

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2019 TIME: 10:00AM

LOCATION: MERCED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES
3376 N. HWY 59 STE D, MERCED, CA 95348

Call to Order/Roll Call

Jennifer Mockus

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Consent Items (10 min)

1. Approval of minutes from meeting 12/5/2018
2. Approval of Agenda

Jennifer Mockus

General Membership New Business (10min)

1. New CoC Membership Applications
2. Governance Charter Revisions Discussion

CA
Leslie Abasta Cummings

General Membership Action Item (5min)

1. Vote on Governance Charter Revisions

General Reps/Board

Board Action Items (15min)

1. Additional Nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
Current Nominees: Board Chair- Leslie, Abasta Cummings
 Vice-Chair, Norma Cardona
 Secretary, Tim Adam
2. Vote on Board Positions

Jennifer Mockus

CoC Board

New Business (20 min)

1. CA Informational Report Out (10min)
2. CVOF Update (5min)
3. Homeless Encampment Highway 59/Santa Fe Update (5min)
4. Healthy House Fiscal Report

CA

Sam Geil

Turning Point

Candace Adam Medefind

Grantee Reports (30Min) Written Reports Distributed to Board

Behavioral Health-Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside

Community Action Agency-HMIS

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Health Committee

Homeless Management Information Systems(HMIS) Committee

Planning and Development Committee

- Event Committee

Sustainability Committee

Youth Committee

5. Other Business-Time Permitting
6. Adjournment

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1/9/19 CoC Board Meeting, 3376 N. Hwy 59 Merced CA 95348

Called to Order at 10:01 am

Board Members Present: Skip Hinman, Matt Serratto, Lloyd Pareira, Steve Roussos, Steve Hammond, Jennifer Mockus, Leslie Abasta Cummings, Tim Adam, Norma Cardona, Candace Adam Medefind

Jennifer Mockus chair asked for any public comment:

Gloria Sandoval, Journey for Justice, ensure CoC is aware of the shooting in Merced of a homeless person under Mission and Hwy 99 bridge. There is a concern homeless being targeted in the community.

Jennifer stated that this could be a topic of consideration for the health committee.

Luke Brown, CAA, Empty Bowl Fundraiser Feb 6, 5-7pm first Baptist church, CA will send flyer out to general rep. Tickets are \$20.

No other public comment

Before action items on agenda a request to move report out of homeless encampment for Merced PD update, board agrees

Consent Agenda:

Approval of 12/5 minutes and approval of agenda with modification, Leslie moves for approval, Tim seconds motion carried.

Report out from Merced PD:

Sergeant Solis, Dec 18 DART (disruptive area response team) went to homeless encampment on highway 59 and Santa FE. 17 tons of garbage was collected. Possible donations of tents, food boxes, and trash is not being disposed of. Meeting with city attorney regarding camping ordinance. Some property owned by Quebecor. Letter of trespass is on file, homeless just move outside of property line that Quebecor owns to avoid trespassing citation. An officer from the DART encountered a homeless veteran last month and helped him with resources to get a job, and veterans benefits. Lloyd asked what is the city's response to addressing the homeless situation? Getting advice from city attorney, some receiving citations, if they get arrested for trespassing the city will store their belongings but very time consuming for staff to log in each item. Lieutenant Ward, the federal ruling about no camping ordinances, if there are homeless numbers above what there is space for, people should be allowed to stay where they can provide some shelter on public space. DART team is trying to help those that need assistance instead of arresting. If individuals are in an area where it is less impactful to businesses, then officers are trying to allow them to stay. Lloyd asked if the police department is engaged with New Direction? They are in contact with HSA, homeless outreach worker Linda Dash, states if there are other resources please reach out with information. Sarg with turning point will reach out, John Ceccoli is meeting with code enforcement on Friday. Sam Geil asked if there is a brochure that can be handed out when they encounter the homeless? Sergeant Solis stated they do give them a pamphlet. Sarg with Turning Point stated that on the 18th of December when the DART was at the encampment, other entities were also there to assist. Gloria Sandoval asked how can people get to warming center if police interact with them? Scott Pettygrove, there is a meeting on Friday expanded for effort of protocols. Jennifer requests update on next agenda. Luke, CAA, stated there is capacity for 24 people at the warming center. Monika Grasley, FICA group is recreating the resource directory to give to Merced PD for a reference.

General Membership New Business:

New membership applications for new organizations/members at large to join CoC are available, we have hard copies to hand out please see Tammy after meeting. If application is filled out it will be voted on at the next meeting for them to become a member.

Governance charter revision suggestions: Leslie, documents were provided last month for the charter revisions. When she began on board in April, first task was to review governance charter. Sections of charter to be revised were board member terms, membership of the board and general membership. Most updated document was sent out as well as a summary document prior to December 2018 meeting. The final draft was sent 1/7/19. Format was updated, articles of organizational structure, roles and functions of members and board, meeting rules and procedures. Sections regarding the CA were also updated. HMIS lead, committee roles and rules more clearly defined, followed HUD ethics and rules, discussion of board

members or recipient of funds. In a small community like Merced, board members may represent community based organization that could be recipients of specific funding to address homelessness. To ensure there is no conflict of interest, board members will recuse themselves if they are associated to the organization in any form. Terms and board officers and responsibility of electing board officers was more clearly defined. Gloria requests the charter states to not just end homelessness but to prevent homelessness. Leslie agrees and will ensure to add this language to charter on page 1. Gloria asked a question if HUD changes requirements how will that change governance charter? Leslie stated this document will reflect most current regulations as of today. Leslie stated that a review charter every 2 years if not annually to reflect HUD changes. Jennifer explains for the sake of transparency she wants all members to be aware there is a change for board members to be grantees which was not written in the previous version of the charter. Jennifer encourages the board for training regarding processes for funding being a board member and making decisions as the board to reflect community needs and not organizations. Jennifer thanks Leslie and the group for the work and changes. Jennifer asked including CESH language at some point in the charter for further revisions. Steve Hammond, question about voting, all voting simple majority except voting for officers? Simple majority for board to vote for officers. Scott, clarifies election of officers, board vote 50% plus one except charter changes. Action items to vote on revisions of governance charter. Membership roll call, clarification of membership, how many meetings do you not attend and no longer a member, proxy vote? Charter reads for 3 organizational reps to be allowed to be listed as a voter, no proxy vote. Leslie motions to bring this back to group to clean up membership. Motion is to postpone vote for general reps for clarification on existing charter to allow any revisions to general reps. Bring back voting requirements for existing governance charter. Norma, can we not vote on this because there is not a quorum of general members? Lloyd, 2 points to clarify, no quorum and need to clarify meeting regarding quorum of members. Possible to vote electronically prior to next meeting once above items are addressed.

Nominations for chair vice chair and secretary. Has to be tabled due to charter was not voted on to have board elect officers.

CA informational report out: HEAP funding awarded, \$1,338,104.53. Dollars are broken down in several areas, \$125,000 to youth specific, \$400,000 capital, \$746,199.53 direct services, \$66,905 administrative costs, RFP will be released tomorrow, January 16 will be the workshop for project application. Flyers on outside table. The CA received signing authority from BOS to complete RFP and enter into contract. Once applications are received and complete the CoC board will vote on recipients of funding. CESH has been awarded, process of going through contract. Nothing in writing as far as amount.

CVOF: report out Sam over 2 years funding, granted \$100k to SSG for emergency gap. Apricot software for Rescue Mission, transportation van, remodel and Apricot software for JMJ maternity. Restore Merced \$110K, protocol equipment for Rescue Mission \$17k, grant was a million, was not completely expended. Sam recommends focus on JMJ maternity homes, will need help please contact sister Davita. Restore Merced, Matt St. Pierre, new plan for econ development and homelessness for linking, time in community for development opportunities with linkage to homelessness. Sam recommends to focus for upcoming future, reoccurring events for funding, PIT, homeless connect, housing, navigation center, sustainability plan and improve the youth program. Sam will meet with funder for a new strategy for upcoming opportunities.

Homeless encampment update, statistics on 59/Santa Fe. Weekly outreach, 21 clients from this encampment 15 male 6 female 6 of them are 55 plus, of the 21, 3 have been homeless less than a year. 3 have been homeless 10 plus years. All 21 have been homeless in County of Merced. Engaging them in new service providers at New Direction. The homeless at the encampment that do not want to engage, information is provided to them regarding available services such as warming center. Norma questioned, about what county they became homeless in, clarification: they are from Merced, lived in Merced and became homeless in Merced, they are not from other counties. Norma asked have families been encountered at this encampment? Sarg states no children encountered at that location. Norma questioned are there parents that are leaving their children with possible family members? That is part of intake process, referral form asks about children, convictions and information of family make up. Candace asked national council on homelessness as far as 50 and over, possible to get a reading on ages of homeless encountered that are 50 and older. Sarg says yes that can be done at intake. Matt asked estimate on total people there and percentage of people that are willing to interact with the outreach team? With reengagement they will be more compliant then after first encounter. Possibly 80% are willing to work with the outreach team. John commented with HEAP and CESH these identified people hit a missing area that is underfunded

Healthy House: Copies were sent out to the board for balance of account. Sam asks expected expense for PIT and Connect, Candace refers to Phil who is not available will ask him about operating costs. Tim states for PIT the \$5000 will be spent. The cost was estimated between \$5-7k.

Grantee Reports:

Written reports submitted to the board, Project Hope Westside had one vacancy and it has been filled.

CAA HMIS Renee, last meeting reported that HUD report had to be submitted, AHAR was submitted by deadline. Report looks at HIC and PIT and bed coverage within CoC. 16 new clients, 3 vets, 50 people in age group 31-51. New clients that came in 5 were out of county.

Housing Authority no rep no written report sent

SSG question about government shut down, even though HUD is closed, have been able to consistently draw funds. Contract expiring March 31, that will be impacted if it is not re opened. ESG, total of 161 individuals, family is counted, remaining balance \$404,794.

Turning Point-same numbers from last report still full. Rent increases are being seen, still working with FMR. \$16,305 spent since last report.

Committee Report Outs:

CES Meeting twice a month, placed 29 individuals for month of December. Still working with HMIS training will occur next Wednesday, remaining participants to be trained. HUD revisions to HMIS and CES received in October, will be implementing to policies and procedures with goal by end of month.

Faith Committee, Margaret, met last month, next steps for involvement for faith organizations. Luncheon on Feb 6, topic is ways to help homeless. Ways to deal with interaction and train staff. Continuous discussion regarding restrooms and laundry services. Recommendations request to find ways at D street shelter to take showers and laundry even if they aren't staying there. Request to have funds set aside for printing of information. Jennifer clarifies recommendations, is the group working on those things? Margaret says she is asking CoC board what direction to take regarding the ideas? Jennifer has ideas, at PIT when there are volunteers, resources needed, ask for donations, conversation between specific organizations for example showers. Pastor Hammond states email brochure to agencies and they can print for their own use.

Leslie no further governance updates

Health nothing further since last meeting

HMIS nothing more to report no meeting

PDC no meeting will be meeting next Thursday at CAA 9 am. 3rd Thursday every month

Event planning, Tim 100 plus volunteers reached for PIT count. Teams created for quadrants and trainings have been scheduled.

Sustainability, Steve Roussos goal for transition of CA. Need more people to join, goal is to have a plan on how to do the operational work, and how to have the funds. Time and skills of employees for quality of work. 3 categories of work that need to be started in 2019: Board of nonprofit, leadership of nonprofit, governance and relationship with the CoC and fundraising. 2 other categories, skill set of opportunities of funding with homeless and economic development, how to understand information disseminated for NOFAS. Third group in 2019 capacity building group to apply and manage grants. Preparation and dissemination of grants. Experience in understanding of organizing a grant and assist nonprofits to apply. Find people to fit into these areas, and solicit help. Define categories before February, any more formal information needed to be brought to board. Margaret, how can we participate? Lloyd requests sending a test email? Email registration

Youth committee, Norma, last meeting today for the youth count, it will be done between 3-5pm same day as street count. Organizational count will be done same day that organizations that serve homeless youth, they will conduct a count as well for homeless youth to capture, flyers will be posted at the locations and be surveyed for homeless youth count on 1/24. Next meeting first Monday of February.

Sam suggests turning to youth committee for help within abilities of youth to keep them engaged. As well as UC Merced for internship information and sustainability. Nonprofit establishment recommendation for a separate group related to homelessness for information to be shared with community for changes and service provider successes.

Lloyd entertain though of abandoned properties in Merced County for rehab of these properties. Opportunity for people to do rehab on apartments and master lease these properties. Any contacts in this area please direct them to Lloyd. Second

request, tell the story, spoke with Jonathan at Merced County times. Publicity for the CoC and plans for the community. Sam, interact with media outlets about meetings being held?

Adjournment: 12:03 PM

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DATE: FEBRUARY 6 ,2019

TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM

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Consent Agenda Items (5min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

7. Approval of Minutes from meeting 02/6/19
8. Approval of Agenda

Action Items (10min)

9. Review, Validate, Vote to Accept Point in Time Count Numbers

CoC Board

New Business (25min)

1. CA Informational Report Out (15min)
2. Turning Point Report on Outreach and Engagement Center (10min)

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Fiscal Agent Report (5min)

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10. Other Business-Time Permitting

11. Adjournment

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MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES; FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:04am

Board Members in Attendance: Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Tim Adam, Jennifer Mockus, Lloyd Pareira, Gary Brizzee, Steve Roussos, Skip Hinman, Dr. Steve Tietjien, Steve Hammond.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Approve January 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion, Jennifer Mockus; second, Steve Roussos. Unanimously approved.
- Approve electronic meeting for January 23, 2019 for proposed governance charter changes/revisions. Motion, Lloyd Pareira; second, Skip Hinman. Unanimously approved.
- Approve February 6, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion, Lloyd Pareira, second, Steve Roussos. Unanimously approved.

Action Items:

- Schedule closed session Board Meeting for HEAP Project Application Review. No vote required to schedule closed session. This shall serve as documentation of public being informed. General membership to be informed of date once scheduled.
- New Membership Applications. Quorum established with 20 members present.
 - Lifeline CDC- Motion, John; second, Robin. Approved with no opposition. Two abstained; Steve Roussos, Gloria Sandoval.
 - Merced County Adult and Aging- Motion, Steve; second, John. Approved with no opposition.
 - Restore Merced- Motion, Lloyd; second, Tim. Approved with no opposition.
 - Member-at-large, April Gill (Dos Palos, youth advocate)- Motion, John; second, Robin. Approved with no opposition.
 - Member-at-large, Shelia Gill- Motion, John; second, Robin. Approved with no opposition.
 - Independent Living Center, Assisting Individuals with Disabilities- Motion, Jennifer; second, Robin. Approved with no opposition.

Note: CA is in process of reaching out to all organizations on membership list to confirm continued participation.

- July meeting rescheduled from July 3rd to July 10th. Board agrees. CA to update webpage.
- Phil Schmauss resigned position on CoC Board effective immediately.
- Call for nominations to fill vacant position. No nominations made. Item to be brought up at next General Membership meeting. Motion to forward names to CoC membership in next 30 days for vote at next General Membership meeting. Second, Robin. Approved with no opposition.

New Business

CA Informational Report Out:

- HEAP RFP released. Applications due February 15, 2019; will be scored to ensure measurables are met and forwarded to CoC Board for final approval.
- CA working on CESH contract with the State. CESH RFP to be released in near future.
- CoC Consolidated Application awarded all funding. Applicants will be contacted.
- Bonus Grant on DB not yet awarded.
- ESG Grant process for Federal funds- NOFA to be released March 29, 2019.
- Consolidated Application deadline moving up for HUD.
 - Q---can CESH and HEAP be used as match?
 - A---yes, both of these State dollars can be used.
- Three grantee reviews completed. Letters of information will be sent to Board when all completed.
- Request for all agencies to complete New Membership Applications. Will help streamline membership.
- Second round of CESH dollars will happen. We don't know when it will be released but CA will apply for round two. Potential workgroup will need to be scheduled once dollar amount is determined.

Conversion of D Street Shelter

- Luke, Community Action Agency; model created to provide services and positive outcomes.
- 24-hour facility, plan to launch in 8 weeks.

- Collaborating with New Directions Outreach and Engagement Center.
- Will expand to 60 beds, case managers on site, linking homeless to services and housing plan that is created with New Directions staff.
- Low barrier shelter. Adding space for individuals to place their possessions.
- Access to laundry facilities, showers, and food. Acceptance of pets is currently being looked at.
- Walk-ins will be provided a bed if there are vacancies; will be referred to New Directions for housing assistance. Individuals can stay at shelter up to 90 days.
- Housing plan requires clients to work in partnership with case managers to end their homelessness.
- Transportation remains a need for all clients.

Warming Center Update

- Center was open 18 times in January; 9 due to rain, 9 due to temp 40 degrees or below.
- Total of 67 clients visited during these openings; 40 were new to Warming Center.

2019 Point in Time Summary

- PIT count held January 24, 2019. 131 volunteers, 24 different organizations.

Governor's Proposed Budget

- Opportunity for call to action for communities; collective solution and collaboration, not promote competition amongst ourselves. All pieces available, up to CoC to assemble.
- Promote assets we have, will be a process and investment for prevention and help homelessness.
- Lloyd; old juvenile site has been demolished. Rough draft of development of Navigation Center. Will solicit input from community and others. 2-3 yr. project.
- John; Governor's proposed budget \$200 million for collaborative process for communities that have a plan to request funds. Specifically targeted areas that are collaborating to have plan in place.

Report Outs

Fiscal Agent: written summary of accounts provided. No questions/concerns voiced.

BHRS: New clinician hired. All units currently filled. Completed CoC monitoring for both projects.

CAA

- Sheltered count to be submitted to the CAA today. AHAR report submitted in December.
- Trained 5 HSA- Housing Support Program staff on HMIS. Healthy House training scheduled.
- Housing Inventory count opens March 1, 60 days to submit.
- 19 new clients at D Street Shelter; served 88 people last month, 2 from out of County.

Housing Authority

- Tracy Jackson, new director for Housing Choice Voucher
- Shelter Plus Care; 8 vouchers with program, 6 utilized, 2 open with referrals.

Sierra Saving Grace

- PSH HUD Federal, 10 units; all full.
- January 29th received award letter for 2 PSH grants; \$39,909 for 12-1-2019 through 11-30-2020. Project 2 \$81,215 for 4-1-2019 through 3-31-2020.
- HCD ESG rapid rehousing total of 166 housed. 5 housed in January. Not all 166 housed using ESG rental assistance.

Turning Point; No report. Email will be sent.

Committee Reports

CES

- 8 community organizations working together/participating.
- Meet twice each month. Working with HMIS administrator to refine HMIS list.
- Working with HA housing choice vouchers, on voucher 53 out of 151 allocated.
- Housing Inventory meeting to discuss availability of homes for clients/families. Have a collective list.

- Identify landlords who are not currently working with clients and reach out to build relationships with them.

Faith Committee

- First luncheon happening today, invited faith members- 60 signed up. Conversation about what is already happening, coordinating services, share information about CoC, D Street Shelter, and New Directions.

Governance Charter was updated- no report

Health Committee; Meeting end of this week to put together recommendations regarding negative impacts and sleeplessness. Will provide to group for informational purposes by summer.

HMIS Committee

- Proposal to bring forward open sharing of HMIS; add to agenda for pros and cons.
- Brief presentation to be provided demonstrating components of open HMIS system.
- To be placed on March agenda for vote from Board for general membership direction on how to move forward with HMIS.
 - Per request, current MOU to be added to agenda packet for review.

Planning and Development Committee

- 10-year plan is expiring- recommendation to form a committee to reevaluate the plan.
 - Committee must include community stakeholders and CoC board.
- Strategy to update the plan and invitation for interested individuals requested.

Sustainability Handout- Review three areas identified; fundraising, nonprofit structure, capacity building amongst membership.

Youth Committee- No report

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

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Norma Cardona, Leslie Abasta Cummings, Lloyd Pareira, Dena Medeiros, Skip Hinman, Jennifer Mockus, Tim Adam, Candace Adam Medefind, Gary Brizzee

Consent agenda request to add item regarding TA through HCD

Consent

Motion for approval on consent agenda, Lloyd moves to approve Skip seconds all carries.

Reminder to please sign in for attendance records.

Any public comment, Gloria comments there are more homeless people due to environmental factors for example natural disaster victims. Luke, next Friday public open session question and answer for community input regarding shelter transferring to 24-hour facility. Friday the 15th of March at 2pm, at CAA. He will send info to CA for it to be distributed. An announcement has been given to current homeless staying at the shelter and response was positive.

Action

Item 3: CoC board to review validate and vote PIT count. Tim explains on Thursday Jan 24, 2019 the point in time count was held for sheltered and unsheltered individuals and 607 people were counted. In 2018 514 people were counted which is a 93 person increase. Packet of information distributed to board. More sheltered people were counted than unsheltered people this year. Report expected to be released to CoC website once board approves, questions regarding numbers presented. Dena asked if the homeless residing in Dos Palos were counted? Yes, a team of 2 was sent there and they were counted. Candace requests ages 50 and older be added as a category to capture elder homeless. Skip questioned regarding veterans breakdown specifically captured. Tim replied demographics in report will be specific to age group, veterans etc. Leslie asked about adding to age demographics for specific breakdown of age categories. Tammy replied could be done for next year moving forward. Look at HUD guidelines and follow direction per their requirements. Questions from public? Kendra Mattot asked was there any concern of skewed numbers or concerns for change in count, for example weather? Tim stated didn't see anything there were no red flags to warrant a recount. Gloria asked was there a notation of where homeless originate? Lloyd stated that in HMIS system 77% of 2018 count the last permanent zip code for the individual is in Merced County. Leslie asks if the board is ready to take a vote to approve numbers as presented, Dena motions approve report as presented, Norma seconds, all in favor no opposition. Motion carries and 2019 point in time count is approved. CA will upload to website.

Item 4: Report on HEAP closed session. First, Leslie thanks all organizations for applying. Secondly, received 18 proposals for \$4.3 million in requests. Heap awarded Merced County \$1.3 million. A decision on projects has not been made, this process of funds being distributed to be handled in a thoughtful manner, ensuring the communities priorities are met. 5 board members recused themselves. Met in closed session for 2 hours, group discussed meeting one to two more times to review projects further and more thoroughly for best decision of information that is available versus funds to be awarded. Many proposals that were submitted hit areas and priorities that were asked for. Between now and April board meeting a decision will be made and an announcement will be at April session. If a proposal was submitted and approval wasn't granted please look at other opportunities to fund project. Leslie asks general members questions. One question is will one agency be funded at lesser amounts to potentially fund another project. Will scenarios regarding lesser distribution be given to applicants? Potentially, best case scenario to fully fund project requests, best recommendations will be made for distribution of funds. Then grantees will be contacted by CA for contracts. Timeline for funds received from contract to distribution of funds 30 days on contract.

New Business

CA Report: Updates, HUD CoC registration is due March 14, 2019. This is to register as CoC to apply for HUD consolidated plan. PIT due to HUD by April 30, HIC also due by 4/30. Will be working with HMIS lead to complete these. CESH hoping to release RFP by end of month but until HEAP is awarded will wait to release CESH. The priorities were: rental assistance, flexible subsidies, operating and system support. Waiting on final contract from state for CESH funds. ESG NOFA release date is scheduled for March 29, 2019. Once released workshop will be held in April for funding opportunity. Application is completed and CA submits to HCD on behalf of applicant. HCD is offering technical assistance (TA) as part of SB 2 funding. List of TA areas has been given to board members, suggestions on TA and if members have requests CA can discuss with board to submit a request for granting the TA. Vendor receiving funding right now can be requested on their own for their specific program.

Turning Point Report: Outreach and Engagement Center, New Direction, in February 273 duplicated clients and 108 unduplicated clients were assisted. In February housed 15 people, 5 clients by HSA, 3 clients through Turning Point, 3 clients by Sierra Saving Grace, 1 client housed by Healthy House. Working with landlords to retain housing, and community providers working together, helping keep clients housed and communicate together for the client's best interest. Questions from Turning Point? Luke asked are these outcomes being

tracked in HMIS? Sarg states they are tracking these individuals. Luke requested can they get the names so they can be exited out of the system, BHRS is inputting individuals in HMIS. Norma thanks Sarg for the information in the quarterly report and states that to Gloria's prior question regarding individuals from Merced it is notated on page 8 in their quarterly report. Norma asked how to create sub populations for certain areas. Will connect with Sarg about this directly.

Fiscal Agent Report: Candace, homeless connect balance \$607, PIT \$92.26, homeless summit \$892.65. All 3 accounts ending monthly balance \$1592.78. Written report summary distributed to the board.

Norma asked regarding homeless summit will the event still be continuing? Leslie explains how the city, county, and CoC will coordinate together for a summit. How does a homeless summit fit into the CoC's plan?

Leslie asked on the grantee reports that were distributed in writing are there any questions from the board to the grantees? None

Committee Reports:

If there are any action items or summary of things to bring that to the board.

CES Committee: No action items, but making some revisions for CES handbook, next Wednesday to finalize changes for it to be brought forward to Planning and Development Committee. CES list has decreased. Total number in system 490 individuals and 55 families. Leslie requested information of meetings be sent to CA so we can send the meeting information to entire distribution list. Questions, none.

Faith Committee: Monika stated the luncheon had over 60 people attend. Working on a brochure or handouts for services that are available.

Health Committee: no meeting, next quarterly meeting is in April

HMIS: Angel next meeting March 21 at 10:30 am, following PDC meeting

PDC: John, meet the 3rd Thursday of every month 9-1030 am, Creating a mission, vision, and values for CoC. Reach out to CoC membership to develop something overarching for our membership. General membership meetings discussion, potentially move the time for more availability for people to attend. Discussion of the 10 year plan, benefits of consolidated joint applications for CESH applications. Encourage groups to work together. Quarterly newsletter discussion.

