

LCCoC Monthly Meeting
6 January 2022

Attendees

Executive Board

- Chris Taliaferro – *LCCoC Chair*
- Tina Scott – *LCCoC Vice Chair*
- Brian Robinson – *LCCoC HMIS/Coordinated Entry Chair*
- Reverend Shannon Kimbell-Auth – *LCCoC PIT Chair*
- Doreen Gilmore – *Strategic Planning*
- Caitlen Murray – *Performance Review Chair*
- Sheryl Almon – *LCCoC Grants Selection Chair*
- Leslie Johnson – *Homeless Representative*

General Meeting

- Angelina Fagundo – *Elijah House*
- Annina's Ipad
- Axel Zijderveld – *Lake County Behavioral Health*
- Brad Rasmussen – *Lakeport Police Department.*
- Carmen Sonato – *Lake Family Resource Center*
- Darlene Harzapel
- Faith Hornby – *Hope Rising*
- Galaxy A10e
- Holly Masterson – *Lake County Office of Education*
- Janet Taylor – *Community Member*
- Justin Ammon - *Elijah House*
- Kate Ray
- Kelli Page – *Department of Social Services*
- Kim Guerra – *Redwood Community Services*
- Linda Hatfield
- Linda Hedstrom - *Consultant*
- Mary Wilson – *Lake County Office of Education*
- Melinda Lahr – *County of Lake*
- Melissa Kopf – *Lake County Behavioral Health*
- Merideth Noyer
- Rebecca Linn – *Lake County Department of Social Services*
- Robyn Bera – *North Coast Opportunities*
- Ronni Duncan – *Adventist Health*
- Scott Abbott – *Lake County Behavioral Health*
- Sonjia Menchaca – *Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake*
- Teresa Wold – *County of Lake*

- Todd Metcalf – *Lake County Behavioral Health*
- Wendy Gattoni – *Catholic Charities*

Call to Order -- 3:00 P.M.

New Membership

- No new membership applications.

Motions

December 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Adopted with no amendments.

CoC Committee Updates

HMIS / Coordinated Entry -- Brian Robison

- 10 EHV Vouchers over to PHA and approved. Hiccups along the way. Working on policy for when we cannot contact clients. Pastor Shannon asked that we use the shelters to contact the clients. Brian is going to provide that information to his committee before making a determination.
- Shooting to be ready for referrals when the operator comes online, time line is still unknown, hopefully April.
- 3 Core parts that need to go ready to go online with Coordinated Entry. Prioritization of Housing Matching, Referrals and Access Points. Working with Gillian as it's pretty complicated.

Strategic Planning – Doreen Gilmore

- Community Survey was done in December 2021.
- Start working on Strategic Plan for the next 3 years. Use 2020 SWOT, 2021 Gap Analysis, 2021 Community Survey, and work with housing navigators the end of January for information and data.
- Update of By-Laws. Adding of Housing Navigators and Equity Advisory Committees. Membership updated to four hours of committee participation. Bigger executive committee, adding Veteran representative, Native American and BIPOC. Added Non-Discrimination Policy. Go online to look at the draft, proposals are in red, changes due to Doreen by January 17, 2022 so we can vote on it at the February or March meeting.
- Linda Hedstrom asked question that non-voting members of the CoC be eligible to be a part of committees. Also asked that Latino's be added. We will add language in by-laws to state this.

- Todd Metcalf asked is the Executive Committee going to be responsible for shoring up the racial equity and ethnicity group. Advisory Committee is being formed to do this. Todd would like to be a part of this group, as he sits on the county LGBTQ+ for Lake County. Todd also had a concern that growing the executive committee too large would be hard to move things forward. Doreen stated that we need to get enough for a quorum for voting.



Lake County Continuum of Care
2021 Community Survey

2021 Community Survey

The Lake County Continuum of Care 2021 Community Survey requested input from the Lake County community to help prioritize services and identify action goals for the CoC. The survey took place from September 3, 2021, to October 31, 2021, and ninety-six community members answered the survey. Thirteen identified as LCCoC members, 45 identified as interested community participants, nine were clients or potential clients of CoC services, and nine identified as other.

