



Seattle-King County CoC Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time

April 2, 2025; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Roll Call

Name	Present
Patricia Sam	P
Tamara Bauman	P
Zsa Zsa Floyd	P
Bella Irons	P
Amaiya Leonor	P
Elizabeth Maupin	P
Dorsol Plants	P
Ruby Romero	P
Martha Sassorossi	P
Kristina Sawyckyj	P
Victor Loo	P
Amy Thomas	P
Titi White	A

- Roll Call – 12 members present – 1 member absent
- Quorum Met - Yes

Land Acknowledgement & Theory of Change (Board Members)

- **Land Acknowledgement:** The King County Continuum of Care Board acknowledges that we work on the unseated traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, especially the first peoples of Seattle, the Duwamish people. The original stewards of the land, past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish tribe. This acknowledgement only becomes meaningful when combined with accountable relationships and informed action and is the first step in honoring the land that we today sit on and their peoples.
- **Theory of Change** – If we create a homelessness response system that centers people who have lived experience of homelessness, then we will be able to meet needs and eliminate inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.



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Request to Amend Agenda

- Motion: To change the order of the Coordinated Entry (CE) presentation with the Systems Performance Measure presentation – Elizabeth Maupin
- Second: Amaiya Leonor
- Approved by Voice Vote - 1 Abstention

Minutes Review February Meeting Minutes

- Motion: To approve March Meeting Minutes – Martha Sassorossi
- Second: Amy Thomas
- Approved by Voice Vote

Public Comment:

My name is Michelle Eastman. I'm the Director of Communications for the Lived Experience coalition, and I also have a master's in public administration from the University of Washington focusing on social policy.

I want to draw attention. The Board's attention to the dismissal of Board member, Titi White, and would like to encourage the Board to take on public process to fill the 7 open board seats. Filling these seats is important, because not only the boards lack seated membership, but the committees. I had the opportunity to attend the coordinated entry committee meeting last week, and the meeting ended early because of a lack of quorum and as a result, important business was postponed until next month. If there had been more members perhaps this would not have happened.

And so, I would urge you to consider that process and to go over that process so that we can have this process Answered. How will this process look to fill those seats as we move toward upcoming convenings. Thank you.

Vote to approve Rapid Rehousing Written Standards

- Motion: Approve the Rapid Rehousing Written Standards – Dr. Sam
- Second: Tamara Bauman
- Approved Yes



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Name	Present
Patricia Sam	Y
Tamara Bauman	Y
Zsa Zsa Floyd	No Response
Bella Irons	Y
Amaiya Leonor	Y
Elizabeth Maupin	Y
Dorsol Plants	Y
Ruby Romero	Y
Martha Sassorossi	Y
Kristina Sawyckyj	No Response
Victor Loo	Y
Amy Thomas	Y
Titi White	A

Vote to approve Dismissal of Board Member

- Motion: To Dismiss Board Member White – Martha Sassorossi
- Second: Bella Irons
- Approved Yes

Discussion - In-depth discussion took place on this agenda item. There were three separate votes that took place with the third and final vote resulting in approval of the motion.

Name	Present
Patricia Sam	N
Tamara Bauman	N
Zsa Zsa Floyd	N
Bella Irons	Y
Amaiya Leonor	Abstain
Elizabeth Maupin	Y
Dorsol Plants	Y
Ruby Romero	Y
Martha Sassorossi	Y
Kristina Sawyckyj	No response
Victor Loo	Y
Amy Thomas	Y
Titi White	A



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Meeting Topic: Board & Committee Updates

SPC – Update provided by Bella Irons

Communications are going relatively well

We may have a new member and should be voting this month and we have received new applications.

On Friday 4/4 we have a HUD Comment meeting and next week we will have training.

I sent out the Skills Assessment to all the SPC members and we are encouraging all members to take the assessment.

Weekly email updates are going out to all SPC Members

Next SPC Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025

Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup (CCPWG) – Update provided by Ruby Tuesday Romero

The Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup completed the review of the Rapid Rehousing Standards

We are now in the process of reviewing the CoC Written Standards document

Meeting every two weeks

Next CCPWG Meeting – April 14, 2025

Youth Action Board (YAB) – Update provided by Amaiya Leonor

Preparing for first public meeting – Tentatively planning for April 17th

Preparations are in process for our YAB Convening in July

We are also working on our Charter

There are 2 two seats open on the YAB. We have one YAB seat for the CoC Board and an alternate seat also for the CoC Board. If any of you are interested. Please let me or Trevon Fields know.

CE Update included in CE Presentation

Meeting Topic: Coordinated Entry System – Tom Regan, MHP, KCRHA, Coordinated Entry Manager

Next CE Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025

Meeting Topic: Systems Performance Measure #1 & #7 – Daniel Ramos III, KCRHA Data Asset, Manager

Community Updates – Provided by Co-Chairs, Ruby Tuesday Romero and Dorsol Plants

Metro is requiring fare again, and so just to make sure that everyone's aware of that, they can access Orca cards if they receive EBT or cash assistance. I believe it's either free or very



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minimal cost. Please make sure you encourage or help our people experiencing homelessness how to get fair, so they don't violate any rules.

Kelsey Beckmeyer shared that the Seattle King County Coalition on homelessness is doing a training with Northwest Immigrants' Rights Project on immigration and custom enforcement training. That will be Tuesday, April 8, from 9 to 11 am. The training is posted on KCRHA's website.

Question and request for continuous updates on Federal funding activity.

- ❖ **Question from Board Member Thomas: How is the forecast from the Federal Government and budget cuts and potential cuts to HUD that have been kind of put on the back burner from judgment. How will that affect not only our board, but the NOFO, and what the KCRHA is doing?**

Response provided by Kelsey Beckmeyer - Fiscal year 24. And those are the grants that begin between February of 2025, and at the latest January of 2026 grants that have a begin date between February and May of 2025 are starting to come to direct recipients.

The grant agreement from HUD is being reviewed by general counsels for direct recipients. And this is across the nation because there are new stipulations in the grant agreements related to gender immigration abortion and previously, DEI, some of that was struck from the agreement. So, continuums of care across the nation are reviewing those grant agreements and what they mean. Kind of evaluating that between the agreement language, executive orders that have stays and federal law that is still law. To determine what this means, because there's not a lot of clarity and guidance around what the Grant language means in practice.

We locally in King County are reviewing that language. And I believe the hope is to have a kind of collective approach, particularly between KCRHA and King County, who are the 2 largest direct recipients of CoC grants. The hope is for a kind of clear understanding by mid-April. There was also an update yesterday from the national homelessness resource center around the immigration provisions and currently existing exemption. Information around reviewing documentation on immigration status that, I believe, is going to be published more widely soon. It was an update from a webinar, and this is an update I received verbally, in a in a meeting.

So, there's a lot of information coming up. Really asking legal counsel. I am not a lawyer. So, I am not going to speak in any certainty or provide any interpretation that is legally the rule. So please take that as you will. But there is a lot of thoughtful attention to be there to ensure that one money is flowing into our community in the way that we need it to, because these are funds that are vital to our community.

The hope is that there are not undue burdens that are placed upon recipients and subrecipients of dollars, and that there is clarity in what is required across the board. We know that, at least for



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the grants that are set to move forward with that February through May renewal date. There is no change in what was announced to what is being granted in terms of funding levels.

We anticipate that being the same for grants with start dates from June 2025, through January 2026 and funding for fiscal year 2025 is unknown. There is no clarity on funding levels. Whether or not there will be a new NOFO renewal process. So, there are still a lot of unanswered questions. But there is money moving and grant agreements moving. It is that legal evaluation stage, that majority, if not all continuums of care, are currently at.

Meeting, workgroup and committee dates & times provided by Ruby Tuesday Romero

Next Steps & Adjourn

- **Next meeting: Wednesday May 7, 2025 - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**