Event Committee: Request volunteers to help run the event sub committee

Sustainability: no report

Youth Committee: Norma, youth count with help of several organizations to capture the youth portion of the homeless count. Surveys were done at these locations, 55 volunteers over 15 youth surveyors for the count. Youth were counted between 3-5 pm for after school hours. Committee will be meeting on a quarterly basis instead of monthly. Next meeting is Monday, March 11th, 2-330pm at the CUBE Meetings are the second Monday of the month.

Adjourn 1202

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: APRIL 3,2019

TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM

LOCATION: MERCED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

3376 N. HWY 59 STE D, MERCED, CA 95348

Call to Order/Roll Call

Leslie Abasta Cummings

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Homeless Court Presentation (20min)

Stephanie Dietz

Board Agenda

Consent Agenda Items (5min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

18. Approval of Minutes from meeting 03/6/19

19. Approval of Agenda

Action Items (30min)

20. Announcement of HEAP Awards

Leslie Abasta Cummings

21. CESH Priority Activity List

CoC Board

New Business (20min)

5. CA Informational Report Out (15min)

CA

6. Turning Point Report on Outreach and Engagement Center (5min)

Turning Point

Grantee Reports (20min)

Behavioral Health-Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside

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Committee Reports (20min)

Coordinated Entry System Committee

Faith Committee

Health Committee (Have not met since last report out, next meeting 4/4/19)

Homeless Management Information Systems(HMIS) Committee

Planning and Development Committee (Have not met since previous report out)

- Event Committee

Sustainability Committee (Have not met since previous report out)

Youth Committee

22. Other Business-Time Permitting

23. Adjournment

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Called to order 10:05am

Skip Hinman, Lloyd Pareira, Dena Medeiros, Steve Roussos, Norma Cardona, Leslie Abasta Cummings, Tim Adam, Candace Adam Medefind, Steve Tietjen, Jennifer Mockus, Steve Hammond, Gary Brizzee

Public comment none

Judge Lo Homeless Court Presentation (see attached slide show)

Community Observations: Population Impact on local resources, DART, DA, Courts, Martin vs Boise, cannot criminalize homelessness, if shelters are full can't criminalize or arrest due to impact and the individual "camping" in a public space and no shelter beds available.

San Diego has first homeless court in the nation and Judge Lo, Judge Prioetti, Mayor Murphy and others went down to a summit in San Diego to see how it is functioning. Homeless court will not deal with domestic violence, will only deal with misdemeanor cases.

Voluntary for those who want to participate, because voluntary it is a partnership to encourage participants. Court seeks to help the homeless individual with the legalities and they will not be taken into custody if they are participating in the program. Alternative sentencing, include activities within the program, AA meetings, life skill training, job skills, counseling, medical care and mental health services.

Entry way to program to have a service provider for individuals, help advocate for individual and a case plan, court to monitor their progress in the program. Helps individuals move out of the criminal justice system, next steps, secure agreement from partners, further develop the framework and procedures, apply for funding to support program, identify agency to act as coordinator, implement program. Timeline a year to have program up and functioning.

- Sam Geil asked how is success being measured in San Diego?

Judge Lo, success is not measured in program completion, it is sustaining the time frame, has to be measured by employment, not using public resources, have moved to productive citizen.

- Monika Grasley asked will this be for homeless only or any individual that was previously homeless that still unresolved legal issues?

Judge Lo replied that had not been addressed and he will take that back to the committee as it is a valid concern.

- Steve Roussos asked what is the estimated cost? Does San Diego have a cost analysis?

Will need to research that more for what Merced would need for funding, he does not have an exact dollar associated to this program.

- Dena asked is there statistical information for how many homeless are already in the system?

Judge Lo stated he sees several in his courtroom that have mental health and drug issues that are homeless, impacted by stable housing.

- Candace asked, funding for these programs, does judicial council help fund in San Diego?

Judge Lo replied there are grants, ongoing sustainability, a service organization to help fund part of the program.

- Does this include paroled/released individuals?

Judge Lo replied most likely not if there is not a pending misdemeanor case. Not intended to be to

address all homeless folks, intended to address pending misdemeanor cases that are preventing them from obtaining housing.

- Gloria asked how would the court ensure there is communication for the homeless to report for court?

Judge Lo stated that would be the service coordinator/agency to ensure they advocate for them and transports them to services associated to their case plan. A judge will go to a neutral location, not the court room to address these issues. For example, a community center. Instead of making them come to us, be creative for us to go to them. Sarg clarifies that at New Direction information is being gathered from the individuals if they have pending court issues, however the individual needs to disclose any legal problems.

- Jennifer asked in the San Diego model who is the coordinating agency?

It is a non-profit agency.

- Jennifer asked would this go out for an RFP or how would organizations know this is an opportunity?

Judge Lo the CoC would release a plan or RFP for service providers/partners.

Lloyd comments if someone in this audience would like to participate in this workgroup who would they contact? Contact, Judge Lo, Stephanie Dietz, John Ceccoli or send it to the CA inbox and we can disburse.

Consent agenda approval of minutes and agenda, Steve Tietjen so moved, Tim Adam seconds all in favor, no objections.

Item 3 HEAP awards discussion, any recused board members to please leave the room. Tim Adam, Steve Hammond, Gary Brizzee, Candace Adam Medefind, Steve Roussos excuse themselves.

Leslie, there were 18 HEAP proposals received \$4.5 million total, \$1.3 available for HEAP funding. Process for reviewing proposals, methodical and analytical. Scoring panel did not contain any of the board members, 6 scoring members. Range of people who scores and dissect the criteria. 5 categories project program design, need for funds and cost effectiveness, capacity, impact and effectiveness and implementation. Of the 18, 99 points to 37 points for the scoring range. Top ranking RFP's are being recommended to be awarded. Some discussion was how did the project meet the need in the priority areas. The projects chosen are Turing Point community projects, which includes, west side outreach, peer navigator, personal service coordinators, van for transport, bus passes, funding for street outreach, food clothing, deposit assistance, repair shower trailer in Los Banos and supplies for warming and cooling center in Los Banos. Rescue Mission, Westside Bridge housing, 18 month program which funds part time service coordinator, peer navigator, bridge housing and expenses that are related to housing costs, case management and vehicle for transportation. Uphill program for seniors, 24 month program offering outreach, case management, food/water for clients, rental assistance, fund for utility deposits and payments and support groups. Aim High House is a 24 month program for youth, transitional housing, living expenses and mentoring program. Admin fees \$66,905 for 24 months for CA. The group met twice for over 4 hours to review proposals and priorities. Leslie stated she will entertain any questions regarding this? Lloyd comment, as grants are being explained, Turning Point grant, westside is one portion, and county wide. Dr Tietjen, the board group wanted to ensure that others who were not awarded had clarification and were able to have an opportunity to ask questions. Sam Geil asked is this an annual process? Leslie replied that HEAP is a one-time funding. Sam asked about ongoing maintaining funds, Leslie stated that this is a future project to look at, wanted to fund projects to get these monies out as quickly as possible to start filling the gaps. Leslie looks for approval Steve Tietjen moves for approval Lloyd seconds. Motion carries. Sam Geil asked any proposal submitted to assume role of CA in the future? Leslie explained that project would not have fit this source of funding, this money was for immediate need of homeless individuals in the community.

Introduction of Judge Don Prioretti, and his announcement of support for the homeless court development.

CESH prioritization, revisit the list of priorities, list given to board. Sub categories, review and hear any questions. Total award of \$1,045,611. Rental assistance, housing relocation/stabilization, medical respite, case management. Luke asked how will this impact clients regarding the ESG dollars since this has been now combined with CESH funding? Tammy stated this will impact the current funded program.

Lloyd suggests, because SSG is being impacted by rapid rehousing, the short fall is \$350k, Lloyds suggestion is to allocated the \$350,000 to rapid rehousing right off the top to prioritize CESH dollars. This will allow for the rapid rehousing program to continue at current level. Current ESG funded program SSG, Kristin explained the service for the clients that they are currently managing is for case management, utilities, rent, deposits, outreach worker, transportation, individual documents. Gary asked timeframe to provide that service for, Kristin states up to 24 months, but some clients may need help only with a deposit. It is all based off client needs. Individuals that have been housed and provided more than 12 months of assistance are individuals that have been on the streets long term, years. Jennifer supports Lloyds suggestion, to allow for additional funding. Luke asked how the allocations were determined, Tammy explained the original discussion was about \$2 million dollars, which was double the CESH amount, then the state requested to nor double the anticipated allocation but to go back to original allocation, the million. The methodology and spread of dollars were developed on the original percentage. Round 2 CESH funding is less than round 1. Leslie back to the board, asked is it the boards pleasure to set aside the \$350k to reallocate the funds for rapid rehousing. Currently SSG was awarded 147k for rapid rehousing. So collectively as a CoC do we want to set the monies aside for the rapid rehousing project to continue as it is currently. Still an RFP process, but dollars would be specific to this program. If the funds are awarded it would be for one full year, July-July. Divided between fed and state. For upcoming year of ESG funding it is 289k. State ESG was rolled into CESH funds. Candace asked of ESG funding how is the break down? Rapid Rehousing minimum 40%, then street outreach, homeless prevention and HMIS. Leslie question to the board to reallocate funds, to rental assistance, pull from what area? Luke requested to pull from Flexible Subsidy. Board members, moved 120k from flexible? Steve Hammond motions, Dena seconds no opposition. Flexible subsidies, \$153,000. Leslie asked can flexible subsidy be moved to operating support? Tammy stated that in the list of operating support, mitigation fund is not listed. Needs to remain in flexible spending. Leslie stated flexible subsidies could be lines 1-5 combines as assistance payments. Move monies into operating to flexible? Steve requested keep the 5 areas, move medical respite and case management out of flexible. Not to include medical respite and case management. Motion? Support from the board, Steve motions, Candace seconds, no opposition. Operational support, Luke requested to eliminate day shelter, since low barrier shelter is similar, Monika asked Luke can anybody that is homeless come to your center? Even if they don't go through New Direction? Luke states no they do not allow that. Funding capacity is not there to allow that. It is the cost of people per day, infrastructure, staffing, etc. Lloyd stated day shelter needs to stay on the list, more like a drop in center. Luke stated that a day shelter/center, it turns into a center where many are not homeless. Leslie bring it back to the board for 394k day shelter will not be functioning. Thoughts on the operational priorities, and knowing what was already funded, Lloyd asked regarding transportation that Candace asked be added to the list, one thing still missing is communication between agencies. A van was requested in HEAP so do we need to fund a van through one agency or work with THE BUS to create a program with passes etc. Leslie agrees that we need to refine so that we know what we are getting. Leslie the top 3 priorities, low barrier shelter to include respite care? Candace concern is that part of these funds is to be innovative. Leslie open to suggestions on how to label these priorities, transportation, shelter plus case management, navigation center. Leslie to the CA, can the RFP call out specific to navigation center? Top 2 Navigation Center, transportation assistance. For operational support. Lloyd asked if a project comes through for shelter diversion do we want to discourage? Shelter diversion falls under operational support. Lloyd doesn't want that off the table, prioritizing a few at the top but leave the list? Tammy explained monies are more limited, for awards will be very difficult if too open. Leslie, navigation center, transportation assistance, shelter diversion? Gary asked regarding priorities, scoring, rating, evaluation, part of that was for HEAP funding and scored by several people. Leslie looking for board to approve priorities under operating support, Steve Hammond motions, Dena seconds. All carries, Navigation Center and Transportation Center. Last category HMIS and CES. Motion to approve? Steve Hammond, Skip seconds. CESH priorities carry.

CA report: HEAP contracts hopefully awarded in next month with a May 1 start date. HEAP debriefing tomorrow 9-10 general process of HEAP and apps, 10-12 individual projects. CESH NOFA released 3/21 due May 6, \$592,000, will be submitted with same priorities as CESH funds to apply. ESG balance of state released 3/29 due 5/30. Minimum of 40% must be rapid rehousing. 2 apps per CoC can be submitted for non-competitive and 2 for regional competition rounds. CA has been meeting regarding HMIS, the system, referrals, see utilizing between vendors, reports, next month-2 walking through it and will come back to the board for presentation. Tammy

will be attending a meeting next week for state HMIS system. More information will be brought forward.
Suggestions/questions/regarding HMIS please reach out to CA and CAA for these so they can be looked at and addressed.

Turning Point New Directions, 412 duplicated clients in March, 143 new intakes unduplicated, 20 housed. 13 of the 20 fitting HUD definition of homeless, 9 outreach efforts conducted.

Fiscal Agent Report: Monies paid back by Rescue Mission for homeless summit see written report.

Other business: Board any information? Norma, last Thursday attended function in Stockton for youth and rural homelessness summit. She spoke to the HUD rep from DC where there is an opportunity for another report to the community to look at homeless not just during point in time count, but homelessness served in other areas. Encompassing at risk of becoming homeless. Recommend for the board to consider to have an all encompass report not just point in time count. Numbers get reported to the board, but can there be a semiannual report? Turning Point is sending their quarterly report to the CoC. Each provider is capable to run a report through HMIS. Leslie work with the CA to put into a spreadsheet? Timeline wise.

