



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

8/21/2025

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Casady Monroe, Laura Golino de Lavato, Brandi Tuck, Trevor Nissen, Lizzie Cisneros, Mark Morford, Xenia Gonzalez, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Steven Gilbert, Kat Salas, Ian Slingerland, Christina McGovney, JJ

[Absent – Helmi Hisserich, Jessica Harper, Hannah Studer, Jamar Summerfield]

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Britni Eseler, Malka Geffen, Lori Kelley

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land & Labor Acknowledgment Review Community Agreements Review Racial Equity Lens Tool Review Agenda 	
Community Advisory Bodies Ongoing Recruitment	<p>HSD staff shared information about the HSD ongoing Community Advisory bodies recruitment process (see slides) and asked for feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: How is this process engaging community members outside of who we already know and what is their capacity? We tend to keep picking the same people to serve, and wondering if we should assess who's on the board now and then bring in new folks. A: Asked for input about the Outreach plan, which was shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more people with neurodivergent and disabilities the consistent lackluster outreach to the Black community, queer community and immigrant community is highly concerning. Q: How do we support a path for nonprofit partner employees to serve? A: Will take into consideration Q: What are the target populations for successful outreach? Have you done listening sessions with CoC Board members and/or HSD staff at site-based apartments? People most overwhelmed right now have less capacity to read emails. Use in-person connection and conversation with clear accessible info about the board and committees and how their involvement contributes to accountability and how they'll be affected. A: Getting out into the community is feedback we received from our Lived Experience Advisory 	CoC Board members who volunteered to look at the Google Forms of the application process will receive links.

	<p>Committee as well. HSD will need to prioritize the locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The onboarding plan needs to bring people into the fold easier. • Q: What is HSD's plan to rebuild trust with black, BIPOC, etc. communities and what are accountability mechanisms? A: HSD recognizes the department has lost trust with elements of the community and has work to do to rebuild connections with the resources we have. 	
FY 2025 NOFO Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSD staff predicts the NOFO will drop during the last week of August. • CAC had three meetings to work through Homebase's recommendations to scrub the scoring criteria of high-risk words that could affect our HUD funding, while retaining our existing values about DEI. • Q: Are there any conversations about the administration withholding federal funds to sanctuary jurisdictions (VOCA funds are actively being withheld) and what will happen if a lawsuit doesn't pause that? A: Staff will get an answer from HUD Lead and County lawyer. • Staff shared information about King County v Turner case (see slides). • Q: Trend of programs stopping service is dangerous. Failsafes are not viable options.. What other funding is available besides federal? A: In addition to the threats of federal funds loss, we're also managing reductions of revenue from other resources. County/Dept continues to prioritize keeping people in housing and pursuing paths to permanent housing. 	
ECONorthwest Sources & Uses Presentation	<p>John Tapogna, policy advisor from ECONorthwest shared a presentation about the sources and uses of community funding for homeless services (see slides).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: Can we compare 2024 numbers to your prior reports for any of the spending categories? A: looking at regional dollars compared over the years is very interesting, but don't overemphasize small trends • Q: How do you define imminent versus literal homelessness? A: Two weeks without intervention; literal uses conventional U.S. definition that doesn't include couch surfing or doubling up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Q: Does that include those fleeing domestic and sexual violence? A: I would think it includes DV shelters. • Q: Does Medicaid spending factor in? A: No, waiver activity had not taken off until June of that year; Dennis Coulhain has done a study. If the counties didn't include Medicaid funding in their budgets, then it wouldn't be included in the 	ECONorthwest report

	<p>report. Was coordinated care direct support for PSH included, which could be pretty sizable? Maybe picked up from a specific organization call out? A: No, not in these numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: Another group of providers' revenue and expense not captured was faith-based providers. We need to find funding to do this again and include all of these sources. A: This system scaled up aggressively in the three years of the report. • Q: Would DSV vouchers fall into this category or the supportive housing category? A: Will need to find out. • Q: Was there an assessment/forecast done on federal funding impacts? Especially given the current trend. A: Only what came from Congressional Budget Office in April. • Re: Lessons Learned - There needs to be a better understanding now of putting the dollars spent with people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ HSD has data projects looking at outputs and outcomes that should make that easier going forward. • Q: Your 2024 report is comprehensive and a huge improvement. I wish the County would fund this work going forward. How much is ECONorthwest charging to do the report? A: \$72,000 • A major source is SHS that will go to the ballot at some point, and knowing the numbers will help make the case for those dollars. • Q: How much money is going for training employees within the shelters? A: That level of detail isn't reported specifically, but is probably captured in the financial data 	
Focus Areas	This discussion is tabled.	