

# Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, December 13, 2023 | 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM



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

### Attendance:

Member	Area of Representation	Present
Alexis Bernard	Mental Health Service Organization	Yes
Amber Kemp	HealthNet	Yes
<b>Angela Upshaw, Chair</b>	Veterans	Yes
Brian Pedro	City of Sacramento	Yes
Christie M. Gonzales	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	No
Darrell Rogers	Person with Lived Expertise	Yes
Dawn Basciano	State Government	Yes
Deborah Hicks	Support Services	No*
Deisy Madrigal	Social Services	Yes
Elizabeth Jimenez	Person with Lived Expertise	No
Emily Halcon	County of Sacramento	Yes
Fatemah Martinez	Shelter Provider	Yes
Haimanot Ashenafi	City of Elk Grove	No
Jameson Parker	Business Community & Street Outreach	Yes
Jenine Spotnitz	Mental Health	Yes
Jenna Abbott	Business Community	Yes

Joseph Smith	Coalition/Network	Yes
Julie Davis-Jaffe	Employment Development	No*
<b>Juile Hirota, Secretary</b>	Shelter and/or Housing Provider	Yes
Julie Lo	Person with Lived Expertise	Yes
Ken Cooley	Attorney	Yes
Mason (Carl) Gizard	Person with Lived Expertise	No
Mike Jaske	Faith Community Advocate	Yes
Monica Rocha-Wyatt	Mental Health	Yes
Nicole Piva	City of Citrus Heights	Yes
<b>Pixie Popplewell, Vice Chair</b>	Homeless Youth	Yes
Stefan Heisler	City of Rancho Cordova	Yes
Tara Turrentine	Education	Yes
Tifni Vettel	Law Enforcement / Sheriff's Dept.	No
Troy Lynch	Housing Authority Management	Yes

SSF Staff	SSF Title
Amanda Ohman	Program & Compliance Officer
Anthony Robinson	Racial Equity Specialist
Ardy Akhzari	CoC Analyst Special Projects
Ayanna McGee	Systems of Care Integration Program Director
Carissa Theis	CAS Program Analyst
Christina Heredia	Community Engagement Specialist
Jesse Archer	CoC Analyst
Joel Riphagen	Special Projects Coordinator
Kim Winters	Community Impact Director

Lisa Bates	CEO
Michele Watts	Chief Planning Officer
Michelle Reedus	CE System Manager
Quinn Jones-Hylton	Coordinated Systems Program Analyst
Rachel Bereza	Deputy CEO
Sarah Fletcher	Communications Specialists
Scott Clark	Portfolio and Team Excellence Lead
Tanesha Travis	CoC PLE Coordinator

## Guests

Alan LoFaso, Alan Snyder, Andrea Foti, Annie Hooper, Benjamin Uhlenhop, Benjamin Worrall, Brandon Wirth, Carmen Briscoe, Cynthia Aguayo, Deputy Pinkston - Sac Sheriff HOT Team, Dulce Delgadillo Santisteban, EJ Okoro, Ellen Orr, Erica Jaramillo, Erica Plumb, freedra.rawson, Garrick Wong, Gary Alexander, Harjit Singh Gill, Isabelle Garcia, Jack Barnes, Jackie Gardner, James Landreth, Jason Cuff, Jodi Weiner, Kasia Elijah, Kristin Kane, Lindsay Curtis, Matt Simmonds, Mauro Lara, Miren Hower, Monica Lopez, motorola moto g 5G - 2023, Noni Plasichuk, Pamela Boss, Renee, Shannen Padilla, Shelley Sedenquist, Thomas Albanese, TJ Swanson, Tonya Mack, William Pavao, and Ya-yin Isle.

## I. Welcome & Introductions: Angela, CoC Board Vice Chair

Angela called the meeting to order around 8:05 AM.

**New Guest Introductions from:** Jodi Weiner, New Learning & Development Specialist, Tanya Mack from Universal Cafe, and Gary Alexander from Next Move. Please see the recording for details.

