

Continuum of Care for Riverside County

BOG Special Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2014 9:30 AM- 11:00 AM
Beaumont Civic Center – 550 E. 6th Street, Beaumont

Minutes

Present

ABC Recovery Center
City of Moreno Valley
City of Palm Desert
CVAG
Dept. of Mental Health
Housing Authority
Jewish Family Services SD
Martha's Village & Kitchen
Path of Life Ministries
Prayer Warriors Enhancement
Shelter From the Storm
US Vets
Valley Restart Shelter

David Leahy
Isa Rojas
Frankie Riddle*
Aurora Wilson
Lynne Brockmeier
Carrie Harmon
Linda Barrack
Magdalena Andrusevits
Joan Thirkettle
Rochelle Lewis
Angelina Coe
Eddie Estrada
Susan Larkin

*Chair

Guests

BOS District 2
Catholic Charities
Hemet Community Pantry
Lighthouse Service Centers
Operation SafeHouse
RC Office of Education
VA Loma Linda
VA Loma Linda

Karen Christensen
Imelda Santana
Jim Lineberger
Karyn Young-Lowe
Sandra Dunn
Stephan McPeace
Mark Mariglia
Synthia Allen

DPSS Staff Present

Rowena Concepcion
Liz Calanche

HUD Specialist
CoC Coordinator

1. Greetings/Call to Order:

Frankie Riddle, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 am and reminded everyone that this was a special meeting.

2. Introductions:

Frankie asked everyone introduce themselves and took roll call for quorum. There was no quorum, so the group waited a few minutes, to allow for the weather and traffic accidents near the Beaumont Civic Center exits, as was reported by a few members who had arrived late. A quorum of 14 people was later met.

3. Old Business:

a. Approval of the BOG Roster:

Frankie reviewed the changes on the roster and updated BOG Roster seats that had been vacant while waiting for a quorum. Some of the changes:

David Leahy, Chair, All County Committee

Linda Barack, Vice-chair, All County Committee

Magdalena Andrusevits, nominated as secretary (and accepted at the meeting)

The first Planning Committee held its' first meeting after the All County Meeting on February 26th. The slate of officers elected for this committee is:

Chair: Karyn Young-Lowe, Lighthouse Service Centers

Vice Chair: Susan Larkin, Valley Restart Shelter

Secretary: Jill Kowalski, DPSS

The only remaining BOG seat vacant on the standing committees is for the Employment Self-Sufficiency Committee.

Lynne Brockmeier said she was concerned that there were questions about whether she should step down as chair of HMIS to retain her DMH seat. Frankie said if you became a chair as one of the standing committees, as David had to do (when he became All County Chair) when he had to relinquish his agency's voting seat because he is a voting member under that category and his seat becomes vacant. She said since agencies cannot hold two seats, she suggested DMH be a non-voting seat.

Lynne: DMH needs to have that vote. If anyone on the BOG decides to step up and take a board position that does not mean I should give that up. I am willing to commit the time/energy on the HMIS council and I would have to give up that responsibility to keep that slot.

Carrie Harmon agreed: "We've created a very convoluted system that does not get things done", she said, adding that there are other CoCs like San Francisco that only have 15 members. She pointed out that getting a quorum is very hard if you have a BOG of 30 people. She said it is better to have a core group of 12-15 people.

Frankie said, "I'm not in disagreement. That is why we changed (the voting requirement) to 50% +1 and now a lot of people are wanting to retain their seats. This would have to be a discussion for the full board."

Lynne: "I just want to clarify that I am keeping a BOG seat no matter what (as the DMH representative). I am concerned that someone who wants to chair a committee shouldn't have to choose. I should still be able to chair a committee and select a representative from the committee. I don't want to step down from HMIS."

Carrie H. agreed. She said that at the Planning Committee meeting (on the day before) they had to choose someone as chair who was not on the board. She said, "That should not be how you choose the chair of your committee."

Angelina Coe said she was in agreement: “If you are the right person to chair, that shouldn’t deter you because you have to give up your seat. There are other CoCs, like San Francisco, that have smaller boards.”

Linda Barrack suggested we make an amendment to say Lynne can be chair of HMIS and (the council can) elect a representative from HMIS on the BOG. She said we should have someone else be the voice of HMIS and elect a new person to the BOG.

Lynne said: “I think we are setting a precedent from discouraging BOG members from making a commitment.” Susan Larkin agreed.

Frankie said the BOG will be amending the by-laws to include term limits on the BOG so “you could lose your seat anyway.” She said the purpose of having standing committee chairs be voting members is that they have a responsibility to bring information to the BOG. She suggested having a set amount of seats on the BOG and filling them (without creating additional slots). She said the more we make changes, the more confusing it gets.

