



Coordinated Entry System Committee (CESC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2023 | 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

[Recording of Zoom Meeting](#). The chat is below the minutes.

Attendance:

Member	Area of Representation / Organization	Present
Erica Plumb	Mercy Housing	Yes
Gabriel Kendell	2-1-1 Sacramento	Yes
Harjit S Gill	Homeless Service Provider	Yes
Joseph Smith (Co-Chair)	Homeless Service Provider	Yes
Julie Field	Sac. County Dept. of Human Assistance	No
Kate Hutchinson	Lutheran Social Services	Yes
Kelsey Endo	Cottage Housing	No
Monica Rocha-Wyatt (Co-Chair)	Mental Health	No
Quinn Jones-Hylton	Lead Agency	Yes
Samantha Earnshaw	Northern California	No
Tina Glover	SACOG	Yes

SSF Staff	SSF Title
Ardy Akhzari	CoC Special Projects Analyst
Ayanna McGee	Project Director, Systems of Care Integration
Carissa Theis	Survivor System Analyst

Christina Heredia	Community Outreach Specialist
Jesse Archer	CoC Analyst
Kathreen Daria	Capacity Building & Training Manager
Kaylin Jones	CoC Projects Coordinator
Michelle Charlton	CoC Coordinator
Michelle Reedus	CES Manager
Peter Bell	Planning Director
Quinn Jones-Hylton	CAS Analyst
Rachel Bereza	Deputy CEO
Sarah Fletcher	Communications Specialist
Sarah Schwartz	RAPS Specialist
Shiatra Ken	Referral Specialist
Tanesha Travis	PLE Coordinator

Guests

Angela Drake, Alan Snyder, Asya Anderson, bguerdat, Cristina Navarro, Deisy Madrigal, devin strecker, Garrick Wong, Haimanot Ashenafi, Jack Barnes, JenillaArnold, Joshua Arnold, Kathy Simms, Lorrie Lorell, Neil Kurtz, Quinta Davenport, sabrina basquez, Shannen Padilla, Sharna Braucks, Shelley Sedenquist, Terese McWilliams, Tina Koepke

Agenda Item	Presenter(s):	Time	Item Type
I. Welcome & Introductions	Monica Rocha-Wyatt, CESC Co-Chairs	2:30PM (5minutes) I	Informational

Joe called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM. Attendance of 44 participants.

- Angie Drake is in community solutions work with SSF now

II. Announcements: (Upcoming Events & Recent Actions)	CESC Co-Chairs, CESC Members, SSF Staff, & Guests	2:35PM (5 minutes)	Informational
--	---	--------------------	---------------

Gabriel Kendall with 211 shared that they are recruiting for coordinated access positions and the pay scale has gone up in alignment with a living wage adjustment from the funders. There is also a new coordinated access supervisor position.

Ardy Ahkzari mentioned the annual meeting on August 23rd from 9am to 1230pm

Questions were asked during the meeting. Please see the recording and chat for details.

III. Approval of 7/13/2023 Meeting Minutes	Joe Smith, CESC Co-Chair	2:40PM (5 minutes)	Action
<p>1st- Tina Glover, 2nd- Harjit S Hill</p> <p>Motion passed</p>			
IV. Prioritized Placement for Highly Vulnerable (Emergency Shelter)	Peter Bell, SSF, Planning Director	2:45PM (30 minutes)	Informational & Discussion
<p>Peter shared an overview of the priority schema to bring in new shelters to the coordinated access program. He then shared a presentation on CAS. Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is CAS - Guiding Principles of CAS - Characteristics of Extremely Vulnerable Household <p>Questions were asked during the meeting. Please see the recording and chat for details.</p>			
V. CAS Quarterly Review	Peter Bell	3:15 PM (20 minutes)	Informational
<p>Peter shared the 2023 Quarter 2 CAS report. Highlighting the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amount of calls handled - Diverted calls - Exit rate <p>Please see the recording and chat for more details.</p>			
VI. Questions/Comments	Monica Rocha-Wyatt	3:35PM (10 minutes)	Discussion

Questions were asked during the meeting. Please see the recording and chat for details.

VII. Meeting Adjourned 4:46pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14th, 2023, 2:30PM to 4:00PM Potential topics to cover:

Equity in CES•HPS and Shared Housing

CESC Meeting Chat

14:31:05 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Hello all, please see the agenda here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ab51ec08d-e5dc-3369-815f-4f59201c2af3>

14:33:42 From Peter Bell (he/him) to Everyone: Or if you have recently changed roles/agency.

14:33:44 From Harjit Singh Gill to Everyone: brb

14:33:53 From Harjit Singh Gill to Everyone: Harjit Singh Gill, BACS

14:35:39 From GK to Everyone: <https://www.211sacramento.org/211/jobs/>

14:35:57 From Sarah Fletcher to Everyone: The 2023 CoC Annual Meeting: <https://sacramentostepsforward.org/2023-sacramento-continuum-of-care-annual-meeting/>

14:36:25 From Sarah Fletcher to Everyone: In-person registration is full, but online registration with limited participation is still available!

14:36:33 From Haimanot Ashenafi, City of Elk Grove to Everyone: Happy to share that the City of Elk Grove has an RFP out in search of a provider to operate our winter shelter. <https://www.elkgrovecity.org/sites/default/files/city-files/Departments/Purchasing/Request%20For%20Proposals/2023/enhanced-winter-sanctuary-operations-rfp-final-002.pdf>

14:36:35 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Join us at the 2023 CoC Annual Meeting!:

<https://sacramentostepsforward.org/2023-sacramento-continuum-of-care-annual-meeting/>

When: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Doors open at 8:30am.

Where: This hybrid half-day meeting will be held in person at The California Endowment (1414 K. Street, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95814) and via Zoom. Registration Required.

14:36:53 From Jack Barnes (he/him), City of Elk Grove to Everyone: Reacted to "Happy to share that ..." with !

14:37:36 From Terese McWilliams to Everyone: brb

14:38:20 From Harjit Singh Gill to Everyone: seconded.

14:38:30 From Ardy Akhzari to Everyone: Reacted to "Join us at the 2023 ..." with ❤️

14:38:30 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Motion to approve July minutes

14:38:40 From GK to Everyone: Approve

14:38:44 From Quinn Jones-Hylton to Everyone: Approved

14:38:47 From Joseph Smith to Everyone: yes

14:38:49 From Tina Glover (she/her) - (SACOG) to Everyone: aye

14:38:55 From Harjit Singh Gill to Everyone: Yes indeed

14:38:59 From Erica Plumb to Everyone: abstain

14:44:36 From Jack Barnes (he/him), City of Elk Grove to Everyone: The City of Elk Grove is bringing on two in-house Homeless Navigators!

14:45:50 From JenillaArnold to Everyone: Rancho Cordova has two navigators that are at the food bank Tuesday and Thursday 10am - noon.

14:57:56 From bguerdat to Everyone: until when would a bed normally be held for a client in queue but not in touch with shelter staff before given to a generally vulnerable client?

14:58:20 From Harjit Singh Gill to Everyone: brb. call

14:59:35 From Sharna Braucks to Everyone: What health issues does someone need to have to be identified as an EVH? Is there a listing?

15:01:12 From Deisy Madrigal, She/Her to Everyone: Does the system have the capability to go out and look for an individual at their encampment if there is no phone number available?

15:02:00 From Sharna Braucks to Everyone: Thank you

15:03:23 From Christina H. SSF to Everyone: A participant calls in or walks in for direct services and is requesting assistance for shelter. They had a recent injury or have a health condition that is getting worse. Is shelter the only option or will they be considered for the Safe Stay Shelters?

15:07:52 From Christina H. SSF to Everyone: Thank you.

15:09:04 From Christina H. SSF to Everyone: What about our folks who are denied for shelter due to health conditions?


15:10:32 From Deisy Madrigal, She/Her to Everyone: I apologize if you went over this but I don't remember hearing it. I'm curious who was part of creating this policy? was the PLE consulted?

15:12:50 From Sharna Braucks to Everyone: Could you please repeat what percentage of people are hindered by health issues and unable to get into shelter?

15:13:24 From bguerdat to Everyone: are clients with pets eligible for assessment?

15:18:17 From Sharna Braucks to Everyone: I know I'm not on the committee but I agree with the health issue, I'm just not sure how many people this new policy will impact. Too many or too few. What are your thoughts about how will this shift what is currently happening with wait times and placement.

15:20:57 From Peter Bell (he/him) to Everyone: This reflects about 10% of the shelter seeking population.

15:21:53 From Sharna Braucks to Everyone: Reacted to "This reflects about ..." with 

15:25:49 From bguerdat to Everyone: what % of wait list are estimated to be medical eligible, how has unwinding from pandemic non-discontinuation rules impacted them?

15:26:09 From Peter Bell (he/him) to Everyone: This policy will lower average wait times for extremely vulnerable households. It's not clear at this time if it will have an adverse affect on non-EVHs.


15:27:30 From Deisy Madrigal, She/Her to Everyone: Thank you for advocating.

15:29:45 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: For more information on CAS, please see here: <https://sacramentostepsforward.org/coordinated-access-system/>

15:42:42 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: For more information on CAS, please see here: <https://sacramentostepsforward.org/coordinated-access-system/>

15:43:10 From Neil Kurtz - DSHS to Everyone: DSHS is working with multiple contracting agencies for CAS and CES. Many of our Contractors will need CES training. Thank you Peter, that data was helpful.

15:43:11 From Sharna Braucks to Everyone: Great information! Thank you !

15:43:22 From Peter Bell (he/him) to Everyone: Reacted to "DSHS is working with..." with 

15:43:36 From Deisy Madrigal, She/Her to Everyone: Thank you. great info. as always.

15:44:41 From Ayanna McGee (she/hers) -SSF to Everyone: Fantastic overview, Peter. This was really helpful

15:46:25 From Peter Bell (he/him) to Everyone: Reacted to "Thank you. great inf..." with 👍

15:46:29 From Peter Bell (he/him) to Everyone: Reacted to "Great information! T..." with 👍

15:46:39 From Peter Bell (he/him) to Everyone: Reacted to "Fantastic overview, ..." with 👍