



**Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022; 4 pm – no later than 7 pm**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
Present: Jamie Goldstein, JP Butler, Larry Imwalle, Manu Koenig, Ryan Coonerty, Mariah Lyons, Martine Watkins, Stephanie Sonnenshine, Susan True, Tamara Vides, Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Judy Hutchison
Absent: Heather Rogers, Suzi Merriam
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: *None*
3. Approval of Minutes: *Unanimous Approval of April 20, 2022 Minutes*
4. Announcements/Information Sharing
 - a. Project Homekey Application Status – 4 applications submitted, requested up to \$53.5M, one award to date for Veterans Village for \$6,425,000, other applications still pending decision
 - b. Preliminary Point In Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) data submitted to HUD – final report due in July 2022
 - c. HMIS Policies and Procedures – significant feedback received; final proposed new policies delayed until next Board Meeting

No additional announcements made.
5. Public Comment

ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve the transfer of two Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) HUD CoC rapid rehousing grants totaling \$415,820 from their current grant recipients to Covenant House and authorize Housing for Health Division (H4H) staff to work with CSFC, Inc. and Covenant House to pursue Project Homekey and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding for the creation of a new 20-bed youth transitional house project at a former licensed children’s residential care site located at 2714/2716 Freedom Blvd. in an unincorporated area near Watsonville.

Motion to Approve: Susan True. Second from Jamie Goldstein. Unanimous approval of all three recommended actions.

7. Authorize Housing for Health Division staff to submit a joint, collaborative [Housing Homeless, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\)-3](#) Local Homelessness Action Plan and Application to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) requesting the Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC allocation of \$3,243,331 and Santa Cruz County allocation of \$3,027,108 with a minimum of 10% for services for unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years old. *CoC Board review and approval requested for proposed spending plan, outcome goals, and joint application submission for CoC and County.*

Board discussed the potential impacts of HHAP-3 outcome metrics required by the state and the potential for perverse incentives to shift focus to serving those with fewer barriers to securing housing. Discussed if proposed budget and HHAP funds could include funding for capital expenditures for new shelter sites. Clarified that HHAP funds can be used to serve undocumented and mixed families. Clarified that initial spending plan and budget can get adjusted over time if needed due to other new funding sources such as HHIP funding for managed care. Discussed importance of resources for supporting work of Community Action Board (CAB) and others around prevention and flexible financial assistance given success with some programs recently. Discussed how realistic proposed targets are given current trends and the tradeoffs associated with setting ambitious local goals for the HHAP application. Concerns raised about having different data sets and targets depending on funding source and reports. Discussed that members of the public are primarily interested in seeing visible progress on unsheltered homelessness and encampments and have some suspicion and concern about the accuracy of PIT and HMIS numbers.

Motion to Approve with Modifications: Jamie Goldstein. Second from Tamara Vides. Unanimous approval from Board. Board approved the proposed HHAP spending plan, directed staff to adjust proposed outcome metrics to be more conservative and realistic based on current trends, and authorized the submission of a joint application for funding between the County and CoC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Housing for Health Division staff update and discussion on status of revisions to Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System policies, procedures, and associated forms. *CoC Board feedback requested on 1) Housing Needs Assessment and Scoring; 2) H4H Connector Expectations; 3) Format and usefulness of Households with Minor Children System Map Overview.*

Discussed role of Operations Committee, providers, and consumers making recommendations on update coordinated entry policies and procedures including the Housing Needs Assessment. Housing Needs Assessment going through testing process currently. Discussed need to develop a plan for those on the existing coordinated entry/by name lists when shift gets made to new process. Recommended that staff explore if VISPDAT responses could be linked with new Assessment. Discussed intention to shift from Assessors to Connectors to avoid just adding people to a list without the ability to reconnect and follow-up with them. Request to make system capacity graphics in a more visual fashion. Discussed importance of presenting more realistic and transparent information and expectations to
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consumers/participants that meet with providers. Discussed scoring rubric for Housing Needs Assessment for families. Recommendation to ensure scoring system prioritizes families with children and those with youngest children slightly higher score. Request to add questions related to whether supportive friends or family or community members are available within the County. Discussed appropriate timing of use of the Assessment based on participant interest and motivation to pursue housing and other goals.

9. Next Meeting August 17, 2022 from 4-7 pm - *Mixed opinions on when to initiate in person meetings. Next meeting will remain virtual.*

MEETING ADJOURNED