Leslie will be presenting at the next city council meeting about the CoC role in the community, the purpose of the Coc and what service providers currently offer and what future funding will offer to the community and clients, 4/15. 6:30pm.

ADJOURN:12:04PM

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: MAY 1, 2019

TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM

LOCATION: MERCED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

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Board Agenda

Consent Agenda Items (10min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

24. Approval of Agenda
25. Approval of Minutes from meeting 04/3/19
26. Public Comment (5min)

New Business (40min)

7. CA Informational Report Out (15min)
8. Turning Point Report on Outreach and Engagement Center (10min)
9. CoC Chair Comments (15min)

CA

Turning Point

Leslie Abasta Cummings

Fiscal Agent Report (5min)

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Committee Reports (30min)

Coordinated Entry System Committee

Faith Committee

Health Committee

Homeless Management Information Systems(HMIS) Committee

Planning and Development Committee

- Event Committee

Sustainability Committee (No update, committee has not met)

Youth Committee (No report, next meeting 6/10/19 2-3:30PM @CUBE)

27. Other Business-Time Permitting

28. Adjournment

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Meeting called to order at 10:09

Board members present: Steve Roussos, Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Tim Adam, Gary Brizzee, Norma Cardona

Public Comment: Gloria, April 26 Sun Star article for HUD rules and proposal by housing authority, to implement ruling for undocumented people to move out of HUD housing to allow documented people to move in. Requesting CoC to put on the agenda to take a position on the issue.

Margaret SSG, workshop from state for non-profits, SSG requested help for training and guidance, last month she also requested the CA request Technical Assistance.

Tammy stated the CA did have a call for technical assistance (TA), 22 requests sent into HUD. They have weeks-months to respond. 3 vendors cover the entire state of CA. Tammy requested a priority list from HUD to bring back to the board for a decision. TA will only be offered as a CoC together. Will not do one on one for vendors. All documentation was supplied to them that was requested. Scott asked did they indicate when they will be able to provide? Tammy replied it takes about 30 days to prepare a plan. Priority request was asked for BHRS for No Place Like Home. Tammy stated that she requested funding goes first if the TA will directly affect funding sources. All the areas of request will be open to everybody to attend. Dr. Jones BHRS has a separate application and if their trainings and TA do not fit within the CoC they will open it up to all. TA could be in person or through conference calls. TA has requested that services are not duplicated. Leslie requested information of areas that were submitted for TA from the CA.

Norma recognized Kathy Smith passed away, would like to request in her memory a moment of silence.

Dr. Roussos, meeting last week, CA planning roundtable is a governor appointed group discussing housing throughout the state, will be in Merced May 2 and 3, invitation only meeting. City, County and UC people will be attending. Leslie asked for an update next month.

Consent Item: No Quorum continue with itemized agenda

CA informational Report: HEAP contracts are completed waiting for authorization from County Counsel, asking for June 1 start date. Notification received on CESH last week from state, should have contract signed and received soon. ESG NOFA is out small workshop Friday afternoon for any questions, and information on updated NOFA. CA will send information out later this afternoon. NOFA is due 5/30. Vendor applies for on their own, requires a board chair signature not a board vote. States that you support grant being pushed forward for rapid rehousing, 2 applicants are allowed, this is for the federal portion of ESG. Currently working on HUD consolidated app. Registered, reviewed and will be sending letters of intent for current providers to renew. Board will need to decide after that for decision for renewal or reallocation of funds. Leslie asked HEAP contracts regarding outcomes and measurable in the contract, took scope of work in proposals, outlined items that were stated would be completed and that became scope of work. Associated numbers as well for measurable as well as time frame. Grantees will report back to CA monthly for HEAP. Quarterly report will be required by grantees for CA to report to HEAP, 13 page report. Leslie asked sample be sent to the board. Tammy stated after reports are submitted to HEAP will also share with the board. Steve Roussos asked is this data that can be found in HMIS, Tammy stated yes for client measurable outcomes. Also will need program specific data to complete report. Part of HEAP grant to apply and contract HMIS is required to be utilized, this is a state requirement.

Norma asked on fiscal form that was submitted by SSG, is there specifics to be reviewed? Joe replied the report is for informational purposes to show how much monies were being allocated to the program when they started receiving funds at the beginning versus where we are at today. Regional competition funds were not awarded this year. One problem caused for receiving funds is lack of HMIS participation and data collected. Tammy responded, per scoring worksheet, it is hurting due to rapid rehousing not being supported in HMIS. Areas that were funded reflected areas that declared a shelter crisis. RaShanna stated one of the areas that is affecting us is open sharing within the system. Other counties numerous entities open into HMIS, not just homeless service providers. That is the only data that is captured for HUD to see. If just basic information could be input that would help. Norma asked what solutions can the board provide? Tammy asked would we be prepared for next board meeting, for a new business item to have presentation for HMIS. Steve asked if the data is recorded for all aspects? Tammy stated not all of it, if the client goes to the hospital that information is not recorded in HMIS. Leslie requests a path moving forward, and how to implement service providers input.

TURNING POINT: Outreach and Engagement stats for April, 29 housed, 18 were homeless other 11 were at risk of being homeless. Catholic charities also supported individuals with motel stay. 436 DUPLICATED INDIVIDUALS came through office. 8 outreach efforts in April, Los Banos, Merced and Delhi. New Direction in final process of obtaining a storage unit. Sarg will send an email when that is final. Have been working with Worknet and opportunity to hire 9 individuals, hoping to hire by 5/15. These individuals will be trained for case management, peer navigators and outreach workers. One criteria is person has had to be affected by the opioid crisis, it is a term of the grant. In another 8 months 8 more people can be hired. Working on a clothes closet for clients. Luke asked with amount of clients being seen and new employees will they be using HMIS? Sarg states yes.

CHAIR COMMENTS: Leslie, presentation given to City Council, wants to provide measurable outcomes. Regional plan, will be required as a CoC and a community for homelessness. In June a convening will be held to include all organizations working for homeless. Several organizations working towards this but not together. Never make the level of impact if we do not collectively work together. Attention is being paid to what we are and are not doing, there are a lot of resources and money that can come in to benefit our program. After 5 months, really looking for the CoC to do something extra ordinary and different. Need all of the areas to come together and think about what is best to the community moving forward. Luke commented, possibly hosting a breakfast for work to be shared. Leslie, lack of trust amongst the partners and providers and whatever it takes for the group to overcome and obstacles to collectively work in our favor. Interest is furthering the work and making an impact that we can with the amount of people that attend these meetings. Any comments?

Fiscal Report: Written copy provided to board

Grant report:

Leslie asked regarding BHRS project Hope Westside what is average length of stay? Dr. Jones, once HUD audit was completed received a new vision of program. Although they have been there long term, end goal is to work towards independence.

Leslie asked is there other questions on reports?

HMIS grantee report, HIC was submitted yesterday and PIC reported to HUD.

Housing Authority: No representation no report was sent to CA

SSG: Written report sent to board prior to meeting. Provided assistance to a client for permanent supportive housing. Leslie asked if length of stay is similar to BHRS and he stated yes they have 2 that are almost ready to graduate and others that cannot function and/or have passed away. Leslie asked of people housed what number does that reflect? 18 month program. Leslie stated that the board saw the newsletter and concern for the funding. Leslie what happens with the program? And are there other rapid rehousing providers? Kristin can create a list of individuals who may be at risk of losing their rent. Next PDC meeting, third Thursday of every month at CAA that has been a forum for discussion. Scott stated, H S A is working to create a comprehensive list on housing that is available. Inventory for working together and permanent solution for individuals to move forward for coordinated efforts. Need to identify different types of funding for different individuals for service delivery options. Request board support for identifying these areas and participating in PDC. Housing forum for services available, what can be provided by those entities. Who can help with what. Gloria asked other bills that need to be paid, utilities etc for options for clients.

CES Committee: RaShanna, HUD changes for CES working with CAA to streamline. Access points in community have postings for entry and information for communities to be applied, marketing strategy for working together.

Sustainability: No report Youth Committee: Next meeting June 10. Will start planning youth connect and youth count.

Sarg: Outreach day for New Directions is tomorrow to engage with individuals.

Tim Adam announced last month at Outreach event free shots for homeless individual's animals were given. Next outreach event is May 17, to qualify individual must be homeless.

Adjourn 11:55am

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: JUNE 5, 2019

TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM

LOCATION: MERCED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

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Consent Agenda Items (5min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

29. Approval of Agenda

30. Approval of Minutes from meeting 04/3/19 and 5/1/19

Chair Comments (15min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

Action Items (25min)

1. HMIS Presentation

RaShanna Johnson & Luke Brown

- CoC Board to consider vote on open system

2. Vote to appoint Tim Adam as 2020 coordinator of Point in Time Count

CoC Board

New Business (25min)

10. CA Informational Report Out (15min)

CA

- HEAP
- ESG
- Consolidated Application
- July Meeting
- CA Staffing

- Technical Assistance Update

11. Turning Point Report on Outreach and Engagement Center (5min)

Turning Point

12. Fiscal Agent Report (5min-written report provided to board)

Candace Adam Medefind

Grantee Reports (25min)

Behavioral Health-Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside

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Committee Reports (25min)

Coordinated Entry System Committee

Faith Committee (written report provided to board)

Health Committee (no new update)

Homeless Management Information Systems(HMIS) Committee

Planning and Development Committee (written report provided to board)

- Event Committee (volunteer to chair sub-committee)

Sustainability Committee (summary provided to board)

Youth Committee (No report, next meeting 6/10/19 2-3:30PM @CUBE)

31. Other Business-Time Permitting

32. Adjournment

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MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:07am

Board Members in attendance: Lloyd Pareira, Steve Hammond, Skip Hinman, Steve Tiejien, Dena Medeiros, Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Candice Adam Medefind, Steve Russoss, Matt Serratto

Public Comment:

Gloria Sandoval mentioned HUD proposal to remove undocumented tenants from public housing is currently in a 60-day comment period and requested CoC body to take a stand against it. Congress passed bill American dream act and she is against the bill. Steve inquired if that required a vote, Leslie stated that it is out for comment and the board will decide to offer support. July 9th is last day to respond.

Candice requested Gloria to email information to CA, CA to forward to everyone and Steve R asked if Gloria can include language in regards to the issue. Leslie stated that there are a lot of organizations putting out templates and requested Gloria to send to the CA.

Rosa from Housing Authority stated that there is a proposed regulation, currently HA houses 198 families that will be affected by the proposed change. Anyone who is a mixed family is not eligible but subsidy will still be paid for those who have citizenship status which includes 446 children. They can remove non eligible person(s), move the family or give up the voucher. It is in open comment and housing authority is making comment as well as other organizations for immigrants.

Candice motioned to use HA basic language from comment and add on CoC comment or use HA language as a base for comment. Dena Seconds, Lloyd asked if this must be on agenda. Leslie asked to get more info and possibly do an electronic vote at a later date prior to July 10th meeting.

Lloyd stated every organization can make a comment as well. Leslie said next board meeting is after close of comment period but can make a decision to support through other organizations. Leslie asked Rosa if rule passes, when will it take effect? Rosa stated usually within 30 days of final decision.

Candice requested to consider adding items that are not on agenda if they impact homelessness. Monica requested it to be sent to everyone and Gloria stated the urgency to make a comment. Leslie stated that everyone can send comments on their own behalf, the more the better and per Candice add to allow further discussion.

Consent Items:

Approve agenda and minutes from May and April meetings. Lloyd moved to approve Steve Tietjen seconds.

Chair Comments:

Leslie has participated in several trainings on rapid rehousing to better understand terminology, 2 webinars attended and received a good overview. CoC will have a presentation about framework principles and she has been working with a small group to try to put thought to what is coming in governor's budget that will come sometime soon and where we will be heading for the next couple of years and determining the quickest way to respond to what we are trying to do and the new regional plan.

To include following efforts already happening and how to expand housing and shelter opportunities. John Ceccoli will be presenting on how to prevent and services needed for homelessness. Not looking for action but a few ideas.

Steve Russoss asked how we are engaging the homeless sub populations within the larger homeless community. John stated that they are included but that this is mainly targeted at the unsheltered homeless not necessarily families and youth. Steve R agreed but

also would like to understand which groups are targeted but that sub groups are also important in ridding homelessness. John stated that they are considering that but that they have focused mainly on Capital improvements.

Candice requested motion to endorse the regional plan concept while also staying open to the fact that it may change. Lloyd states that he does not want everyone to believe that this is the county's plan, this is a plan the county put together for the CoC this is a CoC plan. Lloyd states that Adam Gray is working on the budget with the governor and he secured 5 million for Merced County and they are working on this plan to ask the governor for additional funding to put this plan in motion for a navigation center. Asking that the CoC would endorse this plan as framework.

Luke asks if some of the funds from Adam Gray can be used to rehab housing that will be self-sustaining and is concerned on how we keep the new navigation center maintained after opening. Can some of the 5 million be used for housing instead of another navigation center since we already have one. John states that the 5 million was designated specifically for navigation center emergency shelter. That the other funding in HEAP and CESH is for housing and they are counting on cities to help with affordable housing development through other agencies. This can be discussed further nothing is final and housing is needed but this plan is for shelter.

