

King County Regional Homelessness Authority - Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date: May 5, 2021

Time: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Welcome and Settling In

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Tamara	Bauman	X	
Jesse	Benet	X	
Kelle	Brown	X	
Jenna	Burgoyne		X
Dan	Burton		X
Leeze	Castro	X	
Shanee	Colston	X	
Brianna	Franco	X	
Marvin	Futrell	X	
Kristi	Hamilton	X	
Marisol Tapia	Hopper	X	
Benjamin	Miksch	X	
Nawiishtunmi	Nightgun	X	
Norine Hill	Oneida		X
Linda	Peoples		X
Kristina	Sawyckyj	X	
Robin	Tatsuda	X	
Karen	Taylor	X	
Sherry	Tillman	X	

Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves by sharing their name and pronouns.

Public Comment

Bill Kirlin-Hackett, Inter-Faith Community Task Force, requested that the RHA publish members of CoC on website and that the Point in Time unsheltered homeless count should include those sleeping in vehicles.

Welcome and Comments from Marc Dones

Goal: House people via viable, workable pathways, by being clear about what it takes and clarifying what success looks like.

Marc wants this committee to “noodle ideas” primarily and secondarily look at HUD responsibilities.

Vision: 1) Harm reduction, 2) Transformation, 3) Radical imagination – where committee “lives” then integrate what it looks like to do it together.

Point in Time Count

Kate Speltz from King County provided an overview of the Point in Time Count process. King County has a long history of counting sheltered and unsheltered people living homeless and has been doing this since before it was required by HUD. This count must happen annually and every other year it must

include a count of unsheltered people. The unsheltered count was due in 2021, but HUD granted King County a waiver due to COVID. The sheltered count is done by collecting information about people in shelters and transitional housing from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The unsheltered count is conducted at night using volunteers who walk around targeted parts of the County and count the number of people sleeping outdoors during that time.

The RHA needs to decide if it will do an unsheltered count in 2022. Next steps are for RHA staff to draft a recommendation to this committee. If the decision is made to do an unsheltered count in 2022, planning for this will need to start soon.

HUD Collaborative Application

Kate Speltz from King County and Eileen Denham from the City of Seattle provided an overview of the HUD Collaborative Application process.

The Regional Homelessness Authority is the Continuum of Care Lead Agency and has responsibility for submitting a competitive application to HUD that funds emergency shelter and transitional housing projects throughout the region. Typically, the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) comes out in the summer (sometime in July) and is due in the Fall (late September).

There are several steps that occur before the NOFA comes out. The Lead Agency must register with HUD (usually in January), submit a Grant Inventory Work Sheet which is a list of projects that will be included in this year's application. In the last application, King County had 56 projects. The lead agency must also indicate the Renewal Demand – which is how much money is needed. In the last application, King County's renewal demand was about \$50 million.

The application consists of three parts. Part one is the CoC application (previously called Exhibit 1) which lays out the region's strategies and action steps for ending homelessness. This is informed by the Point in Time Count, the housing inventory, and the HMIS data. Part two is a scoring process and rank ordering of all the projects included in the application. This is typically done by a subcommittee of the CoC board. Scoring is based on performance information and narrative responses to questions provided by the different projects. Part three is the CoC priority listing which orders the projects from highest to lowest in terms of what is most important to fund.

This will be discussed again as it is closer to the time of the NOFA coming out.

Committee Co-Chairs – tabled until next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Reverend Kelle Brown requested a future discussion on inclusion and how this committee might set some internal criteria for the Authority that considers how organizations include and are staffed and led by people with diverse ethnicities, perspectives and life experiences.

Next Meeting

Staff to provide committee members with a membership list, a timeline and goals for the Advisory Committee, and information about roles and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice-Chair roles.

Wednesday June 2, from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM