

King County Regional Homelessness Authority -
Continuum of Care
Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date: February 1st, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Welcome and Settling In - Role Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Tamara	Bauman	x	
Kelle	Brown		x
Leeze	Castro	x	
Shanee	Colston	x	
Brianna	Franco		x
Marvin	Futrell	x	
Kristi	Hamilton	x	
Marisol Tapia	Hopper		x
Benjamin	Miksch		x
Norine Hill	Oneida		x
Linda	Peoples		x
Kristina	Sawyckyj	x	
Robin	Tatsuda		x
Karen	Taylor	x	
Sherry	Tillman	x	

Five Members Present - Quorum is not met at 2:10 pm

Board member came in at 2:18 pm (6)

Board Member came in at 2: 22 pm (7)

Board Member Came in at 2:45 pm (8) Quorum is met

Land Acknowledgement (Kristi Hamilton)

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Review and Approve December & January Meeting Minutes (January 4, 2022 - & December 7, 2022)

January meeting notes moved to March meeting for approval by CoC Board due to quorum not present.

Applications for Implementation Board, Governing Committee and Advisory Committee, review and vote.

Discussion on board applicants and vote moved to March 1st meeting due to quorum not present.

NOFO Evaluation and Ranking Timeline, and Values & Priorities (Kelsey Beckmeyer & Owen Kajfasz) -

I first want to focus on the values and priorities. These were revised and approved last year for the two thousand and twenty-two NOFO process, and we have to review them and have them affirmed every year so wanted to introduce them, or reintroduce those values and priorities to the board for this year to look at whether or not there are changes that want to happen. Then in the NOFO planning at 8 am on Thursdays we'll work on drafting those recommendations to bring to a vote in March for the board to accept those.

These are the values and priorities that are on the KCRHA website & that were voted on and approved last August. In order to guide the NOFO ranking process. The hope is that we will review these and get them reaffirmed earlier in the year, to guide the reading and ranking process. So we will update the fiscal year regarding the project priority. I wanted to run through what the local values of the Coc. that were adopted are.

1. To center the KCRHA Theory of Change.
2. To promote the mission of significantly decreasing the incidence of homelessness, using equity and social justice.
3. To promote equitable access and service provision through an intersectional and anti-racist approach.
4. To maximize community response to homelessness, while aiming to maintain as much HUD Continuum of Care program funding in the COC as possible.
5. To promote human centered practices and partnerships with a housing first approach

Then next are listing the priorities that we have when looking at prioritizing projects for the rating and ranking list that we submit to HUD during the NOFO. We'll have space in the Thursday planning sessions to talk about this as well. So we prioritize projects that:

- Elevate voices of people with lived experience as experts in development of implementation, of planning, programming, and evaluation.

- Focus on those who are literally homeless, to bring into their programs.
- Actively participate in Continuum of Care through demonstrable racial equity and social justice oriented practices.
- Demonstrate commitment to power, sharing, and deference to people who live experience and organizational design and policy development through action, such as dedicated board seats or management positions.
- Advance the collective goals of the CoC including racial disproportionality and achieving equitable outcomes for indigenous black Pacific islanders and other people of color, as well as the Lgbtq community.
- The movement to permanent housing and subsequent stability do not replace mainstream resources. We work to connect people served with community-based, culturally responsive resources to participate in HMIS. With complete high quality data demonstrate alignment with hud housing for standards, perform well against Hud CoC goals and positively impact local system, performance and equity outcomes then consistently meet or exceed operational standards for spending match occupancy and reporting.

These are the priorities that we'll look at when it comes to rating and ranking of the programs this coming year, as we do the NOFO renewal. Kelsey Beckmeyer

We have to have the Board affirm these every year. Throughout the month of February, we'll be aiming to seek input on any revisions we want to see. So the values and priorities, and then these will be brought back to the board in March for a vote. Kelsey Beckmeyer

A vote for the rating and ranking tool and process would likely happen by June at the latest, which is when we would vote on that. We want to have some time to work on that development.

Kelsey Beckmeyer

I will be fully transparent on the timeline, and that it could move a little slower than we hope one due to. I will be absent in mid-march, and we are bringing on a Coc coordinator who will be starting later in February. So there'll be some onboarding that needs to happen in order to get staff ready and like rare and to go. We are working kind of internally at KCRHA to make sure that we are pressed, and that we have the staff capacity to do this and do it well. There's a couple of things that we know that we want to lay a strong foundation. To make sure that then this process is really robust. Kelsey Beckmeyer

Quorum is met with Kristina Sawyckj joining

Kelsey. Thanks for the context. Perfection is not what's needed, quality, shift, or quality. A change is what's needed. We just need to be able to continue doing good work as we find better ways of actually carrying it out. Marvin Futrell

The other kind of idea and process shift that I want to also kind of introduce that we've been talking about over the last couple of months is how we do the local application process. This is for all the renewals that we do for the Nofo. Any CoC funded program that is to be renewed in the two thousand and twenty-three NOFO over the last few years. That's been done through an application so submitted through a grant portal. Kelsey Beckmeyer

It was the net numbering of programs in the continuation of care. Does that include any programs that are moving over finally this year to the CoC From the county, and I believe there are six directly funded And will we have a way to actually monitor those programs as part of the evaluation process?

Marvin Futrell

With Nofo. Yes, any program getting soc dollars is included in the ranking and radio process. The rationale is really the call from the board to have more community engagement in the notebook process itself. In a two day time or so hit all of our site programs. In order to make sure that we are. We are thinking kind of strategically about how to do the interview, and I would welcome ideas. We are in the initial mapping out of this to see what is feasible. Kelsey Beckmeyer

Can Alex or Katherine issue an updated calendar of these like subcommittees and meetings, so that everybody is aware of when and how they're happening to adjust, especially when we're needing people to show up in these spaces? Shanee Colston

We will get that out. Peter Lynn

I'd like to approve the meeting since we have a quorum. Minutes from December and January. I'm open to taking a motion for accepting them, unless folks have any state motion to accept the meeting minutes. Marvin Futrell

shanee colston Is in favor

Tamara Bauman Seconds that favor

Advisory Committee Retreat Report Out (Marvin Futrell & Shanee Colston) -

I believe our recruit went really well. The feedback that we received from those who were in attendance was positive as well. [Shanee Colston](#)

I love to hear from Tamara and others that were at the retreat on what good takeaways we can work on. I think we need to do it more often as a body. [Marvin Futrell](#)

I think the day was really productive, I learned quite a bit more about what our roles are and what we should be expecting as a board. I'm getting a lot of support for the idea of incorporating well-being into our redesign and our coc, and like so i'm kind of flying high on that. [Tamara Bauman](#)

I'm happy with the conversations that we had. I think that I personally will never be the one to opt for more in-person things, but it was productive. [Leeze Castro](#)

Marvin called [Susan Starrett \(she/her\)](#) to speak-

I think it was a fantastic day. It was really nice to meet. everybody who was able to attend. Everyone came up with a great list of activities and things that you want to work on this year as both fulfill your role on your board. All the things that we've talked about at the retreat there's always a lot of work to do. susan.starrett@csh.org

System Performance Committee Report (Tamara Bauman & Kristi Hamilton) -

We had our planning meeting earlier, and we want to invite people to join the planning meetings. If people are interested. Rather than a formal joining of the Subcommittee, for anyone who wants that information that we are discussing during the meetings, and what will be presented at the public meetings later in the month, and with the recruitment of new members. I think we have five applications in, but we're trying to structure the onboarding. So we're thinking about having the public meetings be one part being training focused topics and then the second part being about an overview of the system Performance Committee functions and what we're what we're responsible for. We want to invite more people to get to know what we do so that we're all developing collective technical knowledge about the data that we're collecting and how it informs policy and, you know, changes to the system. The point of that is to come to the CoC meetings, with more in-depth information about hmos and data collection and analysis. For the applications, I believe we just created a flier to go with the applications. I believe Janelle is going to be working on physical distribution to different locations. Also, the HMIS work Plan and training plan for two thousand and twenty three was approved at the last meeting. We will be getting some quarterly updates from bit focus on data quality and procedures for working with new agencies accessing the HMIS database. You mentioned in the planning meeting that

you'd like to share out the votes. That was every first Wednesday of the month. On the same days as the Advisory Committee, but we meet from ten to eleven on those mornings. Tamara Bauman

