



Merced City and County Continuum of Care Board Meeting

Date: August 3, 2023
Times: 11:00am – 12:30pm
Location: Virtual Conference via Microsoft Teams
 Phone Number: 1 (323) 676-6251
 Meeting ID: 294 694 828 #
This meeting will be recorded

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | Matt Serratto |
| II. Roll Call | Collaborative Applicant |
| III. Notice to Public
At least 48 hours prior to each regular Board/General membership meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the Merced CoC website at www.mercedcoc.org . | Collaborative Applicant |
| IV. Public Comment
Matters under the jurisdiction of the CoC and not on this posted agenda may be addressed by the general public at this time. The CoC governance charter prohibits the CoC from taking any action on a matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the CoC. Any member of the public wishing to address the CoC during the “Public Comment” period is permitted to be heard once for up to three minutes, per person. Please state your name for the record. | Matt Serratto |
| V. Consent Agenda Items
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2023 | Matt Serratto |
| VI. Community Projects
A. Merced Navigation Center
B. Emergency Housing Vouchers
C. Distributive Housing
D. Homeless Court
E. Housing Developments | Jennifer Carr
Jesenia Aguilar
David Carr
David Carr
Maribel Baron |
| VII. Chair Comments | Matt Serratto |
| VIII. Action Items
A. CoC General Membership Applications – General Membership Vote
1. Second Chance for Women
2. Fresh Start Recovery Program
B. Board Vote
1. Establishment of the Outreach Committee
2. Establishment of the Lived Experience Committee
3. CES Committee – Chair & Vice Chair
4. Health Committee – Chair & Vice Chair
5. Youth Committee – Chair & Vice Chair
6. HMIS Committee – Chair & Vice Chair
7. Faith Committee – Chair & Vice Chair | Collaborative Applicant |

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| IX. Board Information & Possible New Action Items | Collaborative Applicant |
| X. CoC Report Out | Collaborative Applicant |
| A. Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity History Presentation | |
| B. Community Outreach & Engagement RFP | |
| C. 1213 V St. Rapid Rehousing RFP | |
| D. FY 2023 CoC Consolidation | |
| XI. CoC Committees Report Out | Collaborative Applicant |
| XII. CoC General Membership Comment | Matt Serratto |
| XIII. Adjournment | Matt Serratto |
| Next meeting: September 7, 2023, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Microsoft Teams | |



Merced City and County Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting

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MINUTES

I. **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) was called to order at 11:05am on June 1, 2023, via Microsoft Teams by Matthew Serratto.

II. **Roll Call**

Continuum of Care Board Members in Attendance:

Steve Roussos, Stephen Hammond, Jennifer Mockus, Candice Adam-Medefind, Ray Reyna, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Margaret Simmons, Matthew Serratto

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

Agape Community Transitional Services Foundation, California Central Valley Journey for Justice, Central California Alliance for Health, Dignity Health, City of Los Bnaos, Healthy House, Human Services Agency, Livingston Community Health, Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced County Office of Education, Mission Merced Inc., Project Sentinel, Resources for Independence - Central Valley, The Dr. Jennifer Jones Foundation, Turning Point, Department of Veteran Affairs, Valley Crisis Center, and Love Focus.

Non-Member Community Organizations in Attendance:

Aspiranet, Bethel Farms International, Second Chance for Women and Children Inc, Merced County Public Health, Mercy Merced Rural Health Clinic, Adult & Aging Services, Fresh Start Recovery Homes

- #### III. **Notice to Public** – Read by the Collaborative Applicant: At least 48 hours prior to each regular Board/General membership meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the Merced CoC website at www.mercedcoc.org.

IV. **Public Comment**

Lee Greenawalt: Committee on Faith in Action will meet on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Methodist Church.

V. **Consent Agenda Items**

Approval is sought for the May 4, 2023, meeting's agenda, and minutes.

Steve Tietjen makes a motion to approve with a correction to Section V. to change the time from 1:15 am to 11:15 am.

Josh Pedrozo seconded the motion with the correction as noted. Non opposed.

Motion passed unanimously at 11:13 am.

VI. Community Projects

A. *Merced Navigation Center*

David Carr: The Navigation Center served 682 people, permanently housed 61 people, 63 participants, and 12 dogs.

B. *Emergency Housing Vouchers*

Jesenia Aguilar: There are currently 49 housed clients, 7 vouchers in hand, 6 vouchers pending approval/denial, 5 voucher applications are with agencies, and 1 voucher denied.