Sue states the lack of affordable housing in the area makes working with individuals with income and vouchers difficult as there is no housing available to place these people. The need for a place specifically for seniors and elders as that is a population with great need. Asks board to consider that. Affordable housing takes 3-7 years to build and implement. A sprung structure in the meantime will help meanwhile affordable housing is built. Asks when will navigation center break ground John states there is no solid date but within 12-15 months however CoC would need to accept prior to initiating.

Margaret asked when presented to City of Merced how does current D Street shelter fit into the proposed plan. John stated D street shelter is a different model and will work in conjunction with the navigation center. Luke stated funding will cease to exist for D Street if new navigation center is built, Lloyd that is not correct. Leslie stated that this is a frame work it is not a plan, inquiring if these needs are correct, it seems according to CAA this is not correct but for the most part it does address those needs. Leslie stated that comment doesn't help and at this time this needs to be moved forward. Margaret stated it doesn't take 12-15 years to make small houses it is faster and more efficient. Sue stated she is on board with the new Navigation center. Luke stated they currently have a 60 bed facility and this is not an investment for the community as there is nowhere to place people who are in the current shelter and this serves no purpose. The current shelter cannot operate without county funding and that funding is being taken and used to build the new navigation center. They can either work together with the new center or close down the current shelter.

Leslie stated they are not trying to roll out the end all solution but something needs to be done now and resources need to be directed in that area and not that current providers need to cease to exist. This is simply to be framework to initiate a plan. Linda stated she appreciates D Street shelter but a lot of the agencies place clients and consider them housed and they are not as it is temporary. Shelter will provide a bed and a meal and they are good but organizations still have to do case management to get them out of there so that others can move in. We need to make the wheel move and not forget about those placed at the shelter.

Monica stated she would be interested to go through D street shelter to see how many people have actually been permanently housed. Monica stated that Loughborough area will no longer take affordable housing clients. A great lack of community willingness to take clients and offer housing and to look out for one another. Also need to make sure that once these people are housed that they are still receiving case management.

John motioned this item to be added to planning and development committee agenda. Scott Pettygrove seconds Johns motion. Scott stated that this is all a part of the puzzle that is being put together and is the current challenge to line up the pieces up to work together and get to the state to get more money. Leslie agreed this is a frame work and this will be an agenda item at planning and development meeting on June 20th 9am at CAA.

Steve R stated that the strategic plan is ending and these conversations are needed. 10 years ago permanent housing was needed and that still has not happened and is still needed. We cannot have the same conversation another 10 years from now. We cannot keep pushing it off a decision needs to be made. Matt agrees this is a needed plan, that the city just authorized a 120-unit plan with 30 affordable housing units in the complex. As well as another 50-unit complex with 10 units set aside for veterans that is also coming

soon. The city is bearing the brunt of the homeless issue and complaints and is working to help with this problem and everyone needs to get on the same page and take advantage of the funding available. The city needs this and is working towards it. Candice motioned to endorse the framework for the plan and Lloyd seconds everyone agrees the motion carried.

Action Items:

HMIS presentation by Lucas Brown.

Kristin questioned what does the changes with the open system mean, who will have the original documentation? Luke stated that the data will be available in the system assuming that it is correct. Paperwork can be printed from HMIS so that files can be kept for HUD compliance. Linda mentioned that there was a client that was on probation or parole and that it would be helpful to be able to see this in HMIS for all agencies. Sue stated that not all information is shared by agencies and an open system will help them to better collaborate with each other. Luke stated that HMIS training will be offered by Renee to all HMIS users. Gloria asked if the information is kept forever Luke answered yes it is. The system will keep track of client's years from now so you can access that history. Linda stated that outreach workers currently have binders and that makes gathering the required information difficult. Is there any way each organization could be financed for a tablet to be able to enter into HMIS system with CoC funding? Leslie stated that is a great idea and that the HMIS committee needs to reach out to offer support for training for all programs. HMIS to create a recurring meeting of what is being discussed and Leslie was in favor of an open HMIS system Steve H motioned to approve Candice motioned to amend to include case notes Luke explained that providers can opt to not share but clients do sign consents to share info and everyone usually signs. Tammy recommended if the board chooses to go Open the CA may contact everyone and ask if they are ok with an open system and then in July COC board can vote to grant HMIS to be open through the vendor. Board agreed to vote to open in July after CA has vet out vendors and their concerns if any. Lloyd stated if someone is currently receiving money from COC that they be required to be open or will not continue to get funding from COC. There should also be a process for exemption if there is a concern and should work with HMIS admin regarding their concerns. Board will approve and HMIS will reach out to providers to get a go live date sometime in August and board has given the approval to move forward with that process and come up with a plan. All in favor no opposed will revisit in July.

Board Vote: Tim Adam to be appointed as PIT coordinator Steve motion Lloyd second so approved no opposed

New Business:

CA Report out: HEAP all contracts were sent to vendors and received back signed. CA -will be working to release funds.

ESG: Held a workshop and sent out applications. Only SSG applied for non-competitive and competitive grants we will hear back in a few months.

Working on consolidated app as soon as nova releases will be ready to apply.

Reminder that July meeting was moved to the 10th.

CESH grant was awarded budgeted amount CA has still not received the state contract, should have it within 30 days. CA will release the RFP once they have the contract with measurable(s) as required per the state. Hopefully sometime in July.

TA: The CA is working with provider's, work plans are being created and will be working on creating committees. CoC board was requested to do training for overall and then a vendor training.

The CA would like to plan that training session for the July meeting for about 30-45 minutes or the CA can schedule another time utilizing a poll. We need this decision to give them a few different options of dates available. Leslie asked the CA to send a poll to the board and then send invite to other members and include the July 10th date as a possibility. Candice asked to clarify that board members and general membership would be invited to meeting and possibly an alternate time and getting the level setting for members prior to the July 10th date so that they can do level setting with the board first and Leslie asked if it would be in person or webinar. Tammy answered they can do either will send poll out to board.

Michelle stated that there will be additional staffing added to CA Team.

Turning Point Report Out: No representative available but they sent out preliminary report per John. They will send that to CA to be distributed.

Fiscal Agent Report Out: PIT homeless summit no changes; \$600, \$900 PIT, \$2000 homeless summit,

Grantee Reports:

BHRS: currently operating at capacity and utilizing all funding.

HMIS: AHAR Report due in December extended to end of June new submission by HUD and system performance report sent in May 30 will forward to CA for distribution prior to July meeting.

Housing Authority: No changes. 8 vouchers, 6 used, 1 searching for unit and 1 working through referral.

SSG: on May 14th contacted HCD as they have still not received signed contracts for new funding. Current funding ends July 30th, they should have new funding mid-July and hopefully will not have a gap in funding but funding was reduced overall for Rapid Rehousing. Tammy requests that Kristin sends dates so that the CA can reach out to the state analyst on their behalf.

TPCP: will be having availability for 1 unit in 30 days will be coordinating with CES.

Committee Reports:

CES: Leslie attended a meeting in May and is aware of complexities and will be working with HA to streamline the voucher process. 12 women working on moving people into housings

Faith Committee: Created a Facebook page to place any needs so that they can be shared with community.

Health Committee: No update

Planning and Development Committee: will be having another meeting June 20th at 9 am at CAA.

Chair for subcommittee: Sue volunteers John volunteers to help plan the homeless summit.

Sustainability: A group visited Merced and main concern is the current housing market and that it is rapidly increasing and affordability problems will continue to increase as housing will become less available.

Youth: No update

Candice stated that Healthy house has been organizing a committee for Adult abuse with several agencies and would like to start the UPHILL committee as an additional committee to COC which will be added to the grantee reports as a heap recipient. They plan to meet the 4th Wednesday of the month. Candice will send the CA the information to distribute.

Steve H shared info on LB Homeless connect. They served 50 individuals and provided multiple services. It was a great success.

Candice stated that on Wednesday June 12th Healthy House will be sponsoring a financial exploitation training session at the community college downtown business center. They will be partnering in groups to brainstorm case studies and collaborative work. Lunch will be provided, please rsvp to healthy house.

Skip stated that rents continue to rise in the city and AB1481 & 1482 are being addressed. 1481 ended up being differed while 1482 was passed and will make it to senate. 1482 is in regards to rent control. Currently it suggests a 7% cap with 2.5% rate of inflation cap limited to a few years.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: JULY 10,2019

TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM

LOCATION: MERCED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

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Consent Agenda Items (5min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

33. Approval of Agenda

34. Approval of Minutes from meeting 06/05/19

Chair Comments (10min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

Action Items (10min)

3. CoC Board to vote on open HMIS System

CoC Board

4. Homeless Connect Date Approval

Tim Adam/CoC Board

New Business (25min)

13. CA Informational Report Out (15min)

CA

- HEAP
- ESG
- CESH
- Consolidated Application

- Technical Assistance Update

14. Turning Point Report on Outreach and Engagement Center (5min)

Turning Point

15. Fiscal Agent Report (written report to board/no changes since last meeting)

Candace Adam Medefind

Grantee Reports (25min)

Behavioral Health-Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside (written report provided to board)

Community Action Agency-HMIS (written report provided to board)

Housing Authority-Shelter Plus Care (written report provided to board)

Sierra Saving Grace-Homeless Project (written report provided to board)

Turning Point-Merced Renewal 2017 & Bonus Renewal

Committee Reports (25min)

Coordinated Entry System Committee

Faith Committee (written report provided to board)

Health Committee

Homeless Management Information Systems(HMIS) Committee (written report provided to board)

Planning and Development Committee (written report provided to board)

- Event Committee (volunteer to chair sub-committee)

Sustainability Committee

Youth Committee

35. Other Business-Time Permitting

36. Adjournment

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MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:10am

Board Members in attendance: Leslie Abasta Cummings, Tim Adam, Norma Cardona, Jennifer Mockus, Steve Russos, Steve Hammond, Lloyd Pareira, Gary Brizzee

Public Comment:

Derrick Oliveria Merced County Veterans Service Office shared that they will be putting on the employment committee resource fair at castle commerce center Oct 4th from 9:00am -2 pm, several vendors will be there. Sue Emaniovang from Healthy House shared that they will be hosting a kids backpack giveaway drive will be happening this year anyone who would like to contribute. Goal to do 1000 backpacks have raised 600 so far.

Consent Items:

Agenda and minutes from June meeting approved Steve R motioned Lloyd second all in favor, motion carries.

Chair comments:

Leslie stated that a lot of folks have been working off line to offer input and feedback over the last month since the last meeting. Regional plan as a framework moving forward waiting on Governor's budget. Trailer bill was released with info on how it will flow into communities. One source will flow through CoC. The Central valley will do its best to get fair share of the 190 million allocated to CoC's. 175 million was allocated to counties. The application process will open early part 2020. This will be a collaborative regional approach to apply for and coordinate funding. Between now and then will work to have a good application together. Not wait until December but start having conversations now to discuss specific funding sources already in place. We will be sending a broad information request to broadly describe what is already in community to lay framework of why we need more. CA will work to frame that info request. We have been talking about a summit and planning it. We are asking service providers to attend a work shop to develop what a plan will look like in later part of August. An opportunity to bring service providers and city and county elected officials together to meet and discuss. Any concerns? None. Tim Adam stated that the Homeless Connect and the Summit will be combined and held on October 11th, 2019 at the Christian Life Center.

Action Items:

Board to vote to open HMIS system. Luke stated that they have held an HMIS meeting, they did a public presentation at last CoC meeting and worked with service providers on ROI to have along with the HMIS ROI to be ready to launch an open system in August. There are still small details to work out.

Tammy stated that as the CA has been working with Technical Assistance provider it has been discussed on the calls that we are in the process of converting to an open system and they have suggested that an open system is best practice and that this will allow true data to be utilized in applying for grants and that they will help to prepare us to go live with an open system in August.

Steve Hammond asked if we need to add anything about ROI's prior to voting. Luke stated that this will be done by the service provider and they can provide updates as the administrators moving forward.

Jennifer at a health plan meeting discussing how to gather data. It was stated that San Mateo medical system has a linkage with HMIS that is working amazingly well. She agreed that it is a best standard. Leslie asked if there is a direct interface with health care providers and the HMIS system. Jennifer confirmed that is correct.

Steve Russos stated that a prior conversation was had around the work load that it would take to make it happen and how does that affect service providers. Luke stated that it is more work for HMIS administrator to provider training and tools. He stated that there

are funds and grants to apply for to bolster the work and assist providers with possibly tablets to utilize while out in the community for the outreach teams.

Leslie stated from concept of opening the system the board has been in agreement since the beginning. Leslie stated that she would like to know a baseline by Aug. 1 of how to measure improvement over time. How can the board manage and oversee that there isn't still missing or incorrect data. Luke stated that they are launching a report card system to track progress, where improvements can happen and what info is being tracked. Overtime we can see improvement and track different agencies progress in capturing data. Leslie asked if we roll out the open system in August would it be fair to say that by sept we could see raw progress? Luke answered yes we would have very raw data.

Steve in his experience of watching data collection when opening the system there will be more mistakes and more time and people will be shocked because the thought was that simply opening would solve all the issues. Steve stated that the more important thing to look at is what are the things we will be looking at to manage progress.