No other planning meetings throughout the month. And then the public meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, from 2-4pm Tamara Bauman

Advisory Committee Charter Review (Marvin Futrell & Shanee Colston) -

After reviewing the charter that was presented to us, what was missing from a re-editing we did a little over a year and a half ago is moving forward with the stand up of our continuum of care. I want to offer that we had often discussed that we needed a governing committee, a group to work on language and making sure that things were memorialized in writing of our work presently, and I, the co-chairs, have a standing meeting with the KCRHA Staff members. Usually Peter and Alex Thank you very much. We usually use that space to debrief the monthly meeting, and set agendas for the next meeting. It's presently a half-hour long. If staff can hold an hour for that. I think we could have several planning sessions over updating our charter. Marvin Futrell

Kristi Hamilton is requesting to share meeting with all board members

Absolutely. If you, if you don't talk about it now, i'd like to put forth that we adopt that meeting space and time to work this out, so everyone can be involved who wants to help. So I move that we adopt Mondays three to four PM as a time space for our governing committee to actually review this work.

Marvin Futrell

Counted for Quorum. Quorum is approved. Kristina Sawyckyj abstained regarding Monday meetings.

I will take it as general consent of the board as it's present. Now that this is the action. They'd like their chairs to be made. Unless I hear objections, we will work in that direction, and I'm open to bringing this back to the board in a month for ratification. Marvin Futrell

Wellbeing & Equity (Erin Bryant-Thomas) -

Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Erin Bryant Thomas, and my pronouns are she and her. I serve as the director of equity and justice. At KCRHA. I am an anti-racist, community organizer and it is a pleasure to be with you all. I've been asked to come and to share a little bit about a blueprint called the Well-being blueprint, and also caring about the equity work that we have raised our hand and said that we would center on. So today I am before you, just sharing a little bit about the well-being blueprint. I

just wanted to pull some information directly from their website, and I want to appreciate Tamara, Bowman and Kristy for sharing this with the board, and my intention is to also share this information with the Board as well as our general public. The well-being of the blueprint states explicitly, that American systems are fundamentally unfair, and that racism, sexism, homophobia and other forms of oppression are baked in it, that this is structural, and it goes deeper than the individuals who work in these systems. Systems like child welfare, housing, finance, health care, education, and more, miss the opportunity to create far more just and impactful and hopeful ways forward. We have to start with people and communities centering what every person needs in order to thrive. That's the thing that community systems need to change. It is critical that we change systems. They can't change without centering on community and censorship. Our theory of change really helps us to make our change real so that we're not just talking about it. We're actually living it, and our community needs us to show up in a way that it's meaningful. It also helps us to identify community priorities. It helps us to prepare and meet community needs, and it increases participation and understanding of different perspectives. Our decisions are better informed, and again it demonstrates commitment to anti-racism. But I appreciate you all inviting me to just provide a very, very, very brief overview of the well-being blueprint, and also sharing the anti-racist organizing principles of the people's institute, all further dialogue and conversation, and I'll turn it back over to you. Thank you Erin Bryant-Thomas

I just want to thank you for such an amazing presentation, and the blending of anti-racist work and the well-being blueprint that's been my dream to see something like this come to fruition with the well-being blueprint and then just marrying that with KCRHA's work. Tamara Bauman

At this time, Councillor. We will close this meeting of the King County Continuum of Care Advisory committee board regular board and monthly board week. Marvin Futrell

Next Steps and Adjourn - Next Regular Meeting: March 1, 2023