Carrie H. said: “We are losing points with HUD because we are not bringing in money. We are not moving the Continuum forward at all because we are focusing on these things.”

Lynne said originally it was never mentioned that as a chair you would have to step down if you already have a seat (on the BOG). She said she assumed she would have another member of the HMIS committee fill the BOG seat.

Lynne said she would like to make a motion that if a (committee) chair is already a BOG member, the committee can select another person to be that representative. This will bring new people in (to the BOG).

Frankie said: “We can vote on it, but I don’t want to go back to not having someone represented on the board.”

Frankie presented the motion: To allow the standing committees to elect someone to represent them as a voting member on BOG. The seat would be filled by a non-seated BOG member.

David Leahy seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call:

Ayes – 9, Susan Larkin, Linda Barrack, David Leahy, Carrie Harmon, Isa Rojas, Rochelle Lewis, Eddie Estrada, Joan Thirkettle, Lynne Brockmeier;

Opposing – 4, Angelina Coe, Magdalena Andrusevits, Aurora Wilson, Frankie Riddle;

Abstentions: - 0; **Motion passed.**

Frankie reviewed some changes to the proposed roster before being voted on by the BOG:

- David Leahy will fill the All County Chair seat
- Karyn Young-Lowe will fill the Planning Committee Chair seat
- Lynne B. will stay in the DMH
- HMIS Council seat is now vacant
- One Western region seat is vacant for a formerly homeless/homeless person
- Susan Larkin will replace Linda Rogers in the VRS seat (Western Region)

- Frankie recommended that Magdalena A. take the Eastern region seat vacated by ABC Recovery
- The Food Pantry representative seat is vacant
- Two entitlement cities are vacant: Cathedral City and one that is unnamed
- Eddie Estrada will replace Larry Williams for US Vets
- CVRM (Western Region seat): Olga Betancourt is no longer with CVRM so the seat is vacant. The BOG will ask CVRM if they would like to keep the seat.

Frankie asked for a motion to approve the roster as presented and with the changes presented:

Aurora Wilson 1st; Carrie Harmon 2nd

Ayes – All, Nay – David Leahy who was opposed, Abstentions – 0; **Motion passed.**

4. **New Business:**

a. Support Services for Veteran Families 2014-15 (SSVF):

Rowena and Liz provided an overview on the SSVF project and the \$3 million available funding for Priority 1. The County of Riverside CoC can endorse a maximum of two projects. On February 13, a notice was sent to the CoC on the process and requirements. Interested agencies must complete the pre-application to be considered for an endorsement (Priority 1) and/or a letter of support (Priority 2 or 3). Letters of support for Priority 2 and 3 will be given to agencies that meet the qualifications and are approved by the CoC Board of Governance. A total of four organizations submitted pre-application for Priority 1; two for Priority 2 and one for Priority 3.

BOG Chair, Frankie Riddle, requested agency representatives who submitted SSVF application to leave the room prior to the discussion of the application and selection.

Rowena Concepcion provided the BOG a copy of the pre-application and summary, including the funding requests for new and renewal projects, program/ services, target population and the number of households served/to be served. The BOG discussed the Scoring Summary from the criteria identified in the pre-application process with 100 total possible points:

- Priority/Need (60 points)
- Experience (20 points)
- Current Participation in HMIS/ Willingness to Participate in Coordinated Assessment System (10 points)
- Participation of Applicant in Local Continuum of Care (10 points)

The BOG reviewed the scores for each applicant and after discussion and deliberation, the BOG voted to provide a Letter of Endorsement to US Vets and Lighthouse Treatment Center because each received a score of 90 (the highest received). The BOG also voted to provide a Letter of Support for Priority 2 – Renewal Project to US Vets and Lighthouse Treatment Center; and for Priority 3 – New Project to Path of Life Ministries.

The Chair called everyone back to the meeting and informed them of the decision. The letters will be provided to the organizations on Monday, March 3, 2014.

5. Announcements:

The CoC BOG requested that DPSS announce to the full CoC membership the endorsement for Priority 1 – Lighthouse Social Service Centers, aka Lighthouse Treatment Centers, and US Vets, Priority 2 renewal support letters for Lighthouse and US Vets and Priority 3 support for Path of Life Ministries.

Action: DPSS – HPU to electronically announce the news to the CoC.

6. Next Meeting: March 27, 2014
DPSS Children’s Services Office
901 E. Ramsey, Banning

Adjourned at 11:02 AM

Respectfully submitted by: HPU Staff