## **II. Review & Approval of Nov. 8, 2023 Minutes: Julie Hirota, Secretary**

Supporting Material: [Nov. 8, 2023 CoC Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**Motioned for Approval of the November Meeting Minutes:** 1st- Tara Turrentine,  
2nd- Deisy Madrigal

Motion Approved.

## **III. CoC Board Chair's Report: Angela Upshaw, CoC Board Chair**

Angela shared:

- The CoC Board is accepting applications to recruit up to three new members starting **Friday, December 1, 2023 through Thursday, February 1, 2024**. Explore the [CoC Membership Application](#) to learn about the application process, access helpful resources, and more! Be sure to share the application link with your network and community. In addition to applying to join the CoC Board you can apply to join the CoC Committees. Please see the beginning of the application for details. If you have any questions, please email [Michelle Charlton](#).
- At the end of today's meeting, a [Post Meeting Survey](#) will be provided in the chat for you to provide feedback on the CoC Board meetings. We look forward to and appreciate your feedback in advance.
- The [National Homeless Persons Memorial Day](#) is next week, fliers for memorial event info will be in a chat. This will memorialize our neighbors lost to homelessness and provide opportunities to unite and work together to create transformative change.

## **IV. Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) CEO's Report: Lisa Bates**

Rachel Bereza, SSF Deputy CEO, shared for Lisa:

- 2024 Point-In-Time County: is well under way, taking place on Wed. January 24 and Thur. Jan 25. We are actively recruiting volunteers. Please [volunteer](#) at our [website](#). We will hear more on the PIT later in this agenda.
- Local Homeless Action Plan (LHAP)/Regional Coordinated Homeless Action Plan (RCHAP): Joel is leading this effort, meeting invitations have gone out for the in-person events. Please RSVP as soon as you can. The event will be on Tuesday, 12/19/23. We will discuss more later in the new business agenda item.
- We are developing a debrief on the 2023 NOFO. We will be delaying that to the January 2024 CoC Board meeting to make it more comprehensive and well-reviewed. We have a lot of changes in the NOFO, which necessitates more detailed work. We want to get you the best information possible, and will do so in January.

#### **V. CoC Board Member Spotlight**

Alexis Bernard,  
Director of Housing,  
Turning Point  
Community Programs

8:10 AM  
(10 minutes)

Informational

Alexis shared her involvement with CoC since early 2000's, current role as the Chief Development Officer for Turning Point, details about Turning Point, her motivation, her collaboration with other partners in the mental health sector, details about an open house, details about a program for the unhoused in Sage Village, details about the Pathways Program, details about the START Program, holding community forums for centers which provide walk-in assessment for health services in Natomas, North Highlands, and Elk Grove, and details about the FIT program. She is ending her third term on the CoC board in February 2024 and will no longer be an official CoC Board member. Please see the recording for details.

#### **VI. Announcements: (Upcoming Events & Recent Actions)**

CoC Board Members,  
SSF Staff & Guests

8:20 AM  
(5 minutes)

Informational

**CoC Board Member:**

- Monica Rocha-Wyatt shared details about Safe Stay Community at East Parkway which will be having a ribbon-cutting ceremony tomorrow, 12/14/23 at 10AM. There will be 50 tiny homes with communal halls, bathrooms, etc. in this community.
- Julie Hirota shared that Saint John's is hiring. Please contact [Julie](#) if interested.

**SSF Staff:**

- Jesse shared details about the YDHP were awarded \$6 million, distributed earlier this month and work is getting started this month as programs begin running and serving.
- Nica Daria shared the CalAIM billing session on Thursday, Dec 14 at 2PM. This session will cover newly developed guides for newly contracted or prospective CalAIM contractors with community support services.

**Guests:** no announcements.

Please see the recording and chat for more details.

<b>VII. Partner Updates</b>	Emily Halcon, County of Sacramento  Troy Lynch, SHRA  Garrick Wong, Health Net, Managed Care Plan	8:25 AM (15 minutes)	Informational
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**County of Sacramento:** Emily shared updates that the Board approved a Safe Parking program and will likely open early next year. Also, another approval from the Board was made on the Safestays partnership with the State and City of Sacramento on a WellSpace site. Additional updates will be shared in upcoming meetings.

**City of Sacramento:** Brian mentioned the City's efforts, as Emily shared previously, on the WellSpace site and a Safeground location is opening up (anticipated in the beginning January 2024). Additional details will be shared after the official release.

**SHRA:** Troy shared no new updates at this time.

**MCPs:** Garrick Wong shared details about the DCFS Incentive Program, HHIP measurement period concluded on October 31, and now working with partners to aggregate data to submit to DCHS. We are awaiting details on the re-investment funding option which is an opportunity to earn back 100% of funds not earned through the program. All plans in Sacramento remain committed. Managed Care Plans continue to meet with SSF regarding HMIS, access, assessments, and now working on bi-directional data sharing with HMIS regarding managed care plans.

*No update from Wilton Rancheria at this time.*

Please see the chat and recording for more details.

### **VIII. Consent Agenda as One Action Item (A-E):**

- A. Approval of the 2023 HMIS Privacy & Security Plan**
- B. Approval of Yvette Buckner to the Racial Equity Committee**
- C. Approval of CoC Coordinated Entry System Committee (CESC) Name Change to Coordinated Access System Committee (CASC)**
- D. Appointment of New Members to the Coordinated Access System Committee (CASC)**
- E. Appointment of Ya-yin Isle to the System Performance Committee**

**Motioned for Approval of the Consent Agenda as One Action Item (A-E):** 1st- Joe Smith, 2nd- Monica Rocha-Wyatt

Motion Approved.

### **IX. New Business:**

<p><b>A. Community-Wide Standards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Comment Responses</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> </ul> <p>Supporting Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Public Comment Webpage</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Community Standards</a></li> </ul>	<p>Stefan Heisler, SPC Chair, Ayanna McGee, SSF Systems of Care Integration Project Director, Tom Albanese &amp; Cole Giannone, SSF Consultants</p>	<p>8:35 AM (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Informational &amp; Action</p>
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Stefan shared that the System Performance Committee (SPC) approved the Community-Wide Standards at their December 6th meeting. Ayanna shared we are now seeking the CoC Board's approval. She mentioned this work is inclusive of efforts from the SPC, SHRA, City, SSF, and County. After extensive public comment, review, and revision, this is now ready as version 1 to be adopted by the CoC, City, and County. HUD requires establishing standards for services. The document points to where there are regulations that apply. They are inclusive of these requirements, but also more comprehensive and, in some parts, aspirational. We understand programs may not be able to achieve these standards right away and may take years of restructuring, funds allocations, and other work to meet these standards while these standards act as a guiding light. We also recognize there are other funding streams, and flexibility around accommodating multiple requirements in these cases has been built in. We welcome all entities in the housing space to look to these standards. Questions and comments were made. Please see the recording for more details.

**Motioned for Approval of the Community Standards As Discussed:** 1st- Stefan Heisler, 2nd- Ken Cooley.

Motion Approved.

<b>B. Regional Coordinated Homeless Action Plan (RCHAP) Public Engagement Process</b>	Joel Riphagen, SSF Special Projects	8:55 AM (20 minutes)	Informational
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Joel shared details on the RCHAP planning process and context. We are continuing the All In branding to communicate continuity. We are building from the LHAP to the RCHAP. Additional context was provided that Homelessness has grown rapidly over last PIT Counts. We are sheltering more and more people, but the unsheltered count is also growing alongside the rest of California and exceeding state averages. Correlating factors include almost exclusively rental vacancy rates and housing prices, which have increased dramatically, which is in line. To counteract the trend, we have taken actions including the LHAP and the 6 strategies, extended by the housing plan, and informed by gaps analysis. We are working to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring. See the recording for details on the extensive goals achieved. This has led to system-wide effects, increasing positive exits to housing, though more work is still needed. To improve, we will take several strategic steps detailed in the recording. We ask the CoC Board to spread the word and adopt the MOU when the time comes. For more information, please see the recording.



