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Keith Kennedy, Member
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Margie Wilson, Member
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LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board meeting of the Long Beach Continuum of Care for the City of Long Beach convened at 2:08 p.m. at Pacific Gateway.

ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Jennifer Santana.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jamies Shuford (Skidrow Advocacy Group Inc.), Anna Topolewski (Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach), Daniel Brezenoff (Lutheran Social Services), Kelli Pezzelle (Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles), Keith Kennedy (Apt Association), Luther Richert (Mental Health America of Los Angeles), Margie Wilson (Healthcare Coordinators), Pam Chotiswatdi (HSAC), Tamika Boyce (Non-Profit Agencies), Shelbby Bambrick (Long Beach Unified School District)

GENERAL MEMBERS PRESENT: N/A

Also present: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager; Jeffrey Proctor, Administrative Officer; Alexa Dixson-Griggs, Administrative Coordinator; Stephanie Sosa, Contracts and Grants Associate; Jennifer Santana, Homeless Services Bureau Secretary; Angela Diaz, HMIS Coordinator; Dalton Dorr, Data Analyst.

Co-Chair Jamies Shufford called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Topolewski, Brezenoff, Shuford, Kennedy, Pezzelle, Richert, Wilson, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick and Boyce

Members Excused: Tan, Weithers, Howat, Lawler and Wee

Members Absent: Washington and Martins

REGULAR AGENDA

CoC RANKING METHODOLOGY

Dalton Dorr, Data Analyst, presented.

- He provided an overview of previous performance measures, drawbacks to those measure and updates.
- Drawbacks that were discussed were the lack of stratifications across different programs due to static outcomes.
- A second drawback was the difficulty of small programs to meet outcome percentages because of the time being measured.
- Last drawback is that small program are hurt by certain outcome percentages especially if they only have a few occurring within a year.
- He presented on proposed solutions to improve the system; some included some perverse incentive and the use of standard deviation.
- Members asked questions about HUDs thoughts on the CoC new measurements, differentiating between a program issue or a client's self-awareness issue.
- Staff answered, HUD wants to ensure that there are levels of objectiveness when looking at performance and they have specific requirements that must be met. The City wants to ensure that there is objectiveness and fairness.
- Member Luther Richert commented that this will be positive, for sub-recipients the ranking and will hold more value and meaning when being able to compare themselves with peers.

1. [23-088HS](#) Recommendation to discuss and vote on CoC Ranking Methodology.

Motion to receive and file made by Board Member Daniel Brezenoff, seconded by Board Member Keith Kennedy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Topolewski, Brezenoff, Shuford, Kennedy, Pezzelle, Richert, Wilson, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick and Boyce

Excused: 5 - Tan, Weithers, Howat, Lawler and Wee

Absent: 2 - Washington and Martins

2023 CoC PRIORITIES

Alexa Dixson-Griggs, the CoC Coordinator, provided the updates.

- The RFP was released on August 2nd now available online for both new projects and remote.
- Preproposal meeting via zoom August 18th
- Application for recipients due August 30th and will be meeting as a review panel to discuss them the first week of September. Recommendation will be brought to board once reviewed.
- There was a definition change in category 4 and there is a increase in CoC planning dollars 5% as long as it's not greater than one and a half million or \$50,000
- HUD identified Policy Priorities that include.
 - Ending Homelessness for all
 - Housing First
 - Reduce the Unsheltered Population
 - Improve System Performance
 - Partner erring with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
 - Advancing Racial Equity
 - Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals
 - Engaging the LEAB in decision-making
 - Increasing affordable housing supply
- The HSB will work on drafting the application to maximize points within these policy priorities.

2. [23-089HS](#) Discuss and vote on the 2023 CoC Priorities

A motion was made by Board made by Board Member Margie Wilson, seconded by Board Member Luther Richert. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Topolewski, Brezenoff, Shuford, Kennedy, Pezzelle, Richert, Wilson, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick and Boyce

Excused: 5 - Tan, Weithers, Howat, Lawler and Wee

Absent: 2 - Washington and Martins

FY 2023 CoC NOFO RENEWAL, DV, AND BONUS PROJECTS

Alexa Dixon-Griggs, the CoC Coordinator, presented.

- HUD released the annual NOFO, the annual renewal demand (ARD) is \$9,476,527 and Long Beach is eligible for \$284,296. Total renewal funding for Long Beach would be \$10,045,119.
- The HSB is eligible to apply for PSH, RRH, DV-VE Supportive Services only, DV-THHR/RH and HMIS.
- Paul Duncan, the Homeless Services Bureau Manager, advised that a there is an option for the Homeless Services Bureau to put in a placeholder for the PSH project which could then be RFP out or operated by the health department if nobody else wanted it.

3. [23-090HS](#) Receive and file the discussion for the FY 2023 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity Renewal, DV, and Bonus Projects Request for Proposal process

A motion was made by Board Member Keith Kennedy, seconded by Board Member Margie Wilson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Topolewski, Brezenoff, Shuford, Kennedy, Pezzelle, Richert, Wilson, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick and Boyce

Excused: 5 - Tan, Weithers, Howat, Lawler and Wee

Absent: 2 - Washington and Martins

FY 2023 CoC NOFO RFP REVIEW PANEL

Alexa Dixon-Griggs, the CoC Coordinator, provided the updates.

- Alexa discussed the need for 3 volunteers to sit on the review panel, the first meeting will occur on the first week of September.
- One member volunteered and two more are needed.
- Co-Chair Jamie Shuford commented that he has been sitting on review panels for a while now and he finds them to be very interesting. It gives the individuals a better idea of what the City is doing. He has gained a lot of knowledge and believes others should share in that experience.

4. [23-092HS](#) Receive and file the discussion on the FY 2023 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity Review Panel

A motion was made by Board Member Keith Kennedy, seconded by Board Member Luther Richert, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Topolewski, Brezenoff, Shuford, Kennedy, Pezzelle, Richert, Wilson, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick and Boyce

Excused: 5 - Tan, Weithers, Howat, Lawler and Wee

Absent: 2 - Washington and Martins

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A request from staff for the members to become Chairs of the subcommittees.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- N/A

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Board: September 12, 2023, 3:00-4:30 PM
- General: September 19, 2023, 1:00-2:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:55 p.m. Co-Chair Jaimes Shuford adjourned the meeting.

I, Stephanie Sosa, certify that the agenda was posted not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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