

CEA - Policy Advisory

Meeting Summary

June 24, 2021 10:30 – 12:00pm

If we create a homelessness response system that centers customer voice, then we will be able to focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome and introductions	<p>Members in attendance: Alex Ebrahimi, Arun Sambataro, B.B. Jones (Co-Chair), Bill Hallerman, Christina McHugh, Christy Stangland, Jeanice Hardy, Karen Taylor, Kate Speltz, Lauren Nichols, Nawiishtunmi Nightgun, Rizwan Rizwi (Co-chair), Shanee Colston, Wayne Wilson</p> <p>Absent members: Alyson Moon, Chloe Gale, Noah Fay, Walter Washington</p> <p>Others present: Anna Strahan, Anne Martens, Emily Reimal, Janelle Rothfolk, Lisa Gustaveson, Olivia Haidos, Pear Moraras, Raphael Hartman, Skye Haeffele, Tamara Bauman, Victoria Ewing, Whitney Walker, Yaminah Gardner</p>
Guest introductions and reason for attending the PAC (standing item)	<p>Alex Ebrahimi / Nawiishtunmi Nightgun offered understanding of what Land Acknowledgement intends</p> <p>Riz Rizwi —Welcome; appreciation for guests and support staff.</p>
CEA Daily Operations Updates (standing item, see written updates)	<p>Alex Ebrahimi – Referral and Operations Specialist to be hired by early July Riz Rizwan – Meeting with Peter Lynn to explore how best to fill empty seat on PAC</p> <p>ACTION: <i>No vote was taken to fill empty seat at this time.</i></p>
Data Update	<p>Victoria Ewing on 2020 CEA Annual Evaluation which will be released next week. Prioritization is highest need and coordinated entry use for efficiency.</p> <p><u>Three Core Functions of evaluation:</u> 1) Assessment; 2) Prioritization; 3) Referral</p> <p><u>Key Findings:</u> 1) COVID prioritization; 2) Affordability and support extremely limited; 3) CEA needs additional authority and resources within broader system.</p> <p><u>Recommendations:</u> RE COVID Prioritization: Communicate how it works with homeless response; begin planning now for post-pandemic; renewed authorization, data usage and continued collaboration RE Affordability and Support: Limited supply of affordable housing due to assessment and prioritization. Shanee Colston - single adults placement has greatest delay in housing RE CEA Authority and Support: Increase CEA staffing, create Provider accountability</p> <p>Full report found at https://kcrha.org/research-reports/</p> <p>Review Asian housing needs External fill data has not changed</p> <p>ACTION: <i>None</i></p>
Emergency Housing Vouchers	<p>Alex reported that the following Housing Authorities will receive vouchers soon and that prioritization of their distribution is needed today. Disability not required, no age limit if adult.</p> <p>Four pathways to distribute widely and intentionally have been defined:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Coordinated Entry/COVID prioritization2) Reverse Matching – distribute to non-profit organizations3) Moving On – those in perm supportive housing can “move on” and then space avail4) domestic violence – victims of human trafficking, assault, domestic violence <p>Discussed options including distribute equally then re-evaluate quickly (Wayne Wilson), concern about “move on” not wise since people need more than 1 year of support (possibly need 5 years); trust and love need to be systemic value (Karen Taylor).</p>

Rapid Rehousing Pilot	<p>Kate Speltz reported that there is a pilot project in King Co yet outside of Seattle, linking shelters with rapid rehousing. The pilot is to test this approach to see if it helps to RRH households more quickly. Using federal funds that must be spent by Sept. 2022. Households will enter RRH from participating shelters, not through CEA. Housing triage tool will be completed on all shelter participants, and factors considered for COVID prioritization will be used. This is an additional resource and RRH through CEA will continue at the same level. NOTE: The pilot also involves the City of Seattle, which is implementing with two new shelter.</p> <p>Action: Kate will distribute copy of RFP and list of participating shelters</p>
COVID-19 and Its Impacts on Daily Operations	<p>Kate reported the recommendation of ongoing use of masks.</p>
Closing / Next Steps	<p>ACTION: <i>Riz and Alex and BB to meet with Peter Lynn</i></p> <p>Next meeting: July 22, 2021, 10:30 – 12:00 pm</p>

CEA PAC Agendas and Meeting Summaries: [CEA Policy Advisory Committee Meetings – Regional Homelessness Authority \(kcrha.org\)](https://kcrha.org)

Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) is part of the All Home (Continuum of Care) structure, and is responsible for:

- Understanding the daily operations of CEA;
- Working with the Coordinating Entity to identify any policy implications in changes to daily operations;
- Approving policy and procedure recommendations from the Coordinated Entity to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of CEA;
- Conducting racial equity analysis when designing policy or when evaluating performance;
- Holding accountability and providing support to the Coordinating Entity for fulfilling CEA vision;
- Advising the Coordinated Entity based on CEA performance data including the 120 day review and stakeholder input; and
- Providing vision and overarching structure recommendations to the All Home Coordinating Board and supports approved solutions to moving forward.

Decisions and authority held at CEA PAC:

- Make and approve policy decisions that impact daily operations and decision making, but do not change the core vision of CEA affirmed by the All Home Coordinating Board;
- Create and/or recommend workgroups and/or focused “sprints” when CEA issues arise; and
- Develop recommendations and/or propose changes to Coordinating Board when issues of access, prioritization or structure arise.