

El Paso CoC Board Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Zoom

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 4:11 PM. Vice-Chair, EdRicardo Gandara, welcomes all present.

No Public comment.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – Minutes were approved. Motion by Deborah Zuloaga, seconded by Melissa Lopez, to approve minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion and Potential Action Items

Coordinated Entry – Evaluation Plan discussion. Staff presented draft document with comments from CoC Board members. Did a thorough review of the evaluation plan. Discussion on what the referrals look like and how many referrals were within the VI-SPDAT scoring. Staff provided an overview of the Coordinated Entry policies and procedures, specifically the prioritization scheme. Board members discussed feedback on the evaluation plan as well as guidance on evaluation based on other federal programs that should possibly be used as guidance. It was suggested that the document be provided to the county for feedback on the document prior to implementation. Staff discussed the yearly evaluation by HUD and the CoC Board. After discussion, it was decided that the project would be evaluated quarterly. CoC Board asked staff as to what would be the primary reason(s) as to why referrals are rejected. Staff responded that there are two primary reasons as to why a referral is rejected: 1) referral doesn't adhere to the prioritization scheme, and 2) program has depleted funds and is no longer available. Motion by Bill Sparks, seconded by Ben Miranda, to send the evaluation plan to El Paso County for feedback and to add references. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Other Business – Staff provided an overview of the 2021 Point In Time. It was reported that HUD finally provided guidance on executing the PIT during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Sheltered count will remain the same. It is the unsheltered count that can possibly change according to HUD guidance. Staff has consulted with the planning committee, and that is the body that will be deciding on what processes will be implemented in administering the 2021 PIT. CoC Board members also discussed lack of participation by the Opportunity Center in the annual PIT. It was suggested that Bill Sparks contact city staff to further discuss. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.