

Seattle-King County CoC Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time

January 3rd, 2024; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Roll Call

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

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

Land Acknowledgement & Theory of Change (Ruby Romero)

Minutes Review

- Vote: To approve the meeting minutes from December
- Motion: Approved with 8 votes

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Public Comment:

- **Mike Mathias** – Fonder and Director of Anything Helps – He shared feedback on the HMIS sign up process.
- **Jade Weise** – Member of the Lived Experience Coalition (LEC) Is looking forward to being back in the space to share feedback and highlight all of the real truths.

Youth Action Board (YAB) Presentation (TreVon Fields, Lacey Morgan, Aisha Mardan Jeng & Caitlyn Adkinson):

Youth Action Board achievements & Goals

- Mission Statement: The King County Youth Action Board is a diverse group of Youth and Young Adults who are passionate about ending youth homelessness. We aim to end homelessness for Youth all over King County and Washington State. We d this with the inclusion of those experiencing homelessness and utilizing community outreach.
- Agenda:
 - Podcast & Content Creation
 - Newsletter
 - Event planning
 - Art Content
 - Talking Initiative
 - Moving Forward
 - Thanks
- Content Creation:
 - Aisha Jeng has been leading the stride in social media content creation for the YAB. This includes putting together Instagram posts, making individual slides for each YAB member and putting together informative media for those unfamiliar with the YAB.
- The Plan:
 - 1) “Education is key. Many of us end up on the streets because we don’t have skills for stable jobs. Investing in our education could help end the cycle of youth homelessness.”

- 2) “More safe shelters. Specifically for young people, could give us a place to stay while were figuring things out. It would be less scary than sleeping in an adult shelter or on the streets.”
 - 3) “Improve the foster care system. A lot of us end up where when we age out.”
- Podcast:
 - Many YAB members have been at the forefront of the Podcast! A lot of content has been made for this project and we are excited to release our first episode! It includes interviews, future YAB plans, and more! Its on Youtube now! If you would like a link please let us know!
- Newsletter:
 - The very first project was our seasonal newsletter! Our fall newsletter is available, and the winter one is on the way. The newsletter has been one of the biggest strides in content creation for the YAB helping to spark that creativity within our members. It has been shared with many service providers and has amazing feedback.
 - “Tre, your contribution is sincerely valued – my warmest congratulations to the YAB members for their exceptional work. The Fall Newsletter looks incredibly impressive and is an invaluable source of information. It’s a privilege to be on this incredible community journey with all of you.”
– Charles Smith of MockingBird Society
- Event Planning:
 - One of the most exciting things about being apart of the YAB is the beauty of community outreach. Reaching out to your local community and learning about those providing services and those living in it. We have events in mind for this purpose including Youth Convention gathering homeless youth across King County and inviting them to share their voice and stories.
- Art:
 - Another form of content creation for the YAB has been art. This has been contributed by all members of the YAB from making our logo, art for our Newsletter, Podcast, or writing and poem creation as well as lyric and melody creation for the song. The YAB proves to be an artistic, creative, and innovative way to connect with homeless Youth and Young Adults.
- Project: PB&J – Finding the Peanut Butter to Your Jelly – Peer Bonding Journey
 - Peanut Butter – Being homeless is a difficult time for anyone, but it is extremely difficult for young people who most of the time are doing it alone. The YAB wants to unify the youth homeless community, which is why we have created this peer program. The peer program connects youth to other youth. There are no time requirements for members of the peer program, the dynamic is flamboyant and left in the jurisdiction of the peers themselves; it has been the two peer partners to define the terms of their companionship.
 - To Your Jelly –
 - This program is for youth and young adults (ages 18 to 25) who have previously, or currently are at risk of homelessness, or homeless as defined as any person who is:
 - Outside unsheltered

- Living in a temporary shelter
- Living in a car, or couch hopping
- Talking Initiative – Since the creation of the YAB, youth and young adults have been stepping up to the plate challenging old ideas and creating new ones. Despite the challenges of currently or previously enduring homelessness the YAB has been a group of spirited youth willing to put their face and voice out there in hopes of helping others. Our current YAB has been nothing but ecstatic to work with service providers and representatives of King County to aid in our common goal of ending homelessness!

YAB Q&A:

Ruby – I love the idea of PB&J and thank you for your work. I am excited to see the outcomes of your work and terminology.

Tamara – I am so excited about your work and thank you so much for your work. I also love using art for change.

Jade – I also want to give you all a shout out and I would love to learn from the work that you do. Is there an opportunity to educate other organizations?

Caitlyn – We will take this back to the YAB and follow up.

Dorsol – I love everything that you are doing! Is Instagram the only social media that you are using. We also have a Tik Tock and a Facebook.

Caitlyn – We have been focused on the Instagram and we are focused on that right now.

Marvin – Aging out has always been a factor and hardship for youth organizers.

Caitlyn – Yes we have discussed this and we have come up with a way to remedy not being able to participate in the YAB. We have more to figure out.

Marvin – Does the YAB have any plans around the Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Caitlyn – We do not have plans for this right now but there is a Youth Convening coming up in March. They were having issues with funding.

NOFO Planning Group for 2024 Approval & How You Can Get Involved (Kelsey Beckmeyer):

Kelsey Beckmeyer: I have previously shared a scope of work about the CoC NOFO Workgroup and how to apply to be a member. There is a composition of who will comprise the CoC NOFO Workgroup to ensure that we have a diverse group. 4 CoC Board Members, 2 members from the KCRHA Programs, 2 KCRHA Procurement Team Members, 1 Member of the Community Impact Team, 1 member of the KCRHA SubRegional Planning team, 2 members of the CoC membership.