Tammy stated that some of the difference will be in case management. The change will be visible as to what will be entered to show how much more info is now available. These are benefits as they will help it may not grow data immediately but will improve case management and demographics.

Leslie agreed it would not be immediate perfect data but something immediately to provide baseline and see how it is going and to help identify info needed. Tammy agreed and stated they can run a report end of July to get a base line and then again at the end of August to see what the progress is. Leslie asked if there is a policy or procedure on moving from a closed to open system that spells out the expectations. Luke stated that data entered will be the same just what will be visible will change. Leslie asked if the board need to adopt policy on an open HMIS. Luke stated that HMIS will be providing policy moving forward regarding service transaction policies and those will come through the board to adopt. Luke stated that those will come after working with Technical Assistance. Leslie stated that as a collective board HMIS is a requirement and now an open system vs closed but want to have a level of expectation that it is an open system and that is now a policy. As a board we are comfortable opening the system but having a policy of what is expected in place.

Scott stated that for current funding it is a requirement that they participate in HMIS and CES. Tammy stated that there is not a written policy per se there is a bit reference in the Governance Charter but the CA can work with Luke to create one. Leslie asked if the board feels comfortable moving forward with a vote to open the HMIS system. Lloyd motions to approve, Steve H seconds, no opposition, motion carries. HMIS system will be open and implemented August 1.

Homeless Connect Tim stated that they are looking for community involvement looking to get funding for backpacks that they usually purchase from LA. They have been working to try to get funds but they are now trying to get community members and general membership to pitch in for backpacks and put them together ourselves and find a way to get them out to the community. Tim is working on compiling a list of items and what is needed. The CA can send out to get support and donations. Seeking approval to move forward with connect on same day as summit on October 11 to make it easier than trying to plan 2 separate events. Leslie asked if there were any concerns with combining the Homeless Connect and the Homeless Summit on October 11 seeing none asked for motion to approve. Steve R motions to approve, Steve H seconds, no opposition, motion carries

New Business:

Michelle introduced new staff member Karen Barbee as Program Manager for Collaborative Applicant. The CA will be setting up meet and greets with service providers and she will be working on the consolidated application.

Tammy stated that the CA will be doing the first check in on HEAP grantees, all contracts were sent out and will report back in August on status. Early funds have been distributed to three of the grantees the other has chosen to draw down funds and not have an advancement. Grantees were given 30 days to launch their program and 60 days to start offering services. More information will be forthcoming. The ESG grant for 2019 was submitted and was highly competitive this year. Counties were broken into regions and all counties applied for funding this go around what with HEAP and CESH I & II coming and match requirements that can utilize that source of funding it was highly competitive. Sierra Saving Grace is waiting for ESG contract for the \$ 147,000. They will stop providing services at end of July until they get the signed contract. Tammy has worked with Kristin to develop a plan to help others. SSG notified

the CA and have been working together to notify the CoC board of these issues. As soon as the contract arrives they will start assisting clients again. For CESH we are still waiting on a contract. Once received the RFP will be released. Weekly updates are being released as they are behind but will be getting it out soon. Still awaiting contract for both.

Leslie asked Scott if is this happening in other counties. Scott answered yes, they are overwhelmed with all funding. Tammy stated according to her last conversation we should have something by the end of July and ESG in August and they would immediately work on CESH 2 after that. Scott stated it was a thought to separate CESH 1 and 2 to allow board to separately distribute in a staged process. Tammy stated that we will keep board updated. HUD consolidated is being worked on with current grantees and the CA is working on putting together the new application. Any bonus grants will be brought to the board.

Technical Assistance update: Monday is the first meeting and will be for board members hoping all can attend. others welcome but mainly to board. 16th interviews with service providers and any community members are also welcome. Technical Assistance is wanting to get an overview of where we stand currently and will meet with the CA to provide overview. On the 17th CES and HMIS meetings from 9am to 12pm. The CA will provide lunch and then there will be a strategic plan update that afternoon and at exit they will debrief the CA and provide written feedback at a later date. The CA will attend all 3 days of Technical Assistance.

Turning Point:

A report out was provided to the board on the outreach and engagement center. Lloyd commented that in talking with staff at the New Direction center the foot traffic is very overwhelming. People coming in are not homeless. They are at risk or are people looking for free money. Just wanted to make everyone aware to differentiate how to handle that. John would like to point out that report is on CoC website and has lots of information. Scott is there any sense that everyone is going to new direction instead of other community agencies that would be able to provide help. Jennifer Jones has not noticed that for BHRS. John stated that other service providers sit in there to refer to other agencies.

Leslie stated that to Lloyd's point it's worth the dialogue to better understand how we are identifying those truly homeless per HUD's definitions or the definitions that we are currently following and those that are currently living in poverty. In our CoC realm we cannot address both. We can acknowledge and understand but we need to review the report and discuss next month. Leslie stated that she had a conversation with someone regarding the verification of homeless and HUD recommends ways that we do that. It makes sense for us to use that to differentiate between those that are truly homeless and in need and those that have other issues. In the community we may not be verifying that individuals are truly homeless. and utilizing resources and how to direct them to other providers. New Direction was set up to help homeless and those at risk.

Jennifer Mockus stated that it is best practice to prevent homelessness and capturing why people are coming in and where to direct them. Scott stated that is much like the no wrong door concept. As a community collaborative effort the reality is clients don't know where to go and we should be guiding them to the right place, quickly assess and refer them accordingly. Leslie stated that is the coordination that we are working towards and how do we direct people in the right manner. This is something to think about and helping the right people with the right funding. Tammy stated that in the application for CESH 2 you must help actual homeless prior to helping anyone at risk of by HUD definition. This will apply to CESH 1 and 2. Luke stated that the CES process is to have points of access and divert them to the correct programs and agencies. Tammy stated that we are asking TA for help to build diversion into our programs. Leslie doesn't mean just because one pot of funding doesn't apply as a community we need to find other funding that will fit.

Fiscal Agent Report Out: same as last time

Grantee Reports:

All grantees provided reports in writing in advance were there any questions or comments? Steve R asked about the situation with Sierra Saving Grace. Kristin stated that they are running out of funds and will close on July 30th. Permanent Supportive Housing will still run but they will not have open doors to clients. Also as of July 30th there will be no dollars for outreach therefore outreach will also end. Deborah stated that since Jan 2017 over 761 individuals came in to be assessed 594 still waiting to be assisted and those will no longer be able to be helped. Rapid Rehousing dollars will hurt since next round is only \$147,000 compared to the prior grant. Sierra Saving Grace will not be able to assist if not funded further with other funding sources. The \$147,000 will be for deposit

assistance for those who can self-sustain. Jennifer asked Kristin to talk about what they are doing for prep for those who can no longer be assisted after July 30. Kristin stated that they have been working on plan since January and have been notifying that they cannot take on new clients. Only Rapid Rehousing and those who can sustain themselves will continue. Tammy stated that based on the report provided at the end of July they have 1 family and 1 adult that will be at risk without funding all others have identified other funding sources. SSG has also applied for vouchers for clients but are still waiting on approval and that has not happened. Deborah stated that for last 3 months they have functioned on a small budget that still allowed them to help 21 individuals that are self-sustaining but leaves many who still require on going case management. They have been notifying clients that they can no longer case manage. Sue requested that they refer them to Healthy House to assist them with a plan of action. Leslie thanked Sierra Saving Grace and stated that the CoC only has HEAP and CESH funds to distribute at this time and thank you for making the board aware of what is happening.

Steve R stated that it seems that since the beginning SSG has been experiencing these things and we have not practiced the things that we are talking about so that these things don't keep happening. Jennifer Jones asked TA to help provide procedures to help create a picture on how to administer funds and plan to help clients. Tammy stated that years ago they grew a small program into a large program with no guarantee of ongoing funding. Lloyd reached out to Adam Gray's office to see if he can engage to assist us in expediting funding. Scott stated that on the SSI issue one of the main issues is long term sustainability. A group is meeting to discuss SSI advocacy and how SSI and housing vouchers are needed to assist clients. Scott seconds that the problem is that there are specific pots of money to assist but it is very categorical. This will be the challenge when distributing future funds. Ideally CES should have a pot of money to assist in cases that don't fit specific pots of money. Leslie stated that as a board having discussion for solutions that don't bring us back to the same issue over and over need to be had. We need to hear from providers and apply solutions from TA to leverage dollars to be able to do that.

Committee Reports

CES: TA next week and as previously discussed there will be changes that will be happening. Those will be brought to the board afterwards.

HMIS: None already discussed meeting with TA

Faith Committee: Leslie commented that City of Merced is looking at a diversion program. Luke stated that Merced has an encampment issue and the shelter will keep 10 beds reserved for encampments and working with different law enforcement agencies. Leslie also stated that she is currently working with Monika to coordinate efforts in faith community to assist. Law enforcement stated it doesn't help to provide food/items to homeless that is later causing other issues. Law enforcement is asking if there is a group of faith based people that can help with this.

Planning and Development: Luke stated that the Regional Plan was discussed and John could speak to that. John stated that Leslie spoke to it at the last CoC meeting and what will be required. What funds are currently in place? It has been presented to several entities while keeping in mind jurisdictional needs. Leslie stated that between now and October that with the Homeless Summit/Homeless Connect coming, that we continue to work with groups that by October 11 rolls around we will be ready to have the regional community discussion. John stated that all the plans will be a component of TA. Scott stated that the indication from TA is to not have 10 different plans but to have an overall plan, that the 10-year plan may be the core plan but incorporate them all together. Luke stated that he has been pushing to create a homeless verification standard form that will be in CES process. The form is based off of HUD guidelines and will be looking to get TA input. Sue asked when it will be done? Luke answered that it requires for it to be verified. Luke has a goal to get that in place by the time the Homeless Summit/ Connect rolls around. Leslie stated that it is challenging and asked if there is a policy that the board can adopt to identify and verify homelessness and to incorporate it CoC wide. Luke will send info to the CA to share with board. He will also include the homeless verification document. Steve to make a note to look at if there is homeless youth option as well. Jennifer Jones stated that a different form would be required. Tammy stated that the 18-24 documents exist through HUD and 18 and under there is nothing as that should go through CWS.

Sustainability: Steve R stated that it has been almost a year since the committee was established to figure out where to go with the CA and if the CoC would become a nonprofit. Still 2 years remaining on the county's decision to assist with CA. Steve has a conversation with Scott and Leslie on how we went from a pickup to an 18 wheeler within a short span of time. The management of

the program, quadrupling funds and expanding programs has all increased greatly. Steve R stated they left the conversation with the agreement to prepare a document to outline where we were and where we are now with funding and programs. From that the hope is to have a formal CoC membership meeting to discuss where we should go. Would like to schedule a date around September/October to have a conversation to go over all of the information. A document will be ready for review and distribution at next meeting. We will need to hold a general membership meeting to comply with the governance charter in August or September.

Youth Committee: Norma stated that the youth committee met in June to gather data on youth homelessness, advocate for early intervention and create a response team for rapid rehousing. Youth action board participation is down so she will be working to recruit more youth and continue to provide incentives. Norma recommends the CoC board to continue work to end youth homelessness.

Other Business: Lloyd heard back from Adam Gray's staff and he is tied up but Megan has offered to do a call Thursday or can meet on Tuesday. A call will be better and Lloyd will facilitate the call. The CA can assist in connecting participants. Lloyd stated he wanted to give an update on the navigation center framework and that plan will come to the Merced County Board of Supervisors on July 30 to issue an RFP for the design and build. They will try to find a developer to assist with process. John stated they will bring back a formal vote on the plan at a later date. Lloyd also stated that there seems to be some siloing among current service providers. A suggestion at the next general membership meeting to plan on how to overcome the siloing. Lloyd stated that it is 2 times better than it was a year ago but progress can still be made. Lloyd asked if there is a value to creating an id card for clients being provided services that would be universal to all agencies. Luke stated that this is a component of HMIS that can be utilized. Lloyd asked if HMIS would do that? Luke stated that it would be a discussion as to how that would be done in our community. Lloyd stated that Modesto has done a tent city, asked if anyone has seen it? It seems to be working and there would be concern with the cleanliness but what does coc think of this as being an interim solution between the navigation center coming. The environmental health supervisor for Merced gave an update that the California State Water Board had a webinar on access for homeless to sanitation services. They provided information on how nonprofits applied for funding for affordable showers and bathrooms that are being done in Oakland. She will share that information with the CA to distribute to the CoC. Jennifer Mockus stated that will be a factor in the decision on a possible tent city. Scott stated that the original intent was to dismantle the tent city by August and that they contracted with salvation army to expand and transition them out in Modesto.

meeting adjourned 11:45am

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37. Approval of Agenda

38. Approval of Minutes from meeting 07/10/19

Chair Comments (10min)

Leslie Abasta Cummings

Action Items (10min)

None at this time

New Business (25min)

16. CA Informational Report Out (15min)

CA

- HEAP
- ESG
- CESH
- Consolidated Application
- Technical Assistance Update

17. Turning Point Report on Outreach and Engagement Center (5min)

Turning Point

18. Fiscal Agent Report (no changes since last meeting)

Candace Adam Medefind

Grantee Reports (25min)

Behavioral Health-Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside

Community Action Agency-HMIS

Housing Authority-Shelter Plus Care

Sierra Saving Grace-Homeless Project (written report provided to board)

Turning Point-Merced Renewal 2017 & Bonus Renewal

Committee Reports (25min)

Coordinated Entry System Committee

Faith Committee (written report provided to board)

Health Committee

Homeless Management Information Systems(HMIS) Committee

Planning and Development Committee

- Event Committee (volunteer to chair sub-committee)

Sustainability Committee

Youth Committee

39. Other Business-Time Permitting

40. Adjournment

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MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:08am

Board Members in attendance: Leslie Abasta- Cummings, Tim Adam, Steve Tietjien, Candice Adam Medefind, Jennifer Mockus, Steve Hammond, Gary Brizzee, Skip Hinman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Derrick Olvera from the Veterans Services Office provided an update on the resource fair coming up on October 4th from 9am to 4pm at Castle Commerce Center. Drafts of application and sponsorship letter will be going out soon.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Agenda and Minutes from July Meeting Steve H motion to approve Skip second motion carries no objections.

