

Fresno Madera Lived Experience Advisory Board

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 3-5PM

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcomes and Introductions:

- LEAB Member Attendees:
 - Terrence Prayer
 - Audra Hewlett
 - Allis Vallejo
 - Alex Sanchez
- Other Attendees:
 - Shannon Duncan, County of Fresno
 - Dylan McCully, County of Fresno
 - Misty Gattie-Blanco, CoC Treasurer
 - Maya Spark, Homebase

II. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) 4 Funding-County of Fresno Discussion

- Shannon Duncan presented to the LEAB regarding the HHAP 4 funding opportunity from the State of California. HHAP 4 will be approximately \$15 million and has a 60 day application timeline.
- Shannon asked the LEAB the below 3 questions and a separate notes feedback document was created responsive to the questions.
 1. What are the barriers to accessing services/what interferes with the ability to get services?
 2. What do you think can be done to help move people to permanent housing?
 3. Where have you gone to access services and what was helpful?

III. Review Proposed LEAB Framework

- The LEAB reviewed and made edits to the LEAB Framework. The LEAB decided on a recurring meeting schedule: the third Monday of each month from 4-6PM.
- The LEAB voted to nominate Alex Sanchez as the Formerly Homeless Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Board Member. All three members in attendance voted in the affirmative. There were no objections and Alex Sanchez abstained from the vote.

IV. Review Membership Applications

- The LEAB can have 12 members total and currently has 6 members. 7 additional LEAB applications have been received since the first LEAB meeting date was scheduled in early August, 2022.
- The LEAB reviewed a graph showing the current representation of the 6 members and analyzed the gaps in the current representation, using the Framework list as a guide. The LEAB determined that they need at least 2 additional currently homeless members to ensure that 1/3 of the LEAB is currently homeless at the start of their LEAB term. The LEAB also noted some other areas of experience and racial equity considerations they wanted to look for when reviewing applications. Lastly, the LEAB wanted to ensure that the LEAB has representation from Madera County, as well as other rural areas, as none of the current 6 members have experience of homelessness outside of the Fresno metro area or Fresno County.
- The LEAB reviewed all 8 anonymized applications and recommended 1 applicant for the LEAB. The LEAB decided to reject one application and to keep the other 6 applications for further review in the future against future applications that are received after continued targeted outreach.

V. Special NOFO Feedback Session and Review and Rank Appeals Panel

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) out for applications with a due date of October 20, 2022. The FMCoC is eligible to apply for approximately \$11 million and only 10 CoCs in California will be awarded the funding.
- The LEAB scheduled a feedback session for this funding source for Tuesday, October 11th from 8:30-10:30AM. The focus of this meeting will be to provide feedback on the CoC's 15-page Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs.
- Although many LEAB members will be in attendance at the feedback session for the Special NOFO, the LEAB voted to give the LEAB Chair, Alex Sanchez, authorization on behalf of the FMCoC LEAB to sign the Letter of Support for the Fresno Madera CoC Special NOFO Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs. All members in attendance voted in the affirmative for this designation. There were no objections or abstentions.
- The LEAB designated Audra Hewlett to serve on the Special NOFO Review and Rank Appeals Panel on Monday, October 3rd from 3-4PM.