

El Paso CoC Board Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Zoom

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM. Vice Chair, Ed Ricardo Gandara, welcomes all present.

No public comment.

Consent Agenda

No minutes presented.

Discussion and Potential Action Items

2020 PIT – ES Bed Inventory

Camille Castillo, EPCH Staff, presented the results of the 2020 Point In Time. Data was presented for information only. No action taken.

Second round of CARES Act

Carol Bohle, EPCH Executive Director, provided CoC Board information on the 2nd round of ESG CARES Act funding.

The CoC Boards directed staff, Carol Bohle, to listen to what is being presented to city council regarding the use of ESG CARES, round 2, to make a recommendation to the CoC Board to inform about the allocation process, and to convene a follow-up meeting if needed.

It was also the direction of the Board to have staff survey providers to ask if they applied to for the initial CARES NOFA and, if not, why not.

Update on the Wellness/Navigation Center

Ben Miranda provided an update on the Task Force set up to address population surges. The goal of the Task Force is to develop a navigation center to facilitate multiple services for the community's at risk population and households experiencing homelessness focused around a centralized hub-link to multiple, virtual, and physical nodes.

Four objectives of the Task Force;

1. Operate a welcome navigation center to El Paso's homeless service system
2. Lead and foster collaboration among partner agencies to ensure effective navigation
3. The Center will be a welcoming environment providing hospitality services and needed resources
4. Operate a crisis surge shelter to provide bed space and community surge capacity

Mr. Miranda reported that a survey that was developed by the Task Force is being sent out to providers and, in addition, clients from shelters will be given the opportunity to complete the survey. It was reported that both the City and County will report the results to council and commissioners. Survey to be sent to CoC Board for information only.

Discussion on the level of integration of coordinated entry into the Wellness/Navigation Center. Discussion then focused on the evaluation on the CE System and the importance of the CE System being an integrated system and not a parallel system. It was the directive of the CoC Board to develop a RFP for the evaluation.

Motion by Bill Schlesinger that the CoC direct staff to formulate an RFP as rapidly as possible so that we can have an invoice at hand and pay it by July 31st pending approval by the County to pay for the evaluation of the current Coordinated Entry access process. Seconded by Ben Miranda. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Other Business

Bill Sparks asked for an update on the Delta Centers. Ben Miranda reported that the city will allow them to continue to operate the Delta Center until the end of the year. There will also be a phase out plan. Mr. Sparks brought up concerns of the neighborhood in reference to an article.

Ben Miranda issued concern about an article being posted on the Coalition Facebook account. Mr. Miranda received many phone calls from many community leaders. Motion by Ben Miranda to remove the article from the Coalition Facebook account, seconded by Deborah Zuloaga. Motion failed. Carol Bohle stated the article will be deleted.

Ben Miranda discussed the funding for the operations of the Delta Centers until the end of the year. One million dollars was given by the County. Mr. Miranda is not sure where the additional one million dollars is coming from but will find out.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:22 PM.