CHAIR COMMENTS:

Leslie stated that the group is continuing work with counties, cities, government officials and elected officials to understand what the CoC is doing and how we can leverage all resources in this area. Last month we made a general ask to get information on resources in the community outside of ESG, and other State and Federal government programs. The CA will be putting together a survey to gather info to understand and help map what is out there to be able to better serve and understand the gaps. Leslie threw it out last time but it will be better for us to structure to make it easier to get feedback. Leslie mentioned that the Sept CoC meeting will be moved to the 2nd week of September due to the holiday and it will be a general member board meeting. The CA will send out an email regarding this information.

ACTIONS ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CA REPORT OUT

HEAP has been awarded and vendors are currently in their 60-day startup period. We will have report outs from them by our September board meeting.

The contracts for ESG will be released to Sierra Saving Grace by mid-august

We have the signed contract from the state for CESH. An email will go out for the mandatory RFP workshop and the RFP will be released. The workshop will be held on Monday August 19th, 2019 and applicants will have 30 days to complete and submit their applications to the CA.

For the Consolidated Application the CA held a workshop to discuss renewals and bonus dollars. Turning Point has notified the CA that they would not renew their application for the upcoming year. Another workshop was held to discuss reallocating the funds and how to apply. Applications are due August 16th at Noon. The applications will be scored and ranked. The ranking matrix will be emailed to the board for final approval by August 22nd and require a turn around by August 23rd. Applications are due in e-snaps August 30th and the CA has another 30 days to consolidate the application thereafter.

TA was rescheduled to Aug 21& 22 and an email will be sent out with the agenda for that.

TURNING POINT OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT:

A total of 671 walk ins for July 177 of those were new intakes. 51 Walk-ins on July 16th. Many people who are just looking for assistance in searching for new housing. Total housed was 24. 1 at risk of homelessness and 23 homeless. BHRS, Healthy House and Catholic Charities have been filling in gaps where needed and working together with others to help individuals. Recently worked with Linda at Healthy House to help an individual from Kansas. He left section 8 housing and wanted a fresh start and he needed help here as he ended up homeless. They helped and convinced him to return home and got him a bus ticket back to Kansas. Everything is going well with HEAP funding they have put out new positions and within next 3 weeks should have staffing.

FISCAL AGENT REPORT OUT:

No changes. Available balance \$2,621.78 for all 3 grants Homeless Connect, Point in Time and Homeless Summit.

GRANTEE REPORTS:

BHRS: Report provided to board in writing.

HMIS: Renee stated that in the last month they trained HSA Homesafe staff and new direction staff on HMIS. In August they will be initiating more training on referrals and are moving ahead on the open share system. Behind the scenes have a few things to work out to move forward. People had concerns on case notes being accessible/editable so they closed the edit function. Once they are in the system they cannot be changed. Looking at people at the shelter in the last 6 months 70 people are new. 15 are from out of state and the other 55 are from outside of Merced County. Steve H asked if there is a reason why people are coming from outside of Merced County? Renee answered because we are doing good things. Scott asked to clarify that the new people in the shelter are from outside of Merced County? She answered yes of that 70 they are all from outside Merced County. There are Merced residents in the shelter. The total number of people in the shelter is greater than the 70 new people. Scott then asked if they are asked where they are from and what brought them here. Renee answered that most state that they have exhausted their time with relatives and others that they are on parole. Tammy asked if they can break that down, send to the CA and the CA can distribute. Jennifer stated that Dignity received a planning grant for infrastructure through Alliance and they are looking to develop a community resource referral infrastructure has anyone from Dignity Health contacted Renee or Luke about that. Renee stated that she was unaware. Leslie stated that she does not believe that it will meet the HUD requirements for the HMIS piece. Tammy answered that Luke has been in contact with Dignity Health and will be working with them and the CA has requested to also be included in the upcoming meeting. We are coordinating with Dignity Health and Luke to schedule that meeting.

Linda stated that she works with homeward bound and suggested that Renee speak with the probation to help them transfer back to their home. Linda offered to come and speak with them. Tim stated that if they notify their probation/parole officer that they are homeless probation and parole will pay for them to get into a grant bed with their agency or other agencies. Linda asked if CoC has funds and Leslie answered that the CoC oversees funds such as HEAP and CESH but we do not have a fund just to give out dollars. This is also a discussion that is part of the overall regional plan. Sargeeze stated that part of their agreement they will have a component of that to help them get back to their home. Sargeeze also stated that they have done a presentation to assist individuals who are paroling to get them a place prior to their release in order to avoid homelessness. Renee stated that the AHAR has been accepted nationally. Ours was submitted and we should be getting a report soon.

Gary asked of the 70 how long was the period of time being referenced? Renee answered over 6-month period.

HOUSING AUTHORITY: Shelter plus case 6 housed 1 searching for housing and 1 referral pending for a total of 8.

SIERRA SAVING GRACE: Written report to the board. They have still not gotten their contract from HCD for ESG. Their board voted to pay for housing for a few weeks but they do not have funds to house. They will continue to case manage. Leslie stated that we are working to get the contracts and sorry they are in this position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CES: John provided written report to board. Encouraging participation from general membership. John offered to hold an electronic meeting to award vouchers if any service providers had anyone to present. Scott stated the stand still with people in the shelter. John stated that CES is working to move people along to others to provide supportive services to assist them in processing through the shelter so that they can get people housed. Individuals at the shelter need to be prioritized to move the process along. John asked CAA to assess and provide feedback on the housing stats those in the shelter. Possibly add as a report out.

FAITH COMMITTEE: provided written report to the board. Monika provided an update on the birthday party they hosted at the D street shelter and are looking for groups to participate and help fund. Sue stated that it was her first time at the shelter. They had good interaction and it hit home when interacting one on one with the individuals.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Jennifer nothing to report.

HMIS: Can be combined with Grantee report

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: John was not able to attend but has some feedback. There was a phone call with CES from Detroit to get feedback on policies and procedures and how to make changes to make sure that we are HUD compliant. One challenge with CES is that we need to have an idea of what is out there and what funding is available. Michelle stated they will be providing documents that we can utilize to structure ours. Leslie stated that it was great that Luke was able to bring that TA in. Michelle stated that CAA has been instrumental in working CES with HMIS.

EVENT COMMITTEE: Homeless connect/ Summit: They will be scheduling another meeting and are still working to decide if they will be combining or keeping the events separate. Leslie is participating and encourages other board members to also attend. Margaret stated that the notification for workshops does not come up and that there are people in the community that do not know where to go. For the summit it is for stakeholders. Something is still needed for the overall community on these issues. Leslie stated this is something that she has also thought of and wants to work on to be able to provide this information in to the community on a broad level. Monika stated that they need to think about the timing that it needs to be held when community members do not need to take time off work to participate.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: Leslie tabled as Steve not present.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Norma not present to give update.

OTHER BUSINESS: Tim thanked Kristin and SSG as they used their last bit of outreach funding to help with backpacks, tablets and the birthday party at the shelter.

Gary on the Westside stated that he is the go to guy for homeless. He would like to share a success stories and is encouraging anyone that is doing anything on the Westside to share so that he can share as well so the work does not go unnoticed. Everyone is doing good work. He offered if anyone would like to attend their Law enforcement meetings they are more than welcome. They would like to help make connections in the community. Next meeting is in September in Sam pipes room at the city of Merced building.

Skip stated that he received a phone call from Linda and he was asked why Gonnella does not accept Section 8. Skip went over there and spoke with the property management supervisor and asked the same questions. She stated 30% of those properties are occupied by Sec 8 vouchers. She stated that there is nothing currently available that is accepting sec 8. The vacancy factor is impacting everyone. Affordable housing is key but is not currently available.

Candice stated that they had a law enforcement training at the college from other jurisdictions. They did a presentation on elders who suffer from self-neglect. The training was to cover how we can more effectively advocate for these people. They will be putting together another training soon and will send that information out.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55am

**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

September 11, 2019 | 9:00am-11:00am | 3376 N. HWY 59 STE D, Merced, CA 95348

Call to Order and Establish Quorum (10 minutes) **Leslie Abasta-Cummings**

Notice to Public (5 minutes) **Leslie Abasta-Cummings**

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Public Comment (5 minutes) **Leslie Abasta-Cummings**

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Consent Agenda Items (5 minutes) **Leslie Abasta-Cummings**

- a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2019 General Membership Meeting
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Chair Comments (10 minutes) **Leslie Abasta-Cummings**

Action Items (10 minutes)

- a. Vote on New CoC Membership Applications **Leslie Abasta-Cummings**
 - Samuel Rangel, Individual Member-At-Large
 - Patti Dossetti, Merced County Executive Office
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New Business (25 minutes)

- a. CA Informational Report Out (10 minutes) **Collaborative Applicant**
- b. HMIS Lead Agency Report (5 minutes) **Luke Brown**
- c. Navigation Center Report (5 minutes) **Luke Brown**
- d. New Direction (5 minutes) **Sargeez Teimoorshahi**

e. Fiscal Agent Report (5 minutes)

Candice Adam-Medefind

Grantee Reports (10 minutes)

Leslie Abasta-Cummings

Board questions/discussion regarding Monthly Grant Reports

Committee Reports (35 minutes)

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| a. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee (5) | John Ceccoli |
| b. Faith In Action Committee (5) | Monica Grasley |
| c. Health Committee (5) | Jennifer Mockus |
| d. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Committee (5) | Luke Brown |
| e. Planning and Development Committee (5) | Luke Brown |
| • Event Committee | |
| f. Sustainability Committee (5) | Steve Roussos |
| g. Youth Committee (5) | Norma Cardona |
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Other Business (Time Permitting)

Adjournment

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES; SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: Steve Hammond, Dena Medeiros, Candice Adam-Medefind, Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Tim Adam, Norma Cardona, Steve Roussos

Meeting called to order at 9:14am

No General Membership quorum at start of meeting. Continue with items not needing quorum.

Public Comment

- Dennis from UC Merced Venture Labs- goal to build a collaborative unit. Chose to use strategic plan and complete a Critical Path Analysis and Programmed Evaluation Review Technique. Shared a hand out with charts showing his analysis. Wishes to make contact in the future to discuss further and assist the CoC in furthering their work.
- Announcement- Sue. Soberfest at the Veteran's Park 10am-1pm Saturday, 09/14.

Action Items

No quorum established at start of meeting. Continued and came back to action items toward the end of meeting when enough General Membership was present to establish quorum.

Discussion about how many meetings are required/should be required before applying for membership. Leslie asked members to think about opening their arms to those who want to participate. Steve Hammond agreed and reinforced.

- Samuel Rangel, Individual Member-at-Large Membership Application. John Ceccoli motion to approve, Monika Grasley second; approved with no objections.
- Patty Dossetti, Merced County Executive Office, Organization Membership Application. Steve Roussos motion to approve, Candice Adam-Medefind second; approved with no objections.
- Both action items carried; no need for board action on either of these items.

Chair Comments

- General Membership meeting attendance looks like the membership we see every month—thank you for efforts.
- CoC Board took action to enter into contract with consulting agency, Lead Homelessness; Andrae Bailey.
- Main purpose of consulting agency is assistance as the CoC prepares a regional plan; important to look at what's working well, where we have opportunities, and how we can communicate and collaborate more effectively.
- Consultant will be in Merced September 16th to meet with key stakeholders. This visit is the first of several visits planned.
- Starting work with Consultant right away with the hope to have a complete collective plan by end of year and share at the Homeless Summit (December, 2019).
- New approach to summit; more inclusive, not just of the individuals/groups doing the day-to-day work, but of *all* community members (business, elected officials, etc.) to participate. One collective group who will share in the problem and the solution, share strengths, and be open with one another.
- Gov. budget for 2020 rolling out around end of year. Need some work on our Regional Plan to ensure entire county and all jurisdictions in County are accounted for to secure funding.
- More information to be shared as things move forward.

New Business

CA Report out:

- All Applications received for HUD grant- consolidated application- board provided with scoring information.
 - All funding is being utilized, including CoC bonus. No application received for Domestic Violence bonus.
 - Application will be submitted by end of September and publicly posted on the CoC website a few days in advance.
 - Part of application is mandate to share educational information on Fair Housing Act and the Equal Access Rule. (Informational material passed out)

- CESH I- applications due 9-20-2019.
- HEAP- have received first Grant Report outs. Written reports provided to the Board.
- ESG- SSG still not received contract. Grants Manager at HCG informed us the contracts are in the last stage of the routing process and should be mailed out within 30 days.

HMIS:

- HMIS system is open (since three weeks ago).
- Ran baseline reports when system opened. Reminder: reports will reflect case management measurements, not homeless population numbers.
- Working to establish scorecard/report card for vendors. Plan to meet with organizations to share with them what HUD wants us to collect, help them learn to use the system effectively. Will share with the Board as this moves forward.
- Ultimately, this will make us more competitive to win funding in the future.
- Shared some pieces of HMIS when TAC was on site to show some features that are not being used to give an idea of what we could be doing with the system and are not.
- (John Ceccoli) At CES, was able to pull up HMIS at the meeting and have discussions, search for names, input referrals. Positive response.
- Consensus that we will start to see better data (whole picture) of a person in the system now that HMIS is open.
- Comments from Membership; some work to be on provider's end with inputting effective information; open system helps in terms of providers not duplicating work, better data, better communication between providers, it's been good so far.

Navigation Center: (John Ceccoli reported)

- At or near capacity daily. Reserve 10 encampment beds available for direct placement from encampments through outreach.
- Continue to get referrals through New Direction regularly.
- (Sarge) Waiting list for people to get in the shelter. As of today, no shelter beds available. Encampment beds= 4 male, 1 female, total of 5- as of today.

New Direction:

- For the Month of August;
 - 9 outreach efforts
 - 517 walk ins; 155 new intakes
 - Total 16 housed; 14 homeless, 2 at-risk of homelessness
 - On 8/14, 40 individuals walked in-- highest number for the month
- Best for August- Father and son camping at Bob Hart Square- had outreached to them, father reached out to us, we were able to use Homeward Bound program to send them to be with members of their family. Son is in Texas and attending college now, Father in Washington with aunt and working. They were from Merced but no family left here. We were able to help them even though it wasn't in our county.

Fiscal Agent Report: No changes

Grantee Reports

All provided to the board in writing

Committee Reports

CES: (John)

- Had some new participants; appreciate the participation in the process
- CES overall is improving system of identifying housing and making referrals to housing based on eligibility requirements and priority on the list.
- Recommendation to board; Housing Locator/ Landlord Liaison is needed, especially as we move toward open system, more coordinated effort.
- (Dr. Jones) BHRS has hired one- will be on board in next couple of weeks

- Discussion re: Landlord Liaison resulted in request/suggestion to generate a workgroup type effort in conjunction with CES to work toward centralized effort to identify housing. CES will add to weekly meeting.
- Organizations have lists; inventory exists but requires monitoring and updating to keep moving. This is charged to the CA and newly formed “workgroup”

Leslie—was the issue with the request to increase the rate for rent resolved- Michelle can present next month on research done on this. Not as easy John—not resolved- rate increase in October anyway...

Faith in Action Committee:

- Continue to do birthday parties for homeless population at D Street shelter. Asking church groups to engage in this effort. Will provide training to groups to ensure quality time/engagement happens during the birthday parties.
- Updating brochures (in English and Spanish) to provide during outreach efforts by the Faith Community.
- Continue to seek out allies (not caretakers or case managers) to support individuals as they transition out homelessness and their known support-system of other homeless individuals/population.
- Working with health department and groups feeding homeless in the park to ensure food is safe and hopefully nutritious.
- Request for repository for meeting minutes; don’t always catch everything going on during the meeting and would be helpful to be able to go back and review.

Health Committee: Nothing to report

Planning and Development:

- Homeless Connect- would like to do survey to get information from the people who are receiving services—brief survey would be helpful in gathering information; how can we better serve this “new face of homelessness. Faith community will serve as “navigators” during event and will assist with the survey. Tim, Monica, John working together to get navigators and do survey.
- Discussed how to collaborate better as a group. HUD is mandating we move towards collaboration but there are issues; some organizations/providers are resistant/hesitant. Mostly talked about how to deal with that. Leslie responded/added that part of Homeless Summit will be to have some of those discussions.

Sustainability Committee: Steve not present- no report

Youth Committee:

- Met this week (09/09) Still working forward on 6 goals.
- Attendance numbers fluctuate. Progress is slow going because of this. Continue to work on the same goals.
- Steering the committee to be ready for HUD youth demonstration grant application.
- PIT count indicates 13 youth; will be asking CES/HMIS to help provide information to form a picture of what this really looks like.

Meeting adjourned 10:17am

**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

October 2, 2019 | 10:00am-12:00pm | 3376 N. HWY 59 STE D, Merced, CA 95348

**Call to Order
Roll Call**

Norma Cardona

Notice to Public (5 minutes)

Norma Cardona

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Public Comment (5 minutes)

Norma Cardona

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Consent Agenda Items (5 minutes)

Norma Cardona

- c. Approval of Agenda
 - d. Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2019 Board Meeting and September 11, 2019 General Membership/Board Meeting
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Chair Comments (5 minutes)

Norma Cardona for Leslie Abasta-Cummings

Action Items- None

New Business (25 minutes)

- f. CA Informational Report Out (5)
- g. HMIS Lead Agency Report (5)
- h. Navigation Center Report (5)
- i. New Direction (5)
- j. Fiscal Agent Report (5)

**Collaborative Applicant
Luke Brown
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Candice Adam-Medefind**

Grantee Reports (35 minutes)

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| a. Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside (5) | Michael Thompson/ BHRS |
| b. HMIS (5) | Luke Brown |
| c. Sierra Saving Grace (5) | Kristin Bizzack |
| d. Symple Equazions- Aim High (5) | Kelly Turner |
| e. MCRM- Westside Bridge Housing (5) | Tim Adam |

Board questions/discussion regarding Monthly Grant Reports (10)

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| f. Turning Point- New Direction II | Written report provided |
| g. Housing Authority- Shelter Plus Program | Written report provided |
| h. Healthy House- UPHILL | Written report provided |
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Committee Reports (35 minutes)

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Other Business (Time Permitting)

Adjournment

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC BOARD MEETING MINUTES; OCTOBER 2, 2019

Board Members in attendance: Steve Hammond, Lloyd Pareira, Norma Cardona, Tim Adam, Matt Serrato, Steve Tiejetan, Dena Medeiros.

Public Comment

Jesse Ornelas-Program Manager, Youth Leadership Institute: Displaced Youth Project promotion- Made a documentary about the lives of displaced youth. Requested a special screening with the CoC Board. Passed out fliers with information on the project. Norma requested CA coordinate.

Consent Agenda Items

Steve Hammond move to approve agenda and minutes, second Lloyd- Approved with no objections.

Chair comments- None

Action Items- None

New Business

CA Report out (Karen)

- Consolidated app submitted. Expect response by end of calendar year.
- CESH application scoring in process currently. Will hold closed Board session to review scoring once complete.
- HEAP Grant monitoring currently in progress. Reports will be provided to the Board once complete.
- Working on Resource Mapping Project to identify all funding resources in the community related to Homelessness. Hope to share with Board at next meeting.

HMIS Lead Agency Report- (Luke)

- Update regarding issues with open system- Wellskye (our vendor) has retro-actively opened the system. Vendor expected us to go in and manually open up any records that were not included in the timeframe we gave them. Will be done by end of week- have been working on it. Should not have any more issues after this is complete
- Example of report card provided with attachments to Board. One way to monitor participants in HMIS system to assess data quality. Will be working with agencies individually so they understand the system, data expectations, etc.

Navigation Center Report out- (Luke)

- Introduced case management navigators. - doing a great job. Helping clients get documents ready for approval and out there looking for housing so they can use their vouchers.
- Clients with vouchers who are not at the center/shelter; Have identified them and are reaching out to these people to try and help them get housing so they are not circling back through.
- Lloyd- commented on the model of the Navigation Center; has turned out to be successful- congratulations.

New Directions- (Sarge)

- 10 outreach efforts total in September.
- Dos Palos motel evicting all tenants- some have been there for 7 years. Working with several organizations to house these individuals. Originally heard there were 3-4 people, went out to the site and ended up serving many more.
- 511 total encounters/walk-ins. 22 housed (2 at risk- 20 homeless)
- w/ HEAP funding, helping a lot with application fees- have to limit it to one per client. Also checking their credit reports prior to submitting applications—helping them clear up their credit reports before applying for housing so funds are used effectively.
- Storage unit available 5X15—if clients have items to store, it is available.
- Some discussion (Norma) re: number of walk-ins each month/day at the center. Clarification re: number of walk-ins vs. number off intakes. Not all who come in are eligible for services...

- Lloyd—question re: people who hear there is “free stuff” available, come in for that stuff. If they are not actually homeless and/or need housing help but come in for the stuff, can we help them with resources such as counseling, or other.... (i.e.) people who have income but don’t spend it wisely/responsibly, is there a need for budgeting education, money management, etc.? (Sarge answered) Yes, there is a need for that. We assist with budgeting information and provide guidance in that area; there is a need for more services like this.

Fiscal Agent Report- Not Present (Candice)

Grantee Reports

Sierra Saving Grace- (Kristin)

- HCD will be here to review their records on 10/31.
- No ESG funding still. Not providing housing assistance other than Perm Supportive Housing which is 10 units.
- Only 4 staff remaining. SSG paying staff for 3 months now. Money will not be recouped. Aprox \$10,000 each month. Norma asked if a go-fund me account can be set up to help support them. CA was asked to look into this. Lloyd requested SSG provide information re: situation and what efforts have been made. Governor will be in Merced 10/03 and may be able to give him that information to try and get something done.

Symple Equazions- Aim High House- (Louise)

- Grand opening 09/28. Open for business now. Have 10 beds available with HEAP funds. Have 3 other beds for other clients.
- Expenditure report provided in writing to the Board
- Donna Chin w/ Public Health added- have a Public health nurse who sees homeless young women, would like contact info for Aim High so they can refer to them. Louise and Donna will connect to exchange info.

MCRM- Westside Bridge Housing (Tim)

- Rented house in LB- 5 bdrm for bridge housing, house 9 individuals- working with Sarge and Chief Brizzee to identify most vulnerable homeless individuals to provide services to. By mid- November should be able to start housing people.

Turning Point- New Direction II- Written report provided

Housing Authority- shelter Plus Program- Written report provided

Healthy House- UPHILL- Written report provided

BHRS- Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside- Written report provided

HMIS- Written report provided

Committee Reports

CES- (John Ceccoli)- Written report provided

- CES meetings continue weekly, vibe is different. More focused on resources and cooperation.
- Some official processes need to be implemented but seeing progress and impact happening.
- Looking at different models used for landlord inventory/engagement project.

Faith In Action Committee- Nothing new to report

HMIS Committee- Reported in New Business HMIS Lead Agency Report

Planning and Development Committee- (Luke) Written report provided

- Presented report cards at meeting
- Diversion tool reviewed and discussed

P&D Event Committee (Tim)

- Homeless Connect 10/11- reminders about table reservations, etc.

- Nai added—if have connection to media, could be positive to showcase this through media. Get someone there to cover it. Lloyd stated will get Channel 30 and County Times involved.
- Homeless Summit- no update

Youth committee- (Norma) Written report provided

- Youth/Adult summit coming up. All are invited to attend. Only 25 spots available. CA will distribute information to Membership via email.
- Recommend the board do a study session on Youth homeless. Good opportunity for a “win” or success to say we ended youth homelessness in Merced. Only 8 or 13 youth- can accomplish this. Asking for Board Support in doing this.
- Looking at Youth Demonstration Grant; study sessions will give information to help determine whether we should apply

Other Business

Sister DiVita

- Working with Rescue Mission to build a new home for homeless pregnant women.
- “Giving Tuesday” on 12/03. RM prayer breakfast 8:30 at First Baptist Church. All day event ending with a Birthday party for Jesus.
- Proceeds of the event go towards building the new facility for homeless pregnant women. Tickets to B-fast \$25, tickets to Birthday party \$10.

Dennis with UC Merced Venture Labs

- Addressed the Board for the second month in a row about his project, specifically his Critical Path Analysis and his timeline.
- Asking for the CoC to “partner up” with the Venture Labs

Matt Serrato

- City of Merced launching a Loughborough- concentrated project; goal of creating neighborhood improvement program. Kick off on 12/2 with a town hall and block party. Shut down portion of Loughborough and Meadows to do that. Anyone who want to volunteer and/or participate please let us know.

Lloyd Pareira

- Request for anyone who is interested in writing a newspaper article once a month or once a week to highlight the work this group is doing. Contact Lloyd. He will help facilitate that.
- Elderly couple (Lloyd knows) have property (County; 8 units) who are looking to fix up and provide housing for homeless and/or at-risk. Looking for talent to fix it. Connect with Lloyd.

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:02am