



Seattle-King County CoC Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time

October 4th, 2023 – 2:00 pm – 4:00pm

Roll Call

Name	Present
Patricia Barnes-Sam	x
Tamara Bauman	x
Kenyatta CarrollHillman	
Leeze Castro	
Zsa Zsa Floyd	x
Marvin Futrell	x
Antoinette Lambert	x
Dorsol Plants	
Ruby Romero	x
Martha Sassorossi	x
Kristina Sawyckyj	x
Sherry Tillman	
Galena White	x

- Roll Call – [9] members present – [4] members absent
 - Quorum is met

Land Acknowledgement (Tamara Bauman)

Item 1 – Minutes Review (Marvin Futrell)

- Notes 9/6/23 Meeting minutes
 - Motion: Passed
 - Vote: Approved with 8 votes from board members

Name	Vote
Patricia Barnes-Sam	x
Tamara Bauman	x
Kenyatta CarrollHillman	
Leeze Castro	

Zsa Zsa Floyd	x
Marvin Futrell	x
Antoinette Lambert	x
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Ruby Romero	x
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Public Comment -

- **Michelle Eastman** – PIT Count – Is requesting to establish a permanent PIT count Committee based on HUD guidelines. The involvement of KCRHA and individuals with lived experience is emphasized. There's a call for the inclusion of rural communities, an equity focus in any algorithms used, and transparent communication to the public about the process before it's implemented.

Item 2 – Coordinated Entry (Alex Ebrahimi)

- Alex Ebrahimi is the System Performance manager at the KCRHA
- **Coordinated Entry Eligibility**
 - Coordinated Entry serves people experiencing homelessness who are:
 - Living and sleeping outside
 - Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation
 - Staying in a shelter
 - Fleeing/attempting to flee DV situations
 - Young adults (including young families) who are imminently at risk of homelessness within 14 days
- **Access**
 - Regional Access Points (RAPs) are an entry point the Coordinated Entry System. These entry points are centers where people experiencing homelessness can get help finding housing and other resources. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness may call ahead to schedule an appointment:
 - Bellevue- Catholic Community Services
 - Federal Way – Multi-Service Center
 - Renton – YWCA
 - Seattle – Central – Catholic Community Services
 - Seattle – North – Solid Ground
 - Additionally, there are Community Based Assessors employed at dozens of homeless service provider agencies across King County.

- **Coordinated Entry Referral Pathways Daily Windows of Opportunity for Housing Nominations:**
 - Families – 10:30am to 12:30pm
 - Single Adults – 12:00pm to 3:00pm
 - Young Adults – 3:00pm to 5:00pm
 - American Indian – Alaska Native Case Conferencing – Weekly matching and bi-weekly meetings
 - Mobility Transfers – Processed within 1 business day for Safety, 3 business days otherwise
 - Trueblood Case Conferencing – As units become available
 - Veterans Case Conferencing – Weekly matching and meetings
- **Transition Period**
 - April 17 to May 26, 2023
 - Align with HUD guidance to close External Fills on May 29
 - Snapshot the Priority Pool on April 14 and continue to house those previously prioritized
 - Orient emergency service providers to the new process
 - Solicit feedback and iterate
- **Sticking Points**
 - Chronic Homelessness verification is a significant documentation challenges
 - Lack of middle-path options for those with low to medium needs who cannot afford the housing market
 - Inconsistent knowledge base about housing resources in our community
- **Sharing Knowledge**
 - Create training resources on the following:
 - Housing project type and the nuances of the portfolio within those types
 - Chronic Homelessness documentation
 - Document qualitative data on Unsuccessful Referrals in HMIS
 - Monthly onboarding for CE process
- **System Administration Opportunities**
 - Mobility Request Homelessness Waiver update
 - Prioritization future COPRI
 - Effective partnership with PHAs to reduce housing placement timeline in PBV PSH
 - Develop sustainable, trauma informed process for multiple referrals to a single opening
 - Redesign Regional Access Points (RAP) from a person-centered design framework
 - Integrate all shelter placements in the CES
- **Next Steps – CE Committee**
 - Taking application through the CE Committee applications from Sept 15th to October 13th

- Applications reviewed with members of the CoC Board from October 16th to 19th, 2023
- The first CE Committee meeting is Thursday, October 26th, 2023 with regular meetings every fourth Thursday of the month ongoing.
- **Link to Apply:**
 - **CE Committee Application:**
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/4530339720cd4f0fb85f2cbdfb02a685>

Questions:

- Do board members have to apply to be in the CE? - Marvin
 - Yes. - Alex Ebrahimi
 - Kristina, Lacey, Sherry, Zsa Zsa, Antoinette would all like to apply.

Public Comment:

- **Yasmeen** – Is interested in joining the CE Committee & will apply.

Item 3 – CoC NOFO Recap (Kelsey Beckmeyer)

- **Estimated ARD - \$56,628,099**
 - **Tier 1 - \$52,664,132**
 - **CoC Bonus - \$3,963,967**
 - **DV Bonus - \$1,512,343**
 - **CoC Planning - \$1,500,000**
- **FY23 NOFO Overview**
 - 55 Projects renewed
 - 2 landed in Tier 2
 - YHDP competitively renewed
 - 9 new projects submitted
 - 8 from reallocation and /or CoC Bonus
 - 1 DV Bonus project with 3 subrecipients
- **CoC Planning Grant**
 - Increased from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000
 - Added in budget to support board work, in particular the CoC Convenings in 2024
 - Added a CoC Program specialist for further capacity
- **FY23 Consolidated Application**
 - KCRHA staff, COC board members, YAB Board members, CEBGV, 13 raters and Rankers all informed the content of the Consolidated Application
 - HUGE THANK YOU TO TULLY MACKAY-TISBERT!
 - Application posted and announced to broad stakeholder group on 9.26.23
 - Submitted to HUD Sept 27th, 2023

- **Thank Yous!**

- A big thank you to the CoC NOFO Workgroup
 - Met from January 2023 through early September 2023
 - We will send out the scope of work and application information for the 2024 workgroup before the end of the year.
- Shout out to Procurement Team for the hard work on Bonus dollars
 - Deepest Gratitude to Jenn Ozawa
 - No exact date on NOFO results but we hope for them in March 2024 – Alan Guttirez

Questions:

- CoC Planning dollars (\$1.5 million) - Will there be a CoC Coordinator and soon a CoC Specialist? - Marvin
 - Yes! First the Coordinator and then the Specialist – Kelsey
- Asking for feedback on Rating and Ranking - Patricia Barnes-Sam
 - Asked that she reach out to Shani Jones & or Eli Griffin
- Hoping to have a debrief of consolidated application in late October/ early November, 2023. - Kelsey Beckmeyer

Systems Performance Committee Update - (Tamara Bauman)

- Focusing on getting a new co-chair. Nomination will be voted on in the next public meeting. Will be talking about the PIT and getting to know the new person on the Community Impact Team.

KCRHA Updates - (Alan Guttirez)

- We are hiring for a number of positions. Hiring a Youth and Young Adult Policy Coordinator, CoC Coordinator, Procurement & Policy Manager, Sr. Contract Coordinator, Program Coordinator – System Performance Team, & a Program Specialist

CoC Convening Update - (Zsa Zsa Floyd & Alan Guttirez)

- If you would like to help plan the CoC Convening, please email alan.guttirez@kcrha.org & ac-zfloyd@kcrha.org to let them know you are interested. HUD requires that we have two convenings per year with all board members & all stakeholders involved in CoC including folx with lived experience. There will be trainings put on often with decisions and actions being made as well.
 - Shared understanding of timeline – Is there a tentative date for this to be started? Wants to be sure the timeline is not too tight, and that communications and expectations of board members are communicated in a timely manner. - Martha Sassorossi
 - Alan confirms that we will send out an email to keep communications open.

Ruby Romero-

- Ruby Romero expressed gratitude to the chair and board members for addressing significant issues and highlighted an upcoming homelessness debate. She's concerned

that districts one and five, crucial areas with high unsheltered homeless populations, are excluded from this debate which features districts two, three, four, six, seven, and King County District eight. While the exclusion was attributed to funding issues, she stressed the importance of addressing concerns in all districts due to their significance in the homelessness context. Romero urged for equitable representation and acknowledgment of all districts in Seattle. She also pointed out that she has letters from people that were affected by the sweeps in Seattle as well & would like to find a way for their voices to be heard.

Next Steps & Adjourn

- Next regular meeting November 1st, 2023 from 2:00-4:00pm