C. *Distributive Housing*

David Carr: Distributive housing has served to date 295. Permanently housed 40 people for Merced and have 23 beds filled with two open for the City of Los Banos. Two people will be brought today into the Los Banos home.

Matthew Serrato: In regard to Los Banos, can you expand on why only 2 of the 10 are filled. It seems unusual.

David Carr: We are in a phase where we're having trouble keeping people in the house, so we're hoping to fill the beds as soon as possible. Last time we looked, there were 14 people on the wait list, so we're going to be bringing people in soon.

D. *Homeless Court*

David Carr: Jim is working with eight different people. He has identified individuals for the homeless court program and is hoping to get them through and graduated.

E. *Housing Developments*

John Ceccoli: The 1213 V St. current project delivery timeline for the 95 units is August 2023. In the process of getting the 95 units up to Federal Housing quality standards, it was discovered that rehabilitating these units would be more expensive than originally anticipated. They're exploring pathways forward to meet these federal benchmarks. The Childs and R Street project has the same timeline. A late summer opening for 20 units for veterans housing. The City of Los Banos has identified a developer for motel acquisition for approximately 56 units. There are two developers for Merced who's expressed interests. One in a vacant lot for 55 units including 22 two-bedroom, 15 one-bedroom and 20 studio apartments. Those units would include the county as a potential partner from the service provider side through our Housing Support Program. Families would potentially occupy the two-bedroom units. Housing Disability Advocacy Program, which would potentially occupy the one bedroom and then Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, which would potentially occupy the studio. The other project is a motel acquisition and rehabilitation of 80 units. This could have approximately 250 units in production and doesn't include Park Avenue. No Place like Home, 65 units which could push us over 300 total units.

Matthew Serrato: How would you evaluate the likelihood of success and the timeline when it comes to the Los Banos project, the City of Merced additional container home project near 13th and G st, and this Motel 6 project, and the Childs and Parsons.

John Ceccoli: Funding is awarded by region. We are a part of the Central Valley regional for allocated funding. Out of \$700 million, our allocation was only \$43 million, and we're going to be competing with Stanislaus, Modesto, Fresno, and some bigger jurisdictions that also have interest if not have submitted applications already. On the plus side, the developer is Shangri-La Industries. They've been awarded with about 10 Home Key projects, so they have a very good model. They have a lot of infrastructure support and administrative support to make it viable. The Container Home project is also through Custom Containers 915 who's received an award in the past. They like this model because the acquisition cost is not included. It can be many millions of dollars to acquire a motel and

then additional costs to rehabilitate it. This model is attractive to the state. In our favor, there is a discretionary pot of funding of over \$70 million that the state can use for high scoring projects, and all of these have the potential to be very high scoring.

Josh Pedrozo: What can we do to make ourselves more competitive when competing against bigger cities and counties like Fresno, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus?

John Ceccoli: Applications score higher when they have proximity to hospitals, proximity to services, proximity to grocery stores, and availability of mass transit. The Merced projects, especially the Container Home, is adjacent to Behavioral Health and a pharmacy. There are established bus routes within half a mile range. They would like to see services in close range and by checking all the boxes, the advantage of the partnership with the County and recurring dedicated fund is the real key here. Also, collaboration with Behavioral Health is very important because of the potential client barriers to services. Housing Authority is another good partnership for voucher services. Jurisdictions can help themselves too. The City of Merced has done this. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released to identify a group of developers so for potential projects or developers can bring projects to them because they're on the bidder list. Jurisdictions like Los Banos released an Request for Proposal (RFP) and extended the deadline so to get ahead of the game and identify developers who are interested early and that can cut down on the timeline.

VII. Chair Comments

Matthew Serrato thanked the City of Los Banos. This is obviously a regional effort, and the City of Merced and County are certainly willing to step up. 80-90% of the shelters in our county are sheltered in Merced. We appreciate the partnership from Los Banos and we can do a lot more to solve this problem when everyone can pitch in a little bit.

VIII. Action Items

A. ***CoC General Membership Applications – General Membership Vote***

Two applications from Bethel Farms and Aspiranet were proposed for approval to join the CoC General Membership. Motion to approve from Josh Pedrozo, second from Stephen Hammond. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously at 11:28 am.

B. **Board Vote**

1. ***Encampment Resolution Funding Round 2***

The CoC is requesting approval from the CoC Board to approve authority to apply for and accept encampment resolution funding round two (2).

Motion from Jennifer Mockus, second from Stephen Hammond. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously at 11:31 am.

2. ***Continuation of HSA as the Merced CoC CA/AE***

The CoC is requesting for approval from the CoC board to approve continuation of the Human Services Agency as the Merced City and County Continuum of Care Collaboration Applicant and Administrative Entity (CA/AE).

Steve Roussos: This item doesn't give Human Services Agency (HSA) a term length like the previous years did. Formerly, the decision was to have HSA take on the role and continuously be reviewed and voted as it was challenging to have any others serve this role. Does this preclude other community-based or non-profit organizations from potentially becoming the CA in the future?

John Ceccoli: United Way was the former CA and in 2017 they informed the board that they were going to relinquish this responsibility. In 2018, the County Board of Supervisors approved HAS a three-year term as the new CA. During that term, the board wanted HSA to identify an alternative

community-based organization. For those three years, a committee explored assigning a non-profit the responsibilities of the collaborative applicant, which is a model that some other CoCs use. However, the responsibilities of the CA are very complex and have a high administrative burden. At that time the state also issued funding sources like CESH and HHAP. Because HSA could handle the administrative burden and no other agency was identified at that time, the Board of Supervisors approved a two-year extension of the original three-year term. Now, five years later, we are coming up on the expiration and that's why we have this item before you. That doesn't mean in that future the County Board of Supervisors, or the CoC Board couldn't explore other options.

Steve Roussos: I just want to point out, because I don't think the general membership knows, the history of the CA/AE. It's easy to forget history and sort of repeat the same mistakes over and over again. There was a reason why the United Way transferred over. There was a burden and there was a reason why, at the time, there were people exploring an alternative to the County and I'm not sure if the general membership besides people who were there at that time knows. I don't think the general membership really understands the pros and cons besides that this is really heavy lift. No one else could do it; therefore, the reason for that, other Counties include the kind of engagement that sometimes happens through communities when county agencies are not leading the CoC like we're doing now. I just think that deserves a little more exploration before we have an unlimited extension. So, I would just ask that maybe there's a presentation where the general membership can understand what the consequences of making this change are and if there's others that may want to come in and discuss options. I know how difficult it is already, so personally I do know there are only a few agencies that could do the work of the CA/AE. But I think it deserves the attention of a conversation.

John Ceccoli: We are happy to develop a presentation on the evolution of the CA. Although the County Department does operate as the CA/AE, it's important for the community to know that this CoC Board is the entity that actually allocates those funds. We help them manage them, but just to have that clear distinction and that's something else we could highlight there.

Stephen Hammond: In my personal opinion, I think we will be lost without the County as our CA. They have brought a level of expertise and excellence that we did not have before, and it would be my opinion that we make the motion to continue with the unlimited term as our CA. It's a burden and a cost to the County to do this work. I can understand that having this decision made without a presentation to the general membership does say something about our process.

Steve Roussos: I don't think anyone knows there is an option. It's not a concern just to be clear. It's about educating the community so they can think about it. It's not that we're having this conversation right now because there is a concern. It's that we as the board never actually fully had the conversation amongst ourselves. There's pressure to move forward. If anyone has the responsibility to help have that conversation, it would be us as the board. It's our responsibility to keep the process open.

Josh Pedrozo: What Dr. Roussos is saying is that he wants to make sure that it's as transparent as possible and that you're not going to find anybody else to do it. The County has done a really good job in bringing everybody together. It's fine having the conversation, but also voting on it and make sure that we maintain the direction we're headed.

Steve Tietjen: Does this item have any impact on our funding at all, in term of service?

John Ceccoli: It could impact funding if there is a lapse. If the board doesn't vote today, the authorization would expire and potentially impact our ability to apply for the encampment resolution round 2 funding.

Josh Pedrozo: If the CoC board places a three-year term, wouldn't that change what the County BOS already approved?

John Ceccoli: This would be something we would need to ask County Council.

Josh Pedrozo: I'm just curious, I know the vote and that there wasn't any issued from that board at that time. I just didn't know if we would have to bring it back for additional action because we already did something.

Jennifer Jones: Even if the decision has been made to make it indefinitely here, it doesn't take away the capacity for a discussion to be had every three years to bring this topic for reevaluation. Even if we make this vote, we can still have this discussion every three years to keep ourselves accountable to the community and keep ourselves transparent so that everyone can be a part of the discussion.

John Ceccoli: In the interest of transparency, the item that the BOS approved stated "Ratify the appointment of the Director of the Human Services Agency or their designee to continue performing administrative functions as the Merced City and County Continuum of Care's Collaborative Applicant and Administrative Entity." It doesn't say indefinitely.

Matthew Serrato: Motion from Steve Hammond, second from Josh Pedrozo. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously at 11:55 am.

IX. Board Information & Possible New Action Items

A. Alliance HHIP Presentation

Alliance shared a power point slide on identifying program year 2023-2024 funding needs discussing the payment timeline, housing and homelessness incentive program contracts, and review Alliance's funding strategy and hearing from what the community needs from Alliance. (See agenda for PowerPoint slides).

X. Collaborative Applicant Information Report Out- *None*

XI. CoC General Membership Comments

Sargeez Teimoorshahi shared about the Homeless Outreach Event on Friday, June 9, 2023. There was confusion about the verbiage on prizes. There will be free raffle tickets provided at the event for an opportunity to win a prize. After researching raffles in California, there are a lot of strict rules, but nothing that prohibits any agency from raffling a gift card to a grocery store such as Save Mart. However, we are still encouraging agencies to provide a gift basket. The event will be Friday, June 9th – 9:00am-1:00pm at the Central Presbyterian Church, and we currently have 30 vendors tabling and at full capacity.

XII. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm. The next CoC meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2023, at 11:00 am.



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant
SUBJECT: Membership Application for Second Chance for Women and Children, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the application from Second Chance for Women and Children, Inc. to join the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) as an Organizational Member. Majority vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) must be achieved in order to grant membership.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Second Chance for Women and Children, Inc. (Second Chance) provides safe, temporary housing for women and children experiencing homelessness. In addition to temporary housing, the organization provides supportive services such as counseling, job search support, and financial and emotional support to aid toward self-sufficiency. The goal of Second Chance is to ensure every homeless woman can obtain permanent housing, employment, achieve self-sufficiency, and provide financial stability for their family.

Second Chance has requested to join the CoC as an organizational member. In accordance with Continuum of Care Governance Charter 2022, Section 4.2, any interested members from a relevant organization or within the community of the geographic services area may request to become a member upon completing the requirements of attending one (1) meeting and submitting a membership application request to the Collaborative Applicant (CA). This requirement was met at the June 1, 2023 meeting.

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STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Application

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Maribel Baron, Program Manager (209) 385-3000 Ext. 5210,
collabapp@countyofmerced.com

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (continued from page 2):

The CoC members are expected to carry out the mandate of the CoC to the best of their ability and to maintain the highest standards of integrity for communications and actions with other CoC representatives, the CoC Board, service recipients, service providers, and members of the public.

Members are expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and respect, without harassment, physical, or verbal abuse. Personal relationships will not result in special considerations, including bias or favoritism, that influence the performance of their official duties in a manner contrary to the interest of the CoC. Members are expected to exercise adequate accountability over matters for which they are individually responsible.

MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CoC, complete this form and submit to the Collaborative Applicant via email: collabapp@countyofmerced.com

Type of Membership

Individual Member-At-Large

* Organization

Individual / Organization Information

Tammy Millard/Second Chance for Women and Children Inc.

Individual or Organization Name

PO Box 2172

Street Address

Merced CA. 95344

City

State

Zip

tammy.m.scwcr1@gmail.com

Contact E-mail

209-421-9360

Contact Telephone

Organization Secondary Contact

Secondary Contact E-mail

Member Affiliations or Potential Conflicts

Is the individual affiliated with one or more organizational member agencies of the CoC?

Yes

* No If yes, identify organization(s) and relationship below:

Does the organization receive federal or state funding?

Yes

* No If yes, identify the funding type:

Organizational Profile

Type of organization: Public Private for Profit Not for Profit * Other: Nonprofit

Primary service or business of organization

Our primary service is to provide community outreach services, resources, and temporary housing for homeless women and their children.

Affiliations of Individuals or Organizations

The CoC is interested in having representatives from a wide variety of fields, interests, experiences, and professions in the community. Please indicate if you or the agency for which you work falls into one or more of the categories listed below by marking all categories that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agencies serving survivors of Human Trafficking | <input type="checkbox"/> Business |
| * <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMT / Crisis Response Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity | * <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons |
| * <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital & Health Care Providers |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Staff / Officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Jail / Dept. of Corrections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Service Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Administrators/ Homeless Liaisons | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Outreach Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Services Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Companies | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development Employment Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Homeless Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Description of Interest in CoC Membership

Please describe why you are interested in joining the CoC:

Our organization is interested in joining the CoC to receive assistance and support with our Transitional Housing Program. We want to bring safe temporary to permanent housing to the community. We would like to receive the expertise of the agency.

