and the PHA through the Special NOFO. ● This will cover the rental assistance for 77 of the 91 units in the NARA NW Special NOFO project. ● Standards goals for administering the vouchers including a commitment to racial equity, eligibility, supportive services connected to the vouchers, responsibilities of Home Forward, NARA NW, and JOHS. ● The responsibility of the CoC is that these vouchers are administered through Coordinated Access. <p>This is the first HUD PSH not requiring chronic homelessness designation.</p> <p>Case conferencing happens every other week until all vouchers are used up.</p> <p>Coordinated Access assessment > vulnerability score (priority for unsheltered; culturally specific) > vouchers</p> <p>Board accepted the MOU with a Fist of Five: eight 5s, one 4 (numbers temporarily decreased for quorum)</p>	<p>Alyssa will ask for Coordinated Access system and tool improvements presentation for the CoC Board.</p>
<p>RELT Refresher Training</p>	<p>JOHS Equity Manager Emily Nelson gave a refresher training on using the Racial Equity Lens Tool. See CoC Training - Racial Equity Lens Tool slides.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Q: When using the RELT, does it depend on where you are in your equity journey? Don't know what you don't know. A: When using the tool as a group vs as an individual, rely on each other to uplift all the things; as you identify gaps, you can figure out training to support that learning.</p>	

	<p>Board member recommended the Equity team do an optional advisory body training.</p> <p>CoC Lead asked work groups how they will incorporate the RELT into their action plan deliverables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Co-Chair said their group will incorporate from the beginning, once the group has begun; it's great for being intentional.● Board members said that for their group, they'll work through the draft of recommendations and apply the RELT; alternately each group could bring the draft to the larger board and do the RELT together (more heads, more representation).● CoC Lead said the first milestone plan presentation/next steps visit to the larger board might be a good time to do a joint RELT, and the second visit the work group can present a RELT that encompasses final recommendations.● Emily said the RELT is also a good opportunity for group understanding of what equity considerations are deal breakers. <p>The board practiced doing a RELT with the MOU decision it just made.</p> <p>Emily said the RELT doesn't always dramatically change your decision; it ensures intentional thinking.</p>	<p>Alyssa will provide the RELT template for each working group.</p>
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