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NAPA COUNTY CONTINUUM of CARE (CoC) MEETING Board Meeting Minutes

Queen of the Valley Community Outreach Conference Room
3448 Villa Lane, Suite 102, Napa, CA 94558

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 **Time:** 2:30-4:00pm

Agenda Item	Activity/Outcome
1. Introductions	<i>Call to order</i> See sign-in sheet.
2. Agenda Review	<i>Any addition/changes to the agenda</i> No additions or changes.
3. Catholic Charities Presentation	<p><i>Margie Pettibone of Santa Rosa Catholic Charities to present on SRCC programs</i></p> <p>Margie Pettibone distributed a one-pager about Catholic Charities' work -- challenging poverty; counseling immigrants; and caring for seniors -- and made available annual reports and other publications about Catholic Charities programs.</p> <p>Priority areas: Seniors – this region is one of the fastest growing areas for seniors, both people aging up and moving in as retirees, and Catholic Charities serves them with several programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm Home Alone program – a free program for people who are home alone during the day and should have someone checking in on them, volunteers will check in, make sure they are eating, and inquire about isolation, mobility, and connection to community. Volunteers also have a list of people to call if not able to contact client - Offer some transportation programs for seniors, prioritize for medical transportation, but also can take people to get groceries/pharmacy - Shaw Center for Memory Care in Santa Rosa; would like to expand to six-county area - Groups for caregivers, especially those caring for those with memory loss - Q: How many people served in Napa – A: not sure

- Does transportation service duplicate Molly's Angels? A: Not sure, will look into them

Immigrant Services – Catholic Charities is the largest provider of immigration services in California and in the country

- Nine people accredited by DOJ to do immigration counseling – like paralegals for immigration services – they keep up with law and counsel people in compliance with law
- Try to help clients get to a more stable status and educate community about rights
- Increasing fear in the community – our programs used to rely on people to come to us, now counselors go out to churches to do outreach but people still fearful, have added Tuesday night lobby services where they can be anonymous and ask questions about what rights and possibilities for stability might be
- Information about rights: ICE identification cards, authorization forms for parents outlining who will care for child if get separated
- Staff is bilingual in Spanish, also have translation services in all languages
- Would love to have funding in Napa for immigration counseling, but now make a referral to Santa Rosa; can also do some of this work over the phone

Overcoming poverty – this work focuses on people experiencing homelessness

- Focusing on prevention and keeping people in their homes
- Cost of people on street is \$40-\$100k depending on health status
- Doing a lot of prevention work in budgeting, payment plans, resource connectors – not an actual fund for prevention but connections to those funds
- Working with providers like CalFresh, and those who offer tax help, budgeting help, cooking/shopping etc.
- Have a bridge fund for car repairs, storage, etc.
- Nightingale provides respite beds for people exiting hospital in Napa; also have beds in Santa Rosa
- Hospitals appreciate work and will expand on it
- Meals, place to sleep as they recover; visiting nurses to help with needs like oxygen or occupational therapy
- Had a recent convening on the Nightingale program to show other communities/hospital how the model helps people as well as healthcare and other programs
- Estimate respite beds generate millions of dollars of savings for hospitals over expensive emergency room/hospital beds
- Operate shelters and coordinated entry in Santa Rosa
- Have some permanent housing on Imola and in Santa Rosa, have Palms Inn (60 beds for vets plus additional PH beds); Catholic Charities runs building, and VA case manages the veterans beds

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family shelter in Santa Rosa is housed in a 105-year-old hospital, 138 people, putting money into it to keep it running, insufficient bathrooms, etc. - Catholic Charities has launched a capital campaign for Caritas Village near Family Support Center – shelter plus onsite clinic, classrooms, will also encompass homeless services (showers, laundry, mail, ankle bracelet charging, etc.), interior courtyard - Partnered with Burbank Housing to build 128 affordable permanent housing units for low-income people - Case managers can provide flexible funds for: housing costs, car costs, etc., no maximum for assistance but typically talking under a couple of hundred dollars – can also use for deposits/first month rent for people leaving shelter - In Napa – those housing stabilization funds are through Abode - Disaster preparedness – now going out to community gathering places - Recently held workshop attended by 400 people in American Canyon – planning and communication about plans. For example, there will be a pod that will have resources, directions for disaster response - Also will distribute disaster preparedness packets/information, and will be offering an 8-hour training in Napa; call 707-819-2269 for information. - CoC members discussed the need to coordinate city/county/Catholic Charities efforts
<p>4. January Meeting Minutes</p>	<p><i>January meeting minutes are available for review, prior to the meeting, on the Napa County Homelessness Services website</i></p> <p>CoC Board members Heather Stanton and Brandon Gardner moved and seconded approval of the January minutes; all Board members affirmed.</p>
<p>5. Homeless Veterans Workgroup– update</p>	<p><i>Brandee Freitas of Napa County Housing & Homeless Programs provided an update</i></p> <p>The Veterans Workgroup meets on the third Thursday each month – this information is from the January meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 people on list; 6 VASH eligible (some confirmed, some self-reported); 8 not eligible due to 290 or discharge status; one may be over income - 9 connected with Veterans Resource Center (working with case manager); 7 connected with the county veterans resource officer - One client moving into veterans sober living facility in March; 2 may have VASH vouchers through Solano County and the team is working with them to work with counselors - Q: Are these the same 15 as last month? A: Mainly, but the list may differ by a few

<p>6. 2020 Point in Time Count update</p>	<p><i>Emma Moyer of Napa County Housing & Homeless Programs provided an update on the 2020 PIT Count</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you to all that volunteered or sent staff members for the count - Last Thursday morning at 5 am, did a short training, divided up into census tracks - Each group had 2 to 3 census tracks, some had 4 - Wanted to canvas everywhere even if didn't think we had people there - Counted in areas we hadn't been before, and counted people hadn't counted before - Now working to conduct the surveys with Abode, ASR, On the Move - On morning of the count, didn't talk to individuals, so now want to get approximately 100 to 200 surveys - Using outreach teams, peer guides, etc., to connect with people - Hope to wrap up in the next couple of weeks - Felt it was the most thorough count; one thing to change might have been to start a bit earlier in the morning, especially for encampments that had folks who were working - Would have been better to train the groups the night before because felt they missed people who were already leaving for work at 5 to 6 a.m. - Got 47 volunteers which was a great number - Next year will have point people who know what they are doing and know their area in advance so it will be even more organized/efficient - Please relay thanks to those who were there in the morning
<p>7. Community Announcements</p>	<p><i>Public comment and announcements</i></p> <p>Pablo Zatarain reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fair Housing Napa Valley provided a training on AB1482 – 9% cap in rent increases – and SB 329, which prohibits discrimination based on source of income (ie vouchers). Also important to know that the price-gouging prohibition still in effect in Napa. - Question re: SB329: The law says you can't discriminate based on source of income but do landlords have to take voucher? A: It's landlord's choice to participate in HCV/section 8, but they can't deny people the right to apply based on having a voucher and also can't choose people who don't have vouchers over those who do. - Q: Does it extend to other assistance (other than HCV). A: I think yes but would check on specific type of subsidy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q: Does SB 1482 apply to vouchers? Some Housing Authorities are not sure, so we are with City of Napa Housing Authority on that specific question. <p>Catholic Charities reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are happy to host anyone to tour any of facilities in Napa/Santa Rosa - We are in the COAD program aka VOAD – communities in coalition re: disaster recovery and also working with Cal OES to do disaster recovery <p>Announcement that Season of Sharing increased Napa’s share by \$3,000 each month</p> <p>Brandee Freitas reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are changes to HMIS and new HUD data standards and will be doing a training in the week of March 16 for HMIS users about the changes <p>Emma Moyer reported: Going to create a google calendar invite for CoC meetings so please contact her if you want your contact information updated.</p> <p>Molly Rattigan reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heritage House went to City Council, there will be a re-vote in 2 weeks. - Congressman Thompson got tax credits for California communities who had disasters in 2017 and 2018 and legislation is opening up those funds to all 52 counties. He is taking a position against that and there is a template advocacy letter to ask them to reconsider intent of federal law to aid communities directly affected by disasters.
8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting	<i>Discussion of items for next meeting</i>

- The next **CoC General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 2, 2020**. CoC general meetings are open to the public, and provide information on issues of broad interest to the community, such as national best practices for addressing homelessness.
- The next **CoC Board Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, March 5, 2020**. CoC Board meetings are open to the public, and focus on the CoC Board determining strategies, making decisions, and implementing action steps.
- For meeting questions/agenda items or to receive CoC updates by joining the Napa CoC Google Group please email brandee.freitas@countyofnapa.org

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COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant
Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless
CoC	Federal grant program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG and other CPD programs
CPD	Community Planning and Development (HUD Office)
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant (CPD – federal program)
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HIC	Housing Inventory Count
HPRP	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PIT Count	Point in Time Count
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SNAPS	Office of Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD office overseeing CoC)
SOAR	SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SSI/SSDI Application program)
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDT	Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool