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Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board Regular Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

Call to Order/Welcome

Present: Heather Rogers, Jamie Goldstein, JP Butler, Judy Hutchison, Manu Koenig, Mariah Lyons, Martine Watkins, Susan True, Suzi Merriam, Tamara Vides

Absent: Larry Imwalle, Ryan Coonerty, Stephanie Sonnenshine, Tiffany Cantrell-Warren

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None

Non-Agenda Public Comment

No public comment received.

Action Items (vote required)

1. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Approve: Suzi Merriam

Motion Seconded: Susan True

Abstentions: Heather Rogers, Jamie Goldstein, Martine Watkins, Tamara Vides

Board Action: Motion passed with all members except those that abstained.

2. Approval of 2023 New Board Nominee from Central California Alliance for Health

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Approve Kate Nester as a replacement for Stephanie Sonnenshine as the Health representative on the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board.

Motion to Approve: Heather Rogers

Motion Seconded: Suzi Merriam

Abstentions: None.

Board Action: Motion passed with all members.



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3. HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) 2023 NOFO Review Committee Nominees

Discussion: Potential nominees discussed. Some proposed nominees ruled out because of potential conflict of interest due to history of their entity receiving CoC grant funds or the entities plan to apply for grant funds in the next round.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Approve the following individuals to participate in HUD CoC Funding Review Committee for 2023 - Larry Imwalle, Heather Rogers, Carlos Landaverry, and Karen Kern.

Motion to Approve: JP Butler

Motion Seconded: Martine Watkins

Abstentions: None.

Board Action: Motion passed with all members.

4. Approval of Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Operations Committee Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures

Discussion: Housing for Health Division staff shared a powerpoint presentation with updates on the proposed CES redesign. Discussed need for staff to review final policies and procedures with Tony Gardner to ensure compliance with HUD regulations and make updates to sections as outlined in the shared DRAFT materials. Questions were raised about the implications of providing points for having been arrested in the past year. Discussed how the additional eligibility questions will not be scored but used to help match individuals to programs based on eligibility. Clarified that "challenge" items will only receive a maximum of five points in the scoring. Discussed how the threshold score for getting added to the housing queue will get determined and how staff will address issues that arise if a program does not have enough potential referrals from the queue. Discussed what happens to someone once they are on the queue and clarified that once on the queue scoring will not impact their status and position on the queue is not based on total score. Matching will occur with the following sequence – (1) Meets eligibility; (2) Meets project preferences, e.g., geographic; (3) Household has the core documents required for enrollment, e.g., homelessness verifications, photo ID; (4) Date of Housing Needs Assessment; (5) Housing Needs Assessment score (used as a tiebreaker, if needed). New approach prevents newly assessed individuals from jumping the queue among those waiting on the queue for long periods of time. Intention of queue to ensure a referral is highly likely for the households within a six-month period. Discussed the critical importance on ensure there are enough well-trained Housing for Health Connectors. Discussed value of training peer specialists and community health workers and the Connector learning community. Mentioned that UC Santa Barbara may have students/program using HMIS as a potential example of ways to expand Connector role. Discussed when someone is closed/exited from the queue and



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from the Coordinated Entry project in HMIS. Discussed the expectation of Connector follow-up every 90 days.

Public Comment: *None.*

Motion: *Approve the DRAFT CE policies and procedures with expectation that staff will update to ensure complies with HUD CoC standards and staff will return with information about Connector responsibilities, threshold score methodology, and regular reports on implementation starting with October 2023 meeting.*

Motion to Approve: *Manu Koenig*

Motion Seconded: *JP Butler*

Abstentions: *None.*

Board Action: *Motion passed with all members.*

Information Items (no vote required):

5. 2023 Point in Time (PIT) Count Community Planning and Volunteer Recruitment

Discussion: *Reviewed plans for the 2023 PIT Count to be held on February 23, 2023, and that volunteer recruitment had gone well. Initial data to be submitted to HUD by the end of April 2023, and final report to likely be available in September 2023.*

Report/Discussion Items (no vote required):

6. Temporary Housing Capacity and Financing Update

Discussion: *Reviewed documents on the status of the CoC in meeting Housing for a Healthy Santa Cruz temporary housing capacity goals and current shortage. Highlighted impact of unstable state funding and the impacts on programs, staff, and participants. Discussed whether HOME-ARP funding could be helpful for paying for shelter and current state DRAFT program regulations indicate funds will not be available for shelter.*

Board Member Announcements

No additional announcements.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 3 pm**

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