SYSTEM COORDINATION COMMITTEE AGENDA
Wednesday, October 12th, 2022
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meetings are public. Homeless and formerly homeless Alameda County residents 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.

Present: Kate (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments), Vivian Wan (Abode Services), Angela Upshaw (Berkeley Food and Housing Project), Kerry Abbott (Alameda County Health Care Services Agency), Natasha Paddock (Alameda County Housing and Community Development), Jonathan Russel (Bay Area Community Services), Jamie Almanza (Bay Area Community Services)

EOH Staff: Katie Haverly (Acting Executive Director), Nelene DeGuzman (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Calleene Egan (Berkeley Food and Housing Project), C’Mone Falls (City of Oakland), Helen Ayala (Ruby’s Place), Alison DeJung (Eden I&R), Jessica Lobedon (City of Hayward)

Public: Kerry Landry, Carina Lieu (Alameda County Health Care Services Agency), Phil Clark (Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless), Colleen Budenholzer (Alameda County Health Care Services Agency), Andrea Zeppa (Alameda County Health Care Services Agency), Alex Baker (Alameda County Housing and Community Development), Gitanjali Rawat (Eden I&R), Mark Walker (Swords to Plowshares)

1. Welcome/ Introductions (Kate Hart) 2:00 – 2:05pm

2. Approval of 9.14.22 Meeting Minutes (Kate Hart) 2:05 – 2:10pm
   a. Action Item
      i. Angela Upshaw made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Natasha seconded
      ii. Roll Call Vote
         1. Kate Hart- yes
         2. Vivian Wan- yes
         3. Angela Upshaw- yes
         4. Kerry Abbot- abstained
         5. Natasha Paddock- yes
         6. Jonathan Russell (sitting in for Jamie Almanza) yes
      iii. Motion passes

3. Public Comment 2:10 –2:25pm
   a. Public comment
      i. No public comment
4. **Staff Report** (Katie Haverly)  
   a. Governance Restructuring Recruitment Update  
      i. Working on recruiting for 7 new committees.  
      ii. EveryOne Home is in the midst of the RFQ process for CoC operations, just found out we lost our appeal. No timeline for second level appeal, very little precedent so will be meeting with Home Base to develop a transition plan in tandem with the appeal process.  
   b. Supplemental NOFO Update/NOFO Update  
      i. Regular NOFO was submitted. Supplemental NOFO is due October 20th, everything appears to be on track for on time submittal.

5. **Urgent Items** (Kate Hart)  
   no urgent items to discuss

6. **Discussion Items** (Kate Hart)  
   a. Homeless System Updates (All)  
      i. Vivian shared an update on Cedar Gardens apartments in Newark. There will be affordable units and homeless units available.  
      ii. Jonathan shared an update that two hotel conversions, one in Oakland one in Berkeley with 87 units total should be leasing up this month.  
      iii. Angela shared an update that the Hope Center has a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for October 27th.  
      iv. Kate shared that SAVE was not re-funded for a transitional housing grant from the state.  
   b. Coordinated Entry 2.0 / EHV Updates (Colleen)  
      i. Colleen presented an update on Coordinated Entry and Emergency Housing Voucher data.  
   c. Presentation of Draft Written Standards and Timeline (Colleen)  
      i. Kerry and Colleen presented context for the necessity of Written Standards as well as progress and projected timeline.  
      ii. Jonathan noted that it could be helpful to bring the perspective of people of lived experience as a lens to the process.  
      iii. Kate asked if there were sections of the standards in particular that Colleen wanted to discuss. Kerry pointed to the standards of transitional housing in particular, requesting review to see if there were any barriers. She also urged the group to look at the standards with a lens of their communities in mind.  
      iv. Vivian asked about review cadence, Colleen stated that annual review is the goal  
   d. Update on conversation regarding provider front line support needs and gaps (Kate)  
      3:20pm – 3:25pm
i. Kate reached out to a consultant that works with Blue Shield in regard to last meeting’s discussion but has not heard back yet.

ii. Vivian brought up the continued difficulty in keeping staff due to the difficult nature of the work and the oftentimes low pay rates.

iii. Kerry noted the need for salary gap data to present to SSA which Vivian stated she had available.

e. Reviewing 2022 key findings from the PIT Count (Katie) 3:25pm – 3:55pm

i. Increase in vehicular homelessness

1. Vivian commented that what is often offered is rapid rehousing and when individuals know that they might not be able to afford the rent which often means they need to give up their vehicles, individuals will often not be willing to accept rapid rehousing because they see it as a risk, and they might be worse off.

2. Angela commented they have heard safety concerns regarding getting to safe parking areas as an inhibitor to people using safe parking locations, as well as commuting costs.

3. Katie brought up local laws regarding parking as a point of potential exploration. Angela agreed, noting that there is strict enforcement in Albany and that parking overnight there is prohibited.

ii. Increase in medical and behavioral health needs

iii. Success of non-congregate shelters

iv. Economic conditions still strong drivers of homelessness

7. Conclusion 3:55 - 4:00pm

a. Upcoming Agenda Items

b. Next meeting

i. Wednesday, November 9th, 2pm to 4pm PT

Parking Lot of topics for potential future meetings brought up in previous SCC meetings

- How can we increase and improve our work with landlords to help increase the number or housing vouchers being leased up?

- Issues with client level grievance policies at the provider and county level, need for mediation/ombudsman and more clarity and transparency about the available processes/policies?

- Unintended risks and consequences that came up for CBOs with the hotels, what are ways the CoC could help mitigate vulnerabilities when new funding streams come in that need to be dealt with quickly?