Deliverables:

- NOFO Timeline –
 - The workgroup will develop a suggested timeline of activities to prepare for the FY24 NOFO, including the Local Competition, Rating and Ranking and related community engagements.
- Values & Priorities:
 - The workgroup will develop the recommendations for the FY24 CoC Values and Priorities for the CoC Board to review and approve.
- NOFO Updates:
 - The workgroup will provide regular updates to the CoC Board about the NOFO and Local Competition.
- Final Priority Listing:
 - The workgroup will review and recommend to the CoC Board the final Priority Listing of NODO Projects based on the work and recommendations of the NOFO Raters and Rankers.
- Consolidated Application:
 - The workgroup will review, provide recommended responses, and coordinate outreach to other partners for answer responses to sections of the Consolidated Application.
- Immediate goals:
 - Timeline
 - Values and priorities

Questions:

Marvin – I have a question. We are going to open this up to the CoC membership and have 2 CoC members join the process.

Patricia – You mentioned the application process. Is the application on the KCRHA website?

Kelsey – Further down on the CoC Board Member page we have the documents available.

Patricia – You mentioned the application for the NOFO. Do I need to apply?

Kelsey – That was a different process, you served as a review and rank panelist.

Patricia – Could you give an overview of the scope of work and the time commitment.

Kelsey – I expect 4-5 hours per month for the CoC NOFO workgroup.

Patricia – Are the meetings during the daytimes or the evenings?

Kelsey – They will occur during business hours.

Dorsol – Who's recommendation was the breakdown of those 12 members.

Kelsey – That was my recommendation and based on who is involved.

Dorsol – It is limiting to have this happen during business hours.

Alan – We will strive to identify a time for the CoC NOFO workgroups during Monday through Friday regular office hours.

Dorsol – If you are automatically going with a Monday through Friday then that limits.

Kelsey – we will consider this for sure.

Vote:

- Vote: To approve the NOFO Planning Workgroup
- Motion: Approved with 9 votes

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What Was Learned at the CoC Convening (Marvin Futrell):

- Tamara – I would love to see more trainings from other members of the CoC membership.
- Zsa Zsa – I thought it was great and it went well. I have to give a shout out to Ruby for her presentation on the criminalization of homelessness. I learned so much. What I did hear and listen to was so good. Thank you to Alan for stepping up to provide the CoC charter training.
- Tamara – I can't say enough about how refreshing it was to have this conversation out in the public. It was really meaningful and I cannot thank Ruby enough for her work on the criminalization presentation. I want to flag the National Housing Law Center on the house keys not handcuffs.
- Patricia – I was live in person with Ruby, Alan, Alex, Zsa Zsa and other staff. I got to meet the KCRHA staff. We had a wonderful lunch. It was very organized. I got to see everyone online and it was really beautiful and empowering.
- Jade – I want to echo that I loved Ruby's presentation and it was awesome. I am excited that the narrative is starting to change.

- Ruby – We had a lot of help with folks from CSH and I really want to thank them. I want to suggest that maybe we aim for 3 convenings in 2024 if we can.
- Patricia – Ditto and shout out to everyone! Everything was on point.
- Alan – need to ensure that the next convening is in person

HMIS Update (Tamara Bauman & Zsa Zsa Floyd):

- **Tamara Bauman** – concretize adding the wellness blueprint goals into this work that was created by the Full Frame initiative. Please come to the next System Performance committee meeting and we will be working on the workplan for 2024 on January 17, 2024 from 2-4 PM.
- **Ruby Romero** – We will be announcing soon that we will be adding folks to the System Performance committee for folks to apply. The last piece is that the PIT Count Hubs have been identified and we took a look at them today and we feel like this work reaches far and wide. We will likely learn more about this at the next System Performance committee meeting on January 17, 2024 from 2-4 PM.
 - **Marvin Futrell** – I want to flag that getting an ADA Coordinator is a need for this work. This was not one of the positions that carried over to KCRHA. We have not yet worked on this and it is a matter of public record at this time. As we lose pieces, we want to gain them back. When do we get the quarterly HMIS report?
 - **Ruby Romero:** I will follow up with you on the next quarterly HMIS report and next steps.

Update on Presentation to the Governing Committee (Marvin Futrell & Zsa Zsa Floyd):

- **Zsa Zsa Floyd:** We were about to give a presentation and I felt like the Governing Committee received the information well. I am hopeful that in 2024 that we see some action. I would like to put a face to this work and make it more human. I feel that folks can make it more real and that was how I presented. I also appreciated how the Women of WHEEL acknowledged and uplifted the unhoused individuals and families who died in 2023 to show up for them and it's really important. That right there should show the importance of bringing an end to homelessness by having a variety of solutions to meet folks needs. We need to bring more resources.
- **Marvin Futrell:** I thought it was positive to get agreement on meeting with the governing committee to discuss emerging and urgent items, the budget, and other items.
- **Tamara Bauman:** I want to thank the Co-Chairs for their work to present on the Governing Committee on the criminalization of homelessness.
- **Dorsol Plants:** What work can we do at the constituent level.
- **Grants Pass Petition**

- There is a petition in Grants Pass, Washington. There is a challenge to this case as a challenge to Martin vs Boise and this is now going to the Supreme Court. The question about does general applicable laws related to cruel and unusual punishment pertain to encampment removals. If they do choose to review this it could possibly overturn Martin vs. Boise and I want to flag this. If they deny to hear the case it will further strengthen Martin vs. Boise.
 - **Tamara Bauman:** What can we do to help?
 - **Ruby Romero:** We can as CoC board members align ourselves with it.

Next Steps & Adjourn

- Next meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2024; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM