

Seattle-King County CoC Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time

February 7th, 2024; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Roll Call

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

- Roll Call – [10] members present – [3] members absent
- Quorum is met

Land Acknowledgement & Theory of Change (Marvin Futrell & Zsa Zsa Floyd)

Minutes Review

- Vote to approve the minutes: Paused as Alan has not finished the minutes yet.
- Motion: Paused until next month

Public Comment:

- Jade - Representing the Lived Experience Coalition, King County Continuum of Care (CoC), and the King County Healthcare for The Homeless Network Community Advisory Group

- Advocated for the adoption of a labor acknowledgment by the implementation board and governance committee. This acknowledgment would recognize the contributions of Black individuals to the country and the ongoing need for reparations. Jade highlighted concerns regarding the process of selecting an interim CEO for the Regional Housing Authority (RHA), criticizing the short notice given to members with lived experience and the exclusion of CoC board members, which contradicts HUD's guidelines. Furthermore, Jade condemned the apparent effort to maintain the status quo by those in power within the RHA, urging the board to use their influence to address these governance issues and advocate for equitable practices in line with the theory of change. Jade called for unity and action within the CoC to propose effective solutions that cannot be ignored by government and political figures, emphasizing the expertise and collective strength of those involved in this work.
- Michelle Eastman – Director of Communications for the Lived Experience Coalition (LEC)
 - Urges KCRHA to further involve people with lived experience in the Point in Time Count as well as the Re-Procurement process as they are the most impacted by these processes. She also asked that the Re-Procurement process be presented to the board ahead of time so that members with lived experience can review it. She also encouraged KCRHA to expand their severe weather shelters and continue to cover all parts of King County so that all neighbors can access shelter during cold weather.
- Katie, on behalf of the Services Not Sweeps Coalition.
 - 1. What is the current severe weather protocol process for the city from A to Z?
 - 2. How does the KCRHA utilize their wide network of providers and disseminate information related to weather emergencies?
 - 3. Who is responsible for providing notification for the public? This includes disseminating info to people outside, social media and website posts, notifications at the locations included in the alert, and communications to service providers and other agencies.
 - 3a. How many KCRHA employees are tasked with monitoring the weather and how do they go about activating the extreme weather rollout? Who makes the call? How often does this team review the weather?
 - 3b. Can the website and social media process be shared or formalized?
 - 4. Can we utilize city-buildings as extreme weather shelters?
 - 4a. Community centers such as Meadowbrook Community Center?
 - 4b. Red Doors of City Hall?
 - 5. What is the policy regarding severe weather coinciding with scheduled bookings at severe weather locations (such as at Exhibition Hall)?
 - 6. Can KCRHA publish the protocol for authorizing and registering an extreme weather shelter?
 - 6a. What incentives exist or could be considered put in place? Such as training support, material support, financial support
- Most answers to these questions can be found on the KCRHA website -
 - <https://kcrha.org/resources/severe-weather-shelter/>
 - Alan Guttirez – We will have a presentation prepared for next month's CoC board meeting to highlight the answers asked by Katie.

Point – in – Time Count (PIT) Update (Ruby Romero):

- PIT count was just finished. Successfully collected around 1,150 surveys
 - Over 130 volunteers – 1800 hours (about 2 and a half months) in total across the county at 17 locations
 - After data is cleaned up, we will move to analysis portion of the count
 - This is double last years and
 - Doubling that count is higher, just that it is more accurate
 - It could mean we chose the correct HUB locations that were better than the 2022 PIT count
 - Increased number of surveys across the county may allow for greater data than in 2022
 - We are working on an initial HUD report and the deadline is the end of April
- Seattle times published an article today talking about how there are other ways to do the PIT count and highlighted our methodology.
- There was a huge amount of community who stepped in to help
 - Co-Chair Zsa Zsa Floyd – Language line was available, Coupons had HUB location on them making it easier for our unsheltered neighbors to get to the hubs closer to them
- Board member Dorsol Plants – How did the phone surveys for families go?
 - Daniel – It was great as a lot of times families with children have a difficult time making it into HUBS. The family phone line made it accessible for them to participate. Volunteers said it was adaptive and they adjusted as needed to accommodate our unhoused neighbors.

KCRHA Update (Alan Guttirez):

- In 2023 there were significant delays in our FY 2023 contract amendments and this year we are excited to share that we have been focused on making sure that doesn't happen again.
 - Over 90% of our FY 2024 contract amendments for our nonprofit partners that we fund are executed. Staff is pushing to have it all done by the end of the week.
- We are also working on program monitoring. Big thanks to our nonprofit partners. We have just finished the amendments and now we are moving forward to monitoring over 80 contracts. We are approaching this from a place of support and partnership.
 - KCRHA staff are working to ensure this process is as seamless as possible while providing the needed support to providers.
- At the next meeting we will have a presentation of the FY 2023 CoC Awards
 - Board member Dorsol Plants– How did the budget cuts affect the KCRHA and the programs?
 - Alan Guttirez – We will share updates regarding this at the next meeting
 - Board member Tamara Bauman- IB & GC making decisions about the Interim CEO without communicating with the CoC Board & members of lived experience.
 - Board member Ruby Tuesday – Wants to have a conversation with the GC as we were not included in the decision-making process of the interim CEO

Severe Weather Update (Alan Guttirez):

- Alan Guttiez was previously the Severe Weather lead, and that lead role was transferred back to Tony Machacha. He is unexpectedly out today and is unable to be present at this meeting. We will give a comprehensive update at next month's meeting.
- Board member Dorsol Plants – Would rather have countywide unilateral severe weather responses.
- Jade – The services not sweeps coalition is a different entity than Stop the Sweeps. The coalition is made up of Be Seattle, SHARE/WHEEL, and is comprised of orgs across the county. Stop the Sweeps is strongly focused within the county.

SPC Updates & HMIS Update (Ruby Romero & Tamara Bauman):

- Board member Tamara Bauman – at the next SPC meeting they will discuss expanding their community metrics based on the 5 domains of Wellbeing full frame initiative. They will be developed, implemented and evaluated by members of lived experience. The goal is to change the system through re-orientation towards well-being. Looking at how we can create new communities through a trauma informed lens. All this work should be rooted in love, empathy and compassion to end homelessness for all as it benefits everyone in the community. #5is meaningful access to resources.
- Board member Ruby Romero – The 6 HUD community metrics are still being worked on. We will vote on the workplan this month, and that is what they are working on.
- The next System Performance Committee meeting is Wednesday 21st, 2024 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Crosscutting Workgroup Discussion on Decriminalization & the Sweeps & Next Steps for Setting Up the Workgroup (Ruby Romero):

- Board member Ruby Romero – Working to change the policy in our county. New members need to sign up for the CoC membership before joining this committee.
- Scope of Work: Workgroups are structured to ensure a system level focus rather than just a CoC specific focus. This workgroup would be formed to develop recommendations or share practices regarding interventions. Challenges, or policy issues. The chair being the appropriate office of the regional authority. Still needs to be chosen. Domestic violence survivors, families, youth, unsheltered persons, etc. And this committee may exceed the 12-person standard. This workgroup would report to KCRHA's CoC Board on a quarterly basis and follows all the program rules in 24 CFR 578. The timeframe of this workgroup would be a standing workgroup and would be there for as long as we need it to be.
- Suggested list of people that we would like to involve: 2-4 CoC Board members, 1 KCRHA Communications team member or admin staff member, IB & GC members, YAB member, Government official at state level, 2 representatives as a CoC partner organization, lived experience coalition member, human trafficking and sex worked advocate, LGBTQIA2 spirit+ representative, one LE member that is not LEC, one Living Experience member, mutual aid workers, other organizations, advocacy members.

- Wants to see the criminalization of homelessness changed.
 - Board member Tamara Bauman – Supreme Court Grants Pass Case – Seeing a massive increase in the criminalization and sweeping of vulnerable people, let's rally the community to protest, contact your state representatives.
 - Board member Ruby Romero – One good thing is that this isn't the Martin vs Boise case. What we can do is request that Ann Davidson take her signature off of that request for appeal document as she is representing Seattle its people.
 - Jade – This is a great opportunity to do some high-level work on this activity. She wants to highlight that we have other locals that are a part of this. Jade would like to be a part of the workgroup.
- Next meeting we want to take a vote on standing up this workgroup before we get to work on choosing members.

What is the CoC's Role in Seating of Lived Experience (LE) Seats on the Governing Committee & Implementation Boards (GC & IB)(Marvin Futrell):

- CoC makes a nomination to the seats
- GC confirms seats for the IB. IB confirms seats for the CoC Board
- There are three processes, but all include:
 - Open nomination or application for folks interested in joining the work before a review process.
- The co-chairs have been trying to confirm a seat for an alternate to be moved to a seated position.

Governing Committee - 1 Vacancy

Process:

- CoC Board member puts forth a motion to nominate (name of person/s),
- A second motion is made, and limited discussion may take place,
- Board voting takes place.
 - Decisions may be made only when a quorum, defined as 50 percent plus one, of the seated CoC Board is present.

Once a successful vote has taken place, the nominees' name(s) are provided to CoC Coordinator, Catherine Todd, and she submits the nominee(s) names via the following instructions.

- *Notice to the County shall be sent to the County Executive and Chair of the County Council.*
- *Notice to Seattle shall be sent to both the Seattle Mayor and the president of the Seattle City Council.*
- *Notice to SCA shall be sent to the SCA Executive Director.*

- *Notice to the members representing individuals with Lived Experience shall be sent to the Advisory Committee or, if the Advisory Committee has not yet been established, the Continuum of Care Board created pursuant to 24 CFR Part 578 or successor regulation.*

Implementation Board - 2 Vacancies

Process:

Nominations are given to CoC Coordinator - Catherine Todd, who submits them to the Clerk of Authority, and he creates a resolution confirming the nomination for the Governing Committee to approve.

- This vote will be moved to share more information on the alternate for the IB in an upcoming CoC Training.
- Board member Ruby Romero – Motions to discuss this at the next COC meeting. Seconded by Co- Chair Zsa Zsa Floyd.
 - Delaying due to needing process knowledge and technical issues.

Next Steps & Adjourn

- Next meeting: Wednesday, March 6th, 2024; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM