



Working to End Homelessness in El Dorado County

General CoC Meeting Minutes September 7, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 9:41 am by T. Turrentine
2. Welcome other sites via teleconference: South Lake Tahoe and HomeBase (HB).
3. Approve June 1, 2018 minutes: A. Sellers moved to approve, K. Nida seconded. All approved.
4. Update on homeless coordinator – introduction of HomeBase: D. Del Monte shared that the Board of Supervisors has approved funding for a CoC Coordinator. There are 4 agencies funding, including El Dorado County, Barton, City of Placerville and Marshall. The goal for acquiring a CoC Homeless Coordinator was to have either an FTE or a contract organization that would help plan local strategies, coordinate administrative and system requirements, and help the CoC to leverage and manage available funding. The 4 funding entities made a decision to fund an experienced contractor. September 25th will mark the start of this contract.
 - 4.1.1. HomeBase was the selected contractor, as they implement and support CoC's all over the nation and the State of California. Their roles run the gambit of implementing, running and providing technical assistance to CoC's and everything in between. HB representatives present are Carolyn Wylie and Taylor Kiely. Future meetings will include in person attendance by HB. The contract is for 1 year with option to renew. T. Turrentine shared that in order to receive funding to improve ability to have housing and additional services, we need to maintain and improve the operation of our CoC. There are many compliance requirements that are unfunded mandates, and this alone necessitates expertise that we do not have locally. HB will help create a foundation that will support our CoC as we plan and strategize into the coming months and years.
5. Roundtable:
 - 5.1. D. Del Monte: Housing Authority has received 5 Veteran vouchers for the first time, which is a big deal. This can be contributed to the data collected from the CoC. Also, of note is No Place Like Home vouchers for chronically homeless which can be combined with other vouchers.
 - 5.2. A. Sellars with Just Serv shared about their self-reliance classes which have just completed their 2nd week of financial planning at Round Table and have clients from maternity homes, seniors and others. They are also starting program in jails for those approaching parole on how to get a job.
 - 5.3. D. Vanderkar: Nomadic Shelter is struggling. They have had another church back out and currently only have 3 nights covered for winter. They are having a training for volunteers on October 5th and fundraiser on October 27th. Don is also connected with Community Haven which is alive and well and working on things that he can't really discuss in detail but deal with shelter and housing.
 - 5.4. R. Sachs with Jobs Shelter of Sierra is in contact with homeless daily with vans out twice a week. R. Sachs also mentioned his newsletter and invited all to join his email list.
 - 5.5. E. Kelly with HEART in Sacramento is a new resident of EDC. Ed shared that the HEART program helps mentor and engage homeless with services including self help housing. T. Whalen asked if HEART could come to EDC, Ed answered that it was up to us.
 - 5.6. K. Nida shared recent federal funding for program which will allow for homeless liaison. The Police do not have a HOT team in the same essence of the Sheriff's department. However, each police officer is trained and there is 6 hours of overtime dedicated each week to homelessness issues.
 - 5.7. P. Maxwell with US Bank informed that in her role with the bank she is very interested in affordable housing.
 - 5.8. J. LaForce with Only Kindness is working with RRH and EDVR.
 - 5.9. T. Whalen with Citrus Heights VA passed out flyer with information.
 - 5.10. V. Akana with NAMI passed out information
 - 5.11. B. Atencio with Hope House shared that the program is 18th months with demographic of moms and their children. They currently have 3 moms and 7 children and are also working with neighboring counties on



Working to End Homelessness in El Dorado County

reunification for additional families.

5.12. T. Turrentine shared that McKinney Vento numbers from last year are at 918 students have been identified as experiencing homelessness which is 3% of our student population.

6. NOFA update: Consolidated application was approved today at the EDOK Board meeting and will be submitted to HUD. This includes a planning grant.
7. CESH / HEAP: D. Del Monte leading discussion on the two state funding sources recently released. HEAP (Home Emergency Aid Program) is one-time funding and dependent on PIT count numbers. There has been HHSA approval to administer the grant money on behalf of the CoC, which was a requirement of pursuing and receiving the funds. There is \$1.448 million potential for EDC based on the PIT / CoC data, which demonstrates the reaping of our rewards from the hard work done in building the CoC structure. Establishing local priorities for the funds and potential projects is a requirement, and the EDOK Board engaged in conversation about the priorities that best meet gaps in the CoC's current system.

7.1.1. Something that impacts chronic homelessness:

- 7.1.1.1. EDOK does not have Permanent Supportive Housing Programs, a glaring gap in our services. Permanent Supportive Housing requires indefinite funding, and HEAP is only one time funding. Therefore PSH cannot be possible with this fund, however projects that impact pipelines to Chronic Homelessness are a priority for HEAP.

7.1.2. Rehab or purchase of some level of housing.

- 7.1.2.1. This priority reflects a goal of purchasing a property that could be utilized to implement an ongoing and sustainable housing project. It would be ideal to utilize this property to leverage additional agencies to come and support a sustainable services needed in El Dorado County where there are no local providers to meet a specific need.

7.1.3. Projects for transitional youth:

- 7.1.3.1. There is a minimum of 5% mandatory set aside for youth. With that, a Transitional Age Youth project will be a priority, if not multiple.

7.1.4. Shelter project:

- 7.1.4.1. This priority is in response to a lack of year-round shelter beds for the general homeless population in El Dorado County. Ideas and options will be considered to ensure that funding can be utilized to support shelter beds.

7.1.5. Discussion regarding process for HEAP: Deadline is in December with marks to hit in order to get funding sooner. Process includes discussing local priorities and project options with the CoC board and general membership, and prioritization as well as further input initiated by D Del Monte to include others so that the CoC supports the direction. Opportunities offered to include additional feedback from the CoC membership and no additional questions or thoughts added at this time.

7.2. CESH (California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program) is state funded and tied to ESG funding and is a smaller amount and requires submitting the local strategic plan or using the money to develop the plan. Vital to have plan to leverage more funding. The EDOK Board discussed the following projects for CESH:

7.2.1. Developing a 5-year Strategic Plan;

7.2.2. Utilizing funds to support a robust needs assessment through the 2019 and 2021 PIT Count which drives funding to El Dorado County and is an unfunded mandate;

7.2.3. Additional staffing for Coordinated Entry, which is an unfunded mandate.

7.2.4. J. LaForce asked how we talk to the community about using such an influx of funding for such things as strategic plans and PIT counts. Discussion revealed common theme of needing simple statements to help the community understand that such projects are required and necessary to allow for us to catch up with



Working to End Homelessness in El Dorado County

other communities and compete for additional resources for El Dorado County homeless. As we continue improving our local data and needs assessments, strategic plans, and increase staffing and capacity, the evidence of needs and funding opportunities received will be significantly improved.

8. Coordinated Entry Report: J. LaForce reported that it is bigger than expected and doing more than expected. Grateful for another funding source EDVR. Data is a slow go because HMIS is not intuitive, but it is happening slowly and getting good data for vets. No specific numbers at this time but will send out email.
9. Scheduled 2018 – 2019 Meetings from 9:30am – 11:00am: December 7, 2018; March 1, 2019; June 7, 2019, September 6, 2019 and December 6, 2019. The additional location is the South Lake Tahoe City Council. Dates, times and location information for all meetings can always be found on the EDOK website at www.edokcoc.org.
10. HomeBase training on Landlord Relations. Powerpoint and materials to be provided via HB.
11. Meeting adjourned by T. Turrentine at 11:02am

Submitted by Shannon Bezak