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**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Coordinated Entry Committee
Agenda for June 5, 2024
12:00pm-1:30pm Pacific Time**

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	Agenda Item	Packet Item	Presenter	Time
1.	Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions		Committee Chair	12:00pm
2.	Approval of agenda and minutes (Action item)	1,2	Committee Chair	12:05pm
3.	Coordinated Entry Self-evaluation (potential action item)	3	Lead Agency staff	12:10pm
4.	Coordinated Entry quarterly performance evaluation	4	HomeFirst Staff	12:40pm
5.	Public Comment on non-agenized items		Public	1:25pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee (CEA)

May 1, 2024, 12:00pm. – 1:30pm.

Meeting recording

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- 1. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions:** Committee Chair Matthew Verscheure called Meeting to order; Thai Hilton, Coordinated Entry Coordinator, went over Zoom rules around public comment and Brown Act guidelines. Committee members introduced themselves to the new committee members.

Roll Call: Matthew Verscheure, Sasha Brown, Chessy Ethridge, Sarah Vetter, Emily Quig, Nathan Somersall, Robin Phoenix, Kathleen Pozzi, Araceli Zavala, Heather Jackson, Lauren Taylor

Present: Staci Questoni (proxy for Robin Phoenix), Kate Mather, Margaret Sluyk, Ben Leroi, Matthew Verscheure, Justin Milligan, Araceli Zavala, Kathleen Pozzi, Sasha Brown, Heather Jackson

Absent: Kate Mather, Margaret Sluyk, Ben Leroi

- 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Kathleen motions to approve, Chessy seconds.

Public Comment: None

Vote:

Agenda:

Objections/abstentions: None

Minutes

Objections: None

Abstentions: Sarah Vetter, Emily Quig, Nathan Somersall, Lauren Taylor

Motion passes

- 3. Updates to Coordinated Entry policies and procedures (Action Item):** Hunter Scott presents an update to the Coordinated Entry policies and procedures. Proposed changes include changes to the policies to align with the recently approved street outreach standards, changes to the language in the document and a major change to how referrals are made. This update implements the final stage of the Dynamic Prioritization process. Hunter described the process where clients would rank their choices of the referral options available. Clients are asked in advance of referral decisions where they would like to live within the available housing options.

Some expressed concerns about fairness because a client could be skipped if one of the housing options wasn't their top choice. Some expressed concern about miscommunication and client comprehension of the benefits and risks associated with the ranking system.

Sasha proposed to approve the proposed changes but to amend the Dynamic Prioritization process so that referrals are made based on preferences between available housing options that a participant appears to be eligible for. Participants within each CE subpopulation shall be offered referrals starting with the highest prioritized participant in the given intervention range first and shall proceed participant-by-participant down



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the Active CES BNL if they have Verified Contact Information, and there are housing opportunities they appear to be eligible for and that they ranked as one of their choices.

Sasha Brown Motions

Justin Milligan seconds

Public Comment: None

Objections/abstentions: None

Motion passes

4. Coordinated Entry Self-evaluation (potential action item)

There was not enough time to complete this agenda item. Staff asks if this item can be moved to the next month. The committee chair approves.

5. Public Comment on non-agenda items: None

Meeting is adjourned.



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**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee
Executive Summary**

Item: 3. Coordinated Entry Self evaluation

Date: June 5, 2024

Staff Contact: Thai Hilton thai.hilton@sonoma-county.org Hunter Scott: hscott@homefirstsc.org

Agenda Item Overview

The Sonoma County Coordinated Entry (CE) policies and procedures state that the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee (CEA) will complete HUD's CE self-assessment annually. This self-assessment is sometimes required for funding applications. Staff and HomeFirst staff guided this committee through most of the self-assessment but did not complete it.

Lead-agency and HomeFirst staff will guide the committee through the parts of the assessment that have been completed and the remaining sections.

Recommendation

None. Information only



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee
Executive Summary

Item: 4. Coordinated Entry performance evaluation

Date: June 5, 2024

Staff Contact: Hunter Scott Hscott@homefirsatscc.org

Agenda Item Overview

Each quarter, HomeFirst conducts a performance evaluation survey. HomeFirst will be sharing the 2024 quarter 3 evaluation. A summary of the report is below. HomeFirst will share more details and welcome questions in the meeting.

Summary

- Referrals declined due to participant location being Unknown/Disappeared, decreased from 30% to 23%, after the first full quarter of required Verified Contact prior to referral.
- The rate of CE enrollments for FY2024 Q3 continues to decrease for the third quarter, with almost 100 less enrollments during the quarter when compared to FY2023 Q1.
- The total number of referrals sent by CE in FY2024 Q3 decreased when compared to the previous quarter, from 141 to 115.
- The number participants considered to be inactive in CES continues to increase, especially in the TAY and Family programs.
- An additional scoring range was developed. The “Below RRH” range illustrates the expected percent of participants who, based on their scores, will not have a chance to receive a RRH referral
- Participants who self-identified as Hispanic/Latina/e/o are, compared to other participants, assessed at a lower score range at a higher rate. Black/African American, as well as Native American/Indigenous, participants are also disproportionately assessed at lower score ranges.
- Referrals sent to Families where the Head of Household was female were rejected at a 66% rate. 37% of those referrals were declined by the participant.
- Despite being 20% of the population in Individuals, only 15% of Individual referrals are made to participants who self-identify as Hispanic/Latina/e/o.

Recommendation

None. Information only