

Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Summary of Work

Oct. 2022-Oct. 2023

Over the past 12 months, since October 2022, the LEAB has voted in additional new members, filled all of their Officer positions, and made various updates to their governance framework (including a change from one meeting a month to two meetings a month). At its October 2023 meetings, the LEAB took the lead on creating its initial draft of the 2024 LEAB budget to propose to the CoC. The LEAB members have received training from the FMCoC, including about the Coordinated Entry System, the HUD CoC NOFO process, Mainstream Benefits, and on Review and Rank Panels. The LEAB has provided feedback on the following items:

- Proposed 2024 HUD data elements (to FMCoC HMIS Administrator);
- City of Fresno HOME-ARP funding priorities;
- The proposed updated draft of the CoC's Written Standards/Policies and Procedures, including the anti-discrimination policy section;
- 2023 HUD CoC NOFO Scoring Tools and Policies;
- Fresno Department of Behavioral Health Bridge Housing RFA funding priorities;
- The coordinated entry system for the FMCoC 2022 CES Evaluation (and assisted with gathering other lived experience feedback through surveys);
- City of Fresno Homekey Round 3;
- City of Fresno Encampment Resolution Funding;
- Shelter provider policies;
- The new FMCoC standardized assessment tool being developed by Fresno State.

The LEAB was part of the 2023 Point In Time (PIT) planning process and three members participated in the 2023 PIT count. The LEAB has requested that the CoC undertake the creation of a CoC termination of housing appeals policy and a general CoC grievance policy, which the CoC Governance Committee will take the lead on with LEAB input. A LEAB Member received a scholarship to attend the National Human Services Data Consortium 2023 spring conference to serve on a Panel on behalf of the FMCoC LEAB. Another LEAB Member received a scholarship to attend the 2023 National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) conference in Washington D.C. A LEAB Member also participated in the development of the 2023 UCSF Benioff California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness. The LEAB also urged the CoC to respond to and take a position on the City of Fresno's 2023 ordinance criminalizing homelessness, resulting in a meeting with the Mayor, City Council Members, CoC leadership, and the LEAB Chair.

LEAB Members served as panelists on the following homelessness housing and services funding panels:

- City of Fresno Mobile Shower and Outreach RFP;
- HUD CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel and Appeals Panel;
- City of Fresno HOME-ARP Supportive Services RFP.

LEAB Members have also served on the Public Meetings and Landscape Committees for HHAP-5 and attended or will attend the public meetings to provide feedback on HHAP-5 funding priorities, as well as serve on the 2024 Review and Rank Panels for HHAP funding.