Merced City and County Membership Requirements & Commitments

- Commit to the CoC plan to end homelessness
- Attend meetings of the full membership or Board
- Participate in board advisory committees and or task groups
- Abide by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies

Signature of Individual or Authorized Organizational Representative

X Tammy Millard _____

Date: __04/30/2023_____



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity
SUBJECT: Membership Application for Fresh Start Recovery Homes

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the application from Fresh Start Recovery Homes to join the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) as an Organizational Member. Majority vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) must be achieved in order to grant membership.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Fresh Start Recovery Homes (Fresh Start) is a non-profit organization which offers supportive housing services. Fresh Start's mission is to collaborate with the community to provide affordable, supportive housing to individuals transitioning from homelessness or incarceration into sober, temporary living arrangements. They are interested in joining the CoC to meet and collaborate with local organizations with common goals.

Fresh Start has requested to join the CoC as an organizational member. In accordance with Continuum of Care Governance Charter 2022, Section 4.2, any interested members from a relevant organization or within the community of the geographic services area may request to become a member upon completing the requirements of attending one (1) meeting and submitting a membership application request to the Collaborative Applicant (CA). This requirement was met at the June 1, 2023 meeting.

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FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

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Type of Membership

Individual Member-At-Large

Organization

Individual / Organization Information

Individual or Organization Name

FRESH START RECOVERY HOMES

Street Address

543 SPUR CT

City

MERCED

State

CA

Zip

95341

Contact E-mail

SMURRAY1209@GMAIL.COM

Contact Telephone

209-631-9093

Organization Secondary Contact

BICENTE BERMEJO

Secondary Contact E-mail

VINB209@YAHOO.COM

Member Affiliations or Potential Conflicts

Is the individual affiliated with one or more organizational member agencies of the CoC?

No Yes

If yes, identify organization(s) and relationship below:

Does the organization receive federal or state funding?

No Yes

If yes, identify the funding type below:

Organizational Profile

Type of organization: Public Private for Profit Not for Profit Other:

Primary service or business of organization:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMT / Crisis Response Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital & Health Care Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Aid Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Staff / Officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Jail / Dept. of Corrections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Service Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Administrators/ Homeless Liaisons | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Outreach Team |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Services Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Companies | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development Employment Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Homeless Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Description of Interest in CoC Membership

Please describe why you are interested in joining the CoC:

**WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AND COLLABORATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS
THAT HAVE OUR SAME GOAL IN COMMON. REDUCING HOMELESSNESS
AND REENTRY INTO SOBER LIVING FOR RECENTLY INCARCERATED
INDIVIDUALS**

Merced City and County Membership Requirements & Commitments

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Signature of Individual or Authorized Organizational Representative

_____ SARAH MURRAY & BICENTE BERMEJO

Date: _____ 06/22/2023 _____



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity
SUBJECT: Establishment of the Outreach Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the establishment of the Outreach Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity (CA/AE) is requesting to establish the Outreach Committee. Per the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter 2022, Section 9.1 "Appointment to Committee", the "CoC Board will appoint committees, subcommittees, or working groups when necessary."

A committee to facilitate outreach services has been requested by the CoC General Membership. This committee will allow for all organizations that provide outreach services to collaborate and leverage their efforts to maximize services and reduce duplication of efforts.

STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity
SUBJECT: Establishment of the Lived Experience Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the establishment of the Lived Experience Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity (CA/AE) is requesting to establish the Lived Experience Committee. Per the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter 2022, Section 9.1 "Appointment to Committee", the "CoC Board will appoint committees, subcommittees, or working groups when necessary."

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates that a CoC establish a Lived Experience Committee. This Lived Experience Committee will be comprised of individuals with past or current homeless experience who will partner with the community and local organizations to determine how the CoC can best meet the needs of the homeless population. Additionally, by establishing this committee, the Merced CoC will gain CoC Consolidation Application points and will ensure compliance with HUD requirements.

STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant
SUBJECT: Appointment of the Coordinated Entry System's Committee Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1) Appoint Christy McCammond as the Coordinated Entry System's (CES) Committee Chair.
- 2) Appoint Iris Gunther-Battles as the CES Committee Vice Chair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 25, 2023, the Coordinated Entry System (CES) committee met and nominated Christy McCammond as Chair and Iris Gunther-Battles as Vice Chair of the committee. Per the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter 2022, Sections 9.1 and 9.2, the Merced City and County CoC may appoint committees such as, but not limited to, the Coordinated Entry System Committee, and the chairs and vice chairs of these committees "will be appointed by the CoC Board."

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Members are expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and respect, without harassment, physical, or verbal abuse. Personal relationships will not result in special considerations, including bias or favoritism, that influence the performance of their official duties in a manner contrary to the interest of the CoC.

STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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Members are expected to exercise adequate accountability over matters for which they are individually responsible.

Christy McCammond is currently the Housing Program Manager for the City of Los Banos.

Iris Gunther-Battles is the Program Coordinator of Housing for the Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' Older Adult System of Care team.

Both Christy and Iris have a passion for assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness which moved them to volunteer for the CES committee. Alongside one another, they will bring great collaboration and information to the local CES committee.



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant
SUBJECT: Appointment of the Health Committee Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1) Appoint Donna Chin as the Health Committee Chair.

- 2) Appoint Linda Dash as the Health Committee Vice Chair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 25, 2023, the Health Committee met and nominated Donna Chin as Chair and Linda Dash as Vice Chair of the committee. Per the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter 2022, Sections 9.1 and 9.2, the Merced City and County CoC may appoint committees such as, but not limited to, the Health Committee, and the chairs and vice chairs of these committees “will be appointed by the CoC Board.”

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STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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Donna Chin is currently a Nursing Director with Merced County Department of Public Health. Linda Dash is the Homeless Coordinator with Healthy House Within A MATCH Coalition. Together, they will enrich the committee with knowledge surrounding the social determinants of health in relation to the homeless and unhoused population in Merced County.



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity
SUBJECT: Appointment of the Youth Committee Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1) Appoint Lucia Tejeda as the Youth Committee Chair.

- 2) Appoint Jacqueline Villicana as the Youth Committee Vice Chair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 15, 2023, the Youth Committee met and nominated Lucia Tejeda as Chair and Jacqueline Villicana as Vice Chair of the committee. Per the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter 2022, Sections 9.1 and 9.2, the Merced City and County CoC may appoint committees such as, but not limited to, the Youth Committee, and the chairs and vice chairs of these committees “will be appointed by the CoC Board.”

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STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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Lucia Tejeda is the Youth Services Specialist for Merced County Office of Education. Jacqueline Villicana is the Core Program Supervisor for Aspiranet. As the leaders of this committee, they will collaborate to develop and coordinate initiatives and specific programs that focus on the homeless youth and youth transitioning from Foster Care as well as make recommendations to the CoC Board on the preparation of strategic planning activities intended to end youth homelessness.



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity
SUBJECT: Appointment of the Homeless Management Information System's Committee Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1) Appoint Christy McCammond as the Homeless Management Information System's Committee Chair.
- 2) Appoint Iris Gunther-Battles as the HMIS Committee Vice Chair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 26, 2023, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) committee met and nominated Christy McCammond as Chair and Iris Gunther-Battles as Vice Chair of the committee. Per the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter 2022, Sections 9.1 and 9.2, the Merced City and County CoC may appoint committees such as, but not limited to, the Homeless Management Information System Committee, and the chairs and vice chairs of these committees "will be appointed by the CoC Board."

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Members are expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and respect, without harassment, physical, or verbal abuse.

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STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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Christy McCammond is currently the Housing Program Manager for the City of Los Banos.

Iris Gunther-Battles is the Program Coordinator of Housing for the Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' Older Adult System of Care team.

Both Christy and Iris are employed in roles that currently utilize HMIS in assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness. They both bring a passion and wealth of knowledge to serving the homeless community on the HMIS committee.



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

BOARD DATE: August 3, 2023
TO: Board of the Continuum of Care
FROM: Collaborative Applicant
SUBJECT: Appointment of the Faith Committee Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1) Appoint Lee Greenawalt as the Faith Committee Chair.
- 2) Appoint Margaret Simmons as the Faith Committee Vice Chair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 12, 2023, the Faith Committee met and nominated Lee Greenawalt as Chair and Margaret Simmons as Vice Chair of the committee. Per the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter 2022, Sections 9.1 and 9.2, the Merced City and County CoC may appoint committees such as, but not limited to, the Faith Committee, and the chairs and vice chairs of these committees “will be appointed by the CoC Board.”

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STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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Lee Greenawalt is the president of the Central Valley Journey for Justice. Margaret Simmons is a Board Director for Sierra Saving Grace. Through collaboration, they will lead the Faith Committee to develop and coordinate initiatives and programs which increase the faith awareness in the homeless population.