

County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC)



AGENDA

Board of Governance (BoG) Meeting
November 14, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
DPSS: Staff Development Office – Room 101
22690 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Tammy Marine, Chairperson

Leticia DeLara, Vice-chairperson

1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions – Roll Call

2.0 Minutes Approval

2.1 Approve August 29, 2019 meeting minutes.

3.0 Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda: Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board. Anyone who wishes to speak must submit a comment request card to the board clerk. Each speaker should begin by identifying themselves for the record and is allowed up to three (3) minutes.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Update on Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)
Jennifer Claar, DPSS

Background: The HEAP statute mandates that 50% of the awarded funds must be contractually obligated by January 2020 and 100% of the funds must be expended by June 30, 2021. Through 10/30/2019, DPSS has obligated \$5,853,901.45 (60 % of the total HEAP award) in local contracts.

Public comment for this item only

4.2 Update on 2019 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition
Rowena Concepcion, DPSS

Background: On August 29, 2019, the BoG approved projects for DPSS to submit for the FY 2019 HUD CoC Program Competition. On September 26, 2019, DPSS successfully submitted the FY 2019 HUD CoC Program Consolidated Application with a total amount of \$11,389,189, for the following:

- 19 renewal projects - \$8,361,840
- 5 new projects - \$2,675,192 (includes DV and CoC Bonus projects)
- 1 Planning grant - \$352,157

Result of the HUD funding competition is expected to be released in January 2020.

Public comment for this item only

4.3 CoC Letter to U.S. Representatives and Senators Requesting a Change in Point-in Time (PIT) Count Regulations

Greg Rodriguez

Background: The State of California is awarding California CoCs that are reporting large numbers of homelessness in their Point in Time count data, while HUD continues to decrease points to CoCs with any increase in their homeless population. On August 29, 2019, the BoG discussed filing a Riverside CoC-wide petition to amend federal laws that negatively affect California CoCs. particularly, in providing low scores for CoC's that increased their PIT Count numbers. Greg Rodriguez offered to draft a letter.

Recommended Motion:

4.3a Approve the BoG letter and send to HUD Officials, U.S. Representatives and Senators

4.3b Request the Board of Supervisors to jointly sign a similar letter and send to elected officials (U.S. Representative and Senators)

Public comment for this item only.

4.4 Update on BoG Strategic Planning

Tammy Marine

Background: On March 21, 2019, the BoG approved releasing a Request for Information/Qualification (RFI/RFQ) for a strategic planning consultant. DPSS received 14 responses, interviewed the top two bidders, and selected LeSar Development Consultants.

Consultant Qualification: Has relevant experience working with CoC's (San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless, City of Riverside Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing Strategy, Brilliant Corners, Los Angeles Homelessness Planning for 17 Cities in the San Gabriel Valley).

Summary of Scope: Provide a strategic planning process that will provide the Board of Governance for Riverside County and the Continuum of Care with a roadmap and organizational structure that transforms the CoC network into a high-functioning, high-impact network with clear goals and strategies that works seamlessly to implement objectives to address regional homelessness

Projected contract start date is November 15, 2019.

Public comment for this item only.

5.0 New Business

5.1 City of Riverside's Bridge Housing Project

Jennifer Claar, DPSS

Background: On March 4, 2019, the BoG approved the City of Riverside's Bridge Housing Renovation Project to provide housing for 52 clients at 2800 Hulen Street, Riverside. This site is no longer available and the City is proposing to use 2881 Hulen Street facility and provide 45 dorm-style units. No changes are requested on the HEAP allocation amount of \$606,575.

Recommended Motion: Approve the change in location and decrease in clients served for the City of Riverside Bridge Housing Project.

Public comment for this item only.

5.2 Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homeless Prevention Agreement

Jennifer Claar, DPSS

Background: On June 20, 2019, the BoG approved \$200,000 for Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to provide homeless prevention services. CVAG is requesting to change the scope of work from homeless prevention services to supportive services only - navigation center operations to better suit the needs of their clients.

Recommended Motion: Approve CVAG's revised scope of work for the HEAP Homeless Prevention Agreement from homeless prevention services to supportive services only - navigation center operations.

Public comment for this item only.

5.3 HUD 2020 Program Competition: Implement Project Rating and Ranking Tool in June 2020

Rowena Concepcion, DPSS

Background: HUD published a Rating and Ranking Tool in 2017 to help CoCs design and implement a comprehensive annual CoC competition application review process. In 2018, the BoG approved using HUD's tool to evaluate project performance for all projects (new and renewal) starting with the 2020 HUD-CoC Program Competition. To assist subrecipients in understanding how the tool works, DPSS conducted a mandatory training for all CoC subrecipients on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Standards and Evaluation Committee is reviewing the Tool for customization and scoring thresholds. DPSS will provide on-going technical assistance and reports to the subrecipients.

Public comment for this item only.

5.4 New Funding Resources and Funding Considerations

Joe Colletti, Consultant

5.5 Homeless Housing, Assistance, And Prevention Program (HHAP) Funding Priorities

Tammy Marine

Background: The Homeless Housing, Assistance, And Prevention Program (HHAP) was signed into law on July 31, 2019 by Governor Gavin Newsom. HHAP is a block grant program designed to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families. The HHAP funding application is due February 15, 2020.

Recommended Motion:

5.5a Approve DPSS to submit the HHAP application for all HHAP eligible activities.

Public comment for this item only

5.6 2020 Homeless Point in Time Count (PIT) Planning

Jennifer Claar

Background: On August 29, 2019, the BoG discussed alternative count schedule, including the weekend. DPSS surveyed city leaders, community partners and volunteers who elected to keep the 2020 Point in Time Count original date of Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Three community meetings were scheduled to plan the homeless count with the PIT Planning Committees: 10/22/19, 11/4/19, and early December.

Public comment for this item only

6.0 Consent Items

6.1 CoC Grant Expenditures Report

Connie Hill, DPSS Fiscal

Background: On May 16, 2019, the BoG approved the creation of a BoG Working Group to develop policy to reallocate funds and projects with unspent fund. One of the recommendations in the CoC Unspent Funds Policy is to provide the BoG with a spending dashboard report as a standing agenda item at every meeting. The report includes:

- HUD CoC and State Emergency Solutions Grant
- Total Expended to Date
- Projection on Unspent Funds
- 2017 HUD CoC Award Spending Analysis

Public comment for this item only.

7.0 Announcements

7.1 Longest Night of the Year/Homeless Memorial Day Celebration

Natalie Komuro

8.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

9.0 Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled BoG meeting is February 20, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. DPSS: Staff Development Office – Room 101, 22690 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

10.0 Adjournment

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The following board members have confirmed they will call in to the meeting from the locations indicated:

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