The survey asked for assistance in prioritizing clients for services through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The federal Housing Urban Development (HUD) program advises CoC's prioritization through a numerical vulnerability tool. Community input is recommended in the priority process. The Lake County Community Survey identified *Community Members Hard to House* as a local priority for CES. The Coordinated Entry System Committee and the CES Operator will take this population field under consideration, since the vulnerability tool already scores on many of the barriers to housing.

In addition to prioritization this Community Survey is providing guidance for goals and objectives for the strategic plan. The LCCoC applies for available grant funding, then in turn offers this funding to local vendors under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. The Community Survey will help the Strategic Planning Committee identify goals for housing projects and client services and recommend these goals to the Plan.

The Community Survey had three questions specific to housing and services. The first was directed to HUD Housing Project Types and the chosen category, by the Lake County community, was *Permanent Housing*. The survey then asked about specific types of housing projects and *Tiny Home Villages* had the highest total score. The final question was for funding services, which offered a wide selection of options. *Street Outreach* received the top score, but when adding the staff-based service options of *Navigation, Housing Problem Solving and Case Management*, staffing time would be the top score.

The Lake County Continuum of Care (LCCoC) invites you to participate in the 2021 Community Survey. This survey will help us prioritize the populations we serve and the projects the LCCoC will fund. Please answer the following questions:

Please check an identifier:

<u>13</u>	LCCoC member (agency or individual)
<u>45</u>	Interested community member
<u>9</u>	Potential client/ or client of services for at-risk or experiencing homelessness
<u>9</u>	Other

#1. The Lake County Continuum of Care uses a Coordinated Entry System (CES), to prioritize clients we serve in Lake County. The Housing Urban Development (HUD) program gives us guidance on how to prioritize residents who are experiencing homelessness. Using the Coordinated Entry System, the Lake County Continuum of Care must prioritize and serve the chronically homeless, individuals with significant challenges and functional impairments, high utilizers of crisis or emergency services, domestic violence victims, veterans, and children and youth. Other priorities can be determined by the community. Please assist us in prioritizing who we additionally can serve, by selecting **ONE** of the following:

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| <u>12</u> Seniors with no Vulnerabilities | <u>2</u> Families with Older Children |
| <u>18</u> Transitional Aged Youth | <u>1</u> Non-Life Altering Disabilities |
| <u>5</u> Tribal Members | <u>3</u> Migrant Individuals/Families |
| <u>1</u> Other Ethnic, Race or Gender (Please specify) _____ | |
| <u>31</u> Community Members Hard to House: Justice System Involvement, Eviction History, Credit Issues, Pets (These types of questions are presented in the CES Assessment) | |
| <u> </u> Other – Please identify: One did not answer, and 22 responses had multiple choices | |

#2. The LCCoC receives funding for services from specific grants, that cover five project types. The five project types are:

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing which offers up to 24 months of rental assistance and services
- Rapid Rehousing that includes housing identification (recruiting landlords), move in and rental assistance (deposits, first month's rent, last month's rent, utility assistance and temporary and limited rent) and case management services
- Save Haven, funding for domestic violence housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans, individuals with mental health and physical disabilities, and transition age foster youth

Please select **ONE** of the five housing project types, that you would like the Continuum of Care to prioritize and focus more funding:

12_ Emergency Shelter 16_ Transitional Housing 24_ Rapid Rehousing
 3_ Safe Haven 33_ Permanent Supportive Housing

2 did not answer and 6 had more than one response

#3. The LCCoC applies for funding from the federal and state governments. We can work on applying for funds to support specific housing projects. Please indicate your **top two (2)** housing projects you would like the LCCoC to apply for funding, with # 1 being your highest choice:

29_ Unaccompanied and Transition Aged Youth Home 47_ Tiny Home Village
 14_ Home-Key Project with designated Motels 13_ Safe Parking Project on County Land
 18_ Support for Veteran Transition Housing 10_ Support for Tribal Housing
 37_ Support for Behavioral Health Housing 5_ Other: Affordable Housing Complexes,
Single Parent Housing, All the above,
Family Shelter and Sober Living Environment

#4. The LCCoC may be able to offer more services through available funding sources. Please indicate your **top two (2)** choices for services to be funded:

13_ Navigators to help find housing 13_ Staff time for Case Management Services
 14_ Housing Problem Solving Staff time 9_ Referral Services (Access Points)
 21_ Street Outreach Programs 7_ Health Services 12_ Counseling
 7_ Food 1_ Clothing 3_ Hygiene Supplies
 7_ Credit Assistance 6_ Utilities Assistance 9_ Transportation
 12_ Employment Assistance 7_ Budgeting Education 14_ Life Skills
 15_ Youth Services

4 Other – Rehab, Crisis Intervention with Law Enforcement, All of the Above, and More Housing Options for Unaccompanied Youth.

Thank you for participating in the Lake County Continuum of Care Community Survey. Your responses are important in building a program plan for Lake County.

Point In Time -- Rev. Shannon Kimbell Auth

- PIT Count is on 27 January. Combining Nice and Lucerne.
- County is in the process of finalizing contract with Symtec for digital count. 3 new things to add. Family reunification survey. Separate shelter survey to complete HIC County. Also Spanish version.
- Training is scheduled for survey takers which is required January 11th at 1 pm. It will be recorded, anyone that cannot be present it will be online. The training is 1 hour and 30 minutes long.

- Unclear still what money is set aside for food. 100 Day Challenge, available \$500. Kim Guerra stated that \$1,000 is set aside for food, as their group met right before the CoC meeting. Kim will work with Shannon to reimburse organizations or people that will be doing food. Kim stated that socks were ordered for the incentive bags. Budget left in 100 day challenge is \$2326.28 for upcoming events or next year's count.
- If you plan to work on the day of the PIT count please email kimbelsa@ah.org. Need a site lead for Middletown. Wendy Gattoni asked about the time for the PIT count, will ask her supervisor if this is possible for her to do. Most sites 9 am to 4 pm. Sites can do longer if needed.
- Flyers in English and Spanish will be posted on the website.
- Phone surveys are only allowed by case managers and only for clients that they case manage.
- Shannon will be sending an email out to the site leads on how to pick up the incentive bags and what the process will be. Faith Hornby states that the incentive bags will be ready by the 21st.

Interfaith -- Debra Fielder

- Not online to give update.

Grant Selection -- Sheryl Almon

- Rewritten most of the grant process and how we score them. Updated and finalized, mostly HUD language.
- New component, how to work with new grant applicants. 5 documents that will be under the grant committee soon and posted on the webpage for transparency.
- Encourage everyone to look at our section of the website. Next meeting January 12th at 3 pm via zoom.
- Scott thanked Sheryl for input and feedback on RFP's and grants. Able to do translations to Spanish now.

Performance Review -- Caitlen Murray

- No meeting last month. Resume meetings on 20 January at 11 am via zoom. Gathering information from 3 projects that we will be reviewing this month. Praises of Zion, HEAP contracts and HHAP 1 and Project Restoration Transitional Housing.
- Breaking down data by the following ways: Average Household size; Chronically Homeless Served; Veterans Served; Cost per Household Served.

Administrative Entity -- Scott Abbott, Melissa Kopf

- Scott reported that we have ESG COVID grant. HCD wants to give us more funding. Agreed to give \$100k to city of Clearlake to help with Cache fire survivors in housing. Agreed to give an additional \$75k for HMIS and \$10k for administration.

- Grant reporting completed for HHAP.ESG COVID due by the end of the month. HHAP Round 3 will be coming out earlier part of this year, allocated \$670k.

New Business / Organizational Announcements

- Committee Chair agreements. Chris still stepping down, but will stay on until someone comes forward. Todd Metcalf is going to help find someone. All other chairs have agreed to say on.
- Lake County Office of Education has agreed to allow us to utilize the conference room using zoom as well, but the increase in COVID and Omicron the group agreed to postpone until April or May meeting. Will address this again at the February meeting.
- Education Policy. Melissa from Lake County Behavioral Health is working with the committee's to put this together.
- Melissa from Lake County Behavioral Health is working on MOU's with the partner agencies. The purpose is have an agreement to work together with the CoC. HUD wants to see them with County Education, Veterans and different branches that work with specific populations.
- All projects that have funding have be listed in HMIS.
- Shannon motioned, seconded by Sheryl that we add Housing Navigators as a standing committee of the Executive Committee, will be on the February agenda for vote.
- Shannon motioned, seconded by Sheryl that we add a Standing Committee for Equity as a standing committee of the Executive Committee, will be on the February agenda for vote.
- Doreen stated that we need to vote for Strategic Chair and Vice Chair position in the February meeting.

Adjourn -- 4:30 P.M.