

**County of Riverside Continuum of Care
Board of Governance**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 17, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Tammy Marine, Chairperson

Leticia De Lara, Vice-chair

1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions – Roll Call

Tammy Marine, Chair

1.1 Roll Call

2.0 Consent Items

2.1 Minutes Approval for April 21st, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 13th, 2021 Special Meeting.

Recommended Motion – Approve the April 21st Regular Meeting and May 13th Special Meeting Minutes.

2.2 CoC Staff Report – Receive and File

2.3 CoC Expenditure Report – Receive and File

3.0 Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda: Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda. Each public comment request email will be read aloud.

4.0 Old Business

None

5.0 New Business

5.1 Homeless Plan Strategic Planning: Riverside County Homeless System Assessment & Gaps Analysis Preliminary Results
Mitch Wippert, LeSar Development Consultants

Background: LeSar Development Consultants is the Continuum of Care’s contracted vendor facilitating its strategic planning process which commenced on November 2019 and is scheduled through December 2021. During its June 18th, 2020 meeting, the Board of Governance (BoG) authorized the chairperson to form an Ad hoc to develop content for Phase II of the BoG’s Strategic Planning efforts. The Ad hoc worked with LeSar and developed three primary tasks that were approved by the BoG during its November 18th, 2020 meeting and will serve as the framework for Phase II and advance the Continuum of Care forward: 1) Riverside County Homeless System Assessment & Gaps Analysis, 2) Homeless Strategic Action Plan and 3) Board of Governance Strategic Plan.

The preliminary results for the Riverside County Homeless System Assessment & Gaps Analysis are now available and LeSar will be sharing its results with the Board of Governance and Continuum of Care. Following the presentation, the BoG will review its Funding Principles which were adopted on October 18th, 2018 and assist in advancing the mission of the CoC. The review of the Performance Assessment & Gaps Analysis, in addition to the forthcoming 2021 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC Program Notice of Funding (NOFA), Application provide an opportunity for the BoG to engage in a meaningful discussion and determine where updates are needed.

BoG Funding Principles

- 1) Invest in programs that will immediately impact reduction of homeless youth, individuals and families, or prevent them from becoming homeless;
- 2) Invest in programs that demonstrate ongoing, long-term, or sustainable results;
- 3) Invest in programs addressing significant service gaps by targeting high-need communities (identified through the annual Point-In-Time Count), under-served or hard to-serve geographic or special subpopulations;
- 4) Invest in programs that emphasize a comprehensive service delivery approach or wraparound services to ensure successful housing and self-sufficiency outcomes;
- 5) Invest in solutions to address the unique needs of homeless individuals living in encampments;
- 6) Invest in programs that support Riverside County’s Action Plan emphasizing the expansion of system coordination housing resources outreach, navigation, and supportive services; and
- 7) Identify gaps and address priority needs based on objective data such as HMIS, annual Point-In-Time Count, System Performance Measures and Coordinated Entry System (CES) By-Name List.

Public Comment for this item only.

5.2 Reprogramming of 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from Catholic Charities to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Tanya Torno, CoC Division

Background: On March 16th, 2018 the Board of Governance approved the following 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding recommendations:

- \$117,939 to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) for rapid rehousing services and
- \$176,498 to Catholic Charities for homelessness prevention services.

HHPWS received the executed Standard Agreement from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on December 28th, 2020. On February 11th, 2021, all HCD ESG Administrative Entities were asked to discontinue homeless prevention assistance to avoid duplication of benefits with the federal and state Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). As a result, Catholic Charities reported they would not be able to administer another ESG eligible activity. Staff is recommending that the remaining balance of \$166,149.92 awarded to Catholic Charities be reallocated to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, who is the only other 2019 ESG Subrecipient and has agreed to carry out eligible emergency shelter services. This action is needed to ensure the needed services are provided to the community and to comply with the expenditure deadline of October 22, 2021.

Recommended Motion: Approve the reallocation of \$166,149.92 from Catholic Charities to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission to support emergency shelter services.

Public Comment for this item only.

5.3 Reprogramming of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Capital Funds from Facilities Management to Valley Restart and Path of Life **Tanya Torno, CoC Division**

Background: The Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) is a \$500 million block grant program under the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) designed to provide direct assistance to cities, counties, and Continuums of Care to address homelessness throughout the state. The allocation to the CoC is \$9,791,805.06 and funds are designated to target the Riverside County CoC service area. On February 7th and March 4th, 2020, the BoG approved funding to twenty-one (21) projects to carry out HEAP eligible activities including rental assistance or subsidies, supportive services, and capital improvement projects. CoC Staff have facilitated regular meetings with HEAP subrecipients to support program goals and financial spending. All HEAP Program funds must be spent by June 30th, 2021 and staff has recently been notified that Facilities Management capital improvement project is complete and underspent by \$57,873. Staff is recommending to reprogram \$57,873 in unspent Capital Improvement funds to the Valley Restart and Path of Life Capital Improvement Projects.

Recommended Motion: Approve the reallocation of \$57,873 from Facilities Management Capital Improvement project to Valley Restart Capital Improvement (\$28,936.50) and Path of Life Capital Improvement Project (\$28,936.50).

5.4 Reprogramming and Reallocations of Programs funded through the Riverside County CoC **Tanya Torno, CoC Division**

Background: The Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS) Department serves as the Administrative Entity (AE) for any state funding provided to the Riverside County Continuum of Care. Under this role, HHPWS is responsible for administering allocated funds provided to service the CoC coverage area. Increased flexibility in contracting, reprogramming and reallocation of program funds is needed to support the successful implementation of services between projects and subrecipients and to ensure spend-down target dates are met.

Recommended Motion: Provide HHPWS staff with the discretion to work with approved subrecipients and approve modifications to agreements that are consistent of the following:

- a. CoC Staff will only work with program-specific subrecipients approved by the Board of Governance and Board of Supervisors.

- b. CoC Staff will conduct an analysis to determine which agencies are following program-specific guidelines and meeting spending benchmarks.
- c. CoC Staff will provide a summary of reprogramming and reallocation of program funds made during each scheduled BoG meeting.
- d. Administered changes will reflect that are needed to comply with program-specific guidelines and benchmarks. Staff will provide updates of approved modifications during the following schedule BoG meeting.

6.0 Announcements

7.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

8.0 Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled BoG meeting is **August 19th, 2021** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Until further notice, all meetings will take place by web and/or teleconference.

9.0 Adjournment