<b>C. 2024 PIT Count Survey &amp; Updates</b>	Joe Smith, PITC Chairs & Kathreen “Nica” Daria, SSF Capacity Building & Training Manager	9:15 AM (15 minutes)	Informational & Action
<p>Joe Smith shared, for the survey, that we have applied verbiage modifications based on discussion with Youth Action Board (YAB). After review of the modifications, we are offering a space for final comments and approval prior to uploading the new survey questions to the system. Michele Watts, SSF Chief Planning Officer, mentioned we are recommending the survey questions provided in the agenda. TJ, from SimTech Solutions, introduced the Survey questions for review, feedback, and questions by the group. Please see the recording for more details.</p> <p><b>Motion for approval of Point-In-Time Count 2024 Survey Questions as discussed with the addition of a question inquiring regarding how many children between 0 and 18 are in the household experiencing homelessness and translation of local questions in Spanish: 1st- Mike Jaske, 2nd- Alexis Bernard.</b></p> <p>Motion approved.</p>			
<p><b>X. Meeting Adjourned at 9:52 AM.</b></p> <p>The next CoC Board meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 8:00 am.</p>			

## CoC Board Meeting Chat

00:20:39 Sacramento Steps Forward: Welcome to the Dec. 2023 CoC Board meeting! Here is today's agenda:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascde%3AUS%3A5c81f9e8-9427-3d1d-a8d0-ec00d869a733>

00:23:37 Julie Hirota: Hi everyone! Saint John's is hiring! Want to work with a great team? Family services Coordinator, clinical supervisor, SUD counselors and more!

<https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs?clientkey=968B5344C0979ECFE427A74505AB8B29>

00:25:15 Sacramento Steps Forward: Nov meeting minutes approval:

00:25:22 Troy Lynch: Yes

00:25:22 Pixie Popplewell: abstain

00:25:27 Amber Kemp: Yes

00:25:29 Julie Hirota: yes

00:27:59 Sacramento Steps Forward: [mcharlton@sacstepsforward.org](mailto:mcharlton@sacstepsforward.org)

00:28:18 Sacramento Steps Forward: CoC Board Application:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVRLSS2>

00:30:40 Sarah Schwartz: PIT Count website:

00:30:42 Sarah Schwartz:  
<https://sacramentostepsforward.org/continuum-of-care-point-in-time-pit-count/2022-pit-count/>

00:31:20 Sacramento Steps Forward: [rbereza@sacstepsforward.org](mailto:rbereza@sacstepsforward.org)

00:31:21 Sarah Schwartz: 2024 PIT Count:  
<https://sacramentostepsforward.org/continuum-of-care-point-in-time-pit-count/2024-point-in-time-count/>

00:32:19 Angela Upshaw: Hi @Alan Snyder, yes, this is the regular time for the meeting. I understand 8am is early and can be a challenge for some. We do record the meeting and provide that on the SSF website if you are not able to join or if you need to join late.

00:36:33 Sacramento Steps Forward: Thursday 14th at 2 pm

CalAIM Training Registration Link:  
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEoceGorT8oHNUx1KnIQXsVY\\_2mhN\\_Oqo5R#/registration](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEoceGorT8oHNUx1KnIQXsVY_2mhN_Oqo5R#/registration)

00:46:21 Joe Smith: The Local Homeless Memorial Service Flyer:

00:53:59 Sacramento Steps Forward: Approval of the consent agenda:

00:54:12 Ken Cooley: I move approval

00:54:28 Tara Turrentine: Yes

00:54:29 Joe Smith: yes

00:54:30 Jameson Parker: Yes

00:54:31 Alexis Bernard: Yes

00:54:32 Pixie Popplewell: yes

00:54:32 Amber Kemp: Yes

00:54:33 Ken Cooley: Aye

00:54:34 Julie Hirota: yes

00:54:35 Julie Lo: Yes

00:54:39 Stefan Heisler: yes

00:54:50 Angela Upshaw: yes

00:54:52 Nicole Piva: Yes

00:54:53 Dawn Basciano: Yes

00:54:54 Brian Pedro DCR: Yes

00:54:54 Troy Lynch: yes

00:55:16 Mike Jaske: yes

00:59:51 Alexis Bernard: Turning Point Flyers for Mi Casa Housewarming and CORE Community Forums.

