Leadership Board Meeting Notes
Thursday, May 26th, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Meetings are public. Alameda County residents with lived experience of homelessness are encouraged to attend. Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each meeting and is limited to 2 minutes per person. Click here to learn more about the public participation policy.

Attendance: Moe Wright (Chair), Peggy McQuaid (City of Albany), Kerry Abbott (Alameda County Health Care Services Agency), Doug Biggs (Alameda Point Collaborative), Liz Varela (Building Futures with Woman and Children), Vivian Wan (Abode Services), Susan Shelton (At large rep), Gloria Bruce (East Bay Housing Organizations), Darin Lounds (Housing Consortium of the East Bay), Lisa Warhuus (City of Berkeley), Andrea Ford (Social Services Agency), Paulette Franklin (Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Agency), Dr. Christine Ma (UCSF's Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland) Michelle Starratt (Alameda County Housing and Community Development), Ray Bonilla (Meta)

Public: Sharon Cornu (St Mary’s Center), Josh Jacobs (City of Berkeley), Suzanne Warner (Alameda County Health Care Services Agency), Natasha Paddock (Alameda County Housing and Community Development)

Absent: Suzanne Shenfil (City of Fremont), Kelly Glossup (Alameda County Sheriff’s Office), Nella Goncalves (Treasure Island), Wendy Jackson (East Oakland Community Project), Sara Bedford (City of Oakland)

Staff: Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director), Dorcas Chang (Operations Manager), Quintin Mecke (Director of Policy and Homelessness Strategies)

1. Welcome and Introductions 2:00pm-2:05pm

2. Public Comment 2:05pm-2:15pm
   a. Sharon Cornu (St Mary’s Center) shared St Mary’s Center is moving forward with the construction of new homes for seniors and the initiation second cohort for Leadership Academy.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes 2:15pm-2:25pm
   a. Leadership Board Meeting 4.28.22
   b. Kerry Abbot (HCSA) made a motion to approve minutes. Andrea Ford (SSA) seconded.
      o 12 approved. 0 Abstained. 0 opposed
      o Motion passed.

4. Executive Director Update 2:25pm-2:35pm
   a. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) updated the Leadership Board about her transition from EveryOne Home.
   b. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) provided updates on the website refresh, shared EOH research and evaluation services, and gave Point In Time (PIT) Count highlights.
5. Affordable Housing Month Spotlight
   2:35pm-2:55pm
   a. Gloria Bruce (EBHO) provided a housing advocacy update. She reminded the Board that June Primary Elections are coming up and gave an update on EBHO’s affordable housing month and the celebration of the Measure A1 projects. She also presented key bills for unhoused and Extremely Low Income (ELI) people and information about Housing Elements.
      a. Members discussed potential housing measures to put on future ballots.
      b. Moe Wright (Chair) suggested pulling together a committee to explore what could go on future ballots.
   b. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) shared information about Meta’s Community Housing Fund (CHF).

6. Transition Committee Update
   2:55pm-3:05pm
   a. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) shared recommendations from the Transition Working Group for Leadership Board’s approval:
      a. Approve the slate of non-profit seat leadership board nominees
      b. Approve the slate of lived expertise nominees
      c. Leadership Board Chair hold over until new Leadership Board and Nominations Committee are seated
      d. Invite Transition Committee members to join Nomination Committee
   b. Chelsea Andrews provided an update on the recruitment for the Leadership Board seats.

7. Leadership Board Nomination Slate
   3:05pm-3:25pm
   a. Nonprofit Seats
      Approve
      a. The transition committee voted to nominate Elena Lepe from El Puente Comunitario and Tracy Nails-Bell from A Diamond in the Ruff for the nonprofit seats.
      b. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) shared that the new board members’ first meeting would be on June 24th and there would be an orientation for the Leadership Board on the week of June 13th. All appointed seats, lived expertise seats, and nonprofit seats are slated to be filled by June 24th.
      c. Chelsea Andrews shared that from the recruitment and interview process, she noticed that there are a lot of organizations that are not familiar with the Continuum of Care (CoC)/EveryOne Home. These new members could help us bridge the gap for BIPOC led organizations.
      d. Darin Lounds (HCEB) suggested keeping the rest of the applicants engaged in the community work and share other opportunities to join the Board.
      e. Kerry Abbott (HCSA) asked a question regarding Diamond in the Ruff’s clean and sober requirement.
         i. Board members deliberated on how this requirement aligns with EveryOne Home’s values.
         ii. Members discussed that this could be a good opportunity to have a dialogue with an agency that has a different model and to have an organization that is interested in helping clients with alcohol needs.
iii. Members noted it is too late in the process to implement requirements for nonprofit policies, but this could be an area to explore in the future.

f. Board members take a poll if they support the recommendation for the Nonprofit Leadership Board seats.
   i. 93% agree and support
   ii. 7% agree with most and support

b. Lived Expertise Seats
   a. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) provided Lived Expertise key recruitment considerations and shared information about the lived expertise nominees.
   b. Board members take a poll if they support the recommendation for the Lived Expertise Leadership Board seats.
      i. 86% agree and support
      ii. 14% agree with most and support
   c. Liz Varela (BFWC) made a motion to accept the candidates for lived expertise. Vivian Wan (Abode Services) made a modification to include accepting the nonprofit seats. Liz Varela (BFWC) accepted the modification. Dr. Christine Ma seconded.
      i. 15 approved. 0 abstained. 0 opposed
      ii. Motion passed.
   d. There will be an orientation before the next meeting for those with lived experience and new nonprofit members.

c. Leadership Board Chair Hold Over
   a. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) opened discussion for the Leadership Board chair to hold over until the new Leadership Board and Nomination Committee are seated.
   b. Moe Wright (Chair) shared that previously there used to be two co-chairs, a lead and vice chair. The lead chair would leave, and the vice chair would assume the lead chair position making room for another vice chair. This would be how the chairs typically rotate before.
   c. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) shared that she wanted to ensure that there is clarity that Moe would hold over his position as chair.
   d. Doug Biggs (APC) made a motion to keep Moe Wright as chair of the Leadership Board until the nomination committee is in place. Ray Bonilla (Meta) seconded.
      i. 15 approved. 0 abstained. 0 opposed
      ii. Motion passed.
   d. The recommendation to invite the Transition Committee to the Nomination Committee has been moved to next month’s agenda.
   e. Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director) provided updates on the Orientation/Training and DEI workgroups.

8. Executive Session 3:25pm -4:00pm
   a. The Leadership Board entered a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2022