



MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 12, 2021

5:30 PM

THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In response to the coronavirus cases in the County and continuing concerns of the Governor of California and the County Public Health Officer about potential community spread of the virus resulting from prolonged indoor gatherings, the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County has suspended conducting in-person meetings in order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act.

The Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County will be participating in the meeting via Zoom.

Members of the public can participate in the meeting by visiting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85867020710?pwd=K0dCMDIyQzJUbzdgSFNoS0wrZk12QT09> or by dialing 1-877-853-5247 and entering the Webinar ID: 858 6702 0710, Passcode: 078449

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 10, 2021

4. Public Comment

If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to the Host City, City of Cloverdale, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting at iwerby@ci.cloverdale.ca.us. Members of the public can also provide public comment by raising their hand during the public comment period on the zoom platform.

5. Business Items:

- a. Presentation on the Continuum of Care and Homelessness Governance by Don Schwartz, Rohnert Park Assistant City Manager**

Recommended Action(s): Receive presentation, review recommendations, and provide direction on next steps.

6. Announcement(s)

7. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on October 14, 2021.

Upcoming 2021 Meetings:

October 14, 2021 - City of Healdsburg

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 10, 2021

**6:15 PM or Immediately Following
the 6 p.m. City Selection Committee Meeting**

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1. Call to Order

Chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

City of Cloverdale	Marta Cruz
City of Cotati	John Moore
City of Healdsburg	Evelyn Mitchell
City of Petaluma	Teresa Barrett
City of Rohnert Park	Gerard Giudice
City of Santa Rosa	Chris Rogers
City of Sebastopol	Una Glass
City of Sonoma	Madolyn Agrimonti
Town of Windsor	Sam Salmon

Absent: None.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 11, 2021

City of Petaluma moved to approve the regular Mayors' and Councilmembers' Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2021. City of Sebastopol seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Cities of Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, and Town of Windsor

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Cities of Cloverdale and Sonoma

4. Public Comment – None.

5. Business Items

(a) Appointments to the Following Boards / Committees

For consideration:

- **North Bay Division, League of California Cities, one position** (Primary), to fill vacancy of Rachel Hundley (Sonoma). Term expires two years from appointment.

Recommended Action(s): Formally appoint alternate John Sawyer (February 2021) (Santa Rosa) to position of Primary.

City of Santa Rosa nominated John Sawyer to fill the primary position. City