01:02:20 Alexis Bernard: Anyone interested in employment with Turning Point can find additional information here: <https://www.tpcp.org/careers/>. Sage Village is our Stockton program that has lots of new positions open!

01:06:35 Alexis Bernard: Walk-In and appointments available for assessment of youth desiring County funded mental health services at Sacramento Flexible Integrated Treatment (FIT). Address: 3161 Dwight Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Telephone number: (916) 427-7141.

01:07:43 Sacramento Steps Forward: Approval of the Community-Wide Standards:

01:07:44 Julie Lo: yes

01:07:46 Stefan Heisler: Yes

01:07:46 Pixie Popplewell: yes

01:07:46 Mike Jaske: yes

01:07:46 Angela Upshaw: yes

01:07:47 Amber Kemp: Yes

01:07:47 Joe Smith: yes

01:07:47 Alexis Bernard: Yes

01:07:48 Dawn Basciano: Yes

01:07:48 Emily Halcon: yes

01:07:49 Tara Turrentine: Yes

01:07:50 Troy Lynch: yes

01:07:52 Brian Pedro DCR: Yes

01:08:29 Ken Cooley: aye

01:09:58 Deisy Madrigal, She/Her: The Sacramento Prevention and Intervention Team is hiring a youth case manager to work with youth exiting foster care. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them apply through the following site.  
<https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Lutheran-Social-Services-of-No.-California?from=mobviewjob&tk=1gq2ui7btlekg800&fromjk=d81c31166dd51fea&attributionid=mobvjcmp>

01:28:11 Emily Halcon: Thanks Mike. Realized I posted this only to the panelists, to reposting to everyone. Yesterday, the Board developed budget priorities for the upcoming FY24/25 fiscal year. The Budget Office once again did a community wide survey to inform these priorities, and homelessness was again the number one issues. You can watch the presentation by the polling company and/or review the results of the budget survey here: <https://agendanet.saccounty.gov/BoardofSupervisors/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=7982&dotype=1> (item #58). FY 24/25 budget preparation starts in early 2024 with budget hearings in early June.

01:37:04 Emily Halcon: Suggest adding to 29a 'private security', as I don't think people will be able to discern between LE and security, and on private land, it will often be security, not LE who asks folks to move

01:38:22 Emily Halcon: Thanks, TJ. I think the concern is more in how it is used in the report. Private security is not law enforcement. Law enforcement = CHP, park rangers, sheriff

01:43:45 Tara Turrentine: I have a concern about capturing children experiencing homelessness who are with their families between the ages of 0-18. Am I correct in seeing that the only folks who are asked about children being with them are between the ages of 18-24? Given that beyond the visual part of count, the survey is our only capture of children, should this be asked of all?

01:46:17 Julie Lo: Hi All - I have a hard stop at 9:30 — thanks for all your work, happy holidays.

01:46:22 Sacramento Steps Forward: Please complete our CoC Board Post Meeting Survey! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYWX6XV>

01:54:17 Joe Smith: Thanks for advocating Tara. This is critical!

01:55:51 Alexis Bernard: This is so important. Thank you for advocating for this!

02:05:12 TJ Swanson - Simtech: Are there any minor (under 18) children in your household?  
-if yes, how many

02:06:24 Sacramento Steps Forward: Approval of the 2024 PIT Count Survey With Additional Question on Children + Spanish Translation:

02:06:24 Ken Cooley: approved as amended and as moved to include local question translation

02:06:26 Pixie Popplewell: yes

02:06:26 Angela Upshaw: yes

02:06:27 Tara Turrentine: Yes

02:06:27 Emily Halcon: No

02:06:27 Jenna Abbott: abstain

02:06:28 Troy Lynch: Yes

02:06:28 Alexis Bernard: yes

02:06:29 Joe Smith: yes

02:06:30 Mike Jaske: yes

02:06:30 Stefan Heisler: Yes

02:06:45 Amber Kemp: Yes

02:06:46 Brian Pedro DCR: Yes

02:07:10 Deisy Madrigal, She/Her: Abstain

02:07:21 Sacramento Steps Forward: Please take a few moments to complete our CoC Board Post Meeting Survey. Thank you for joining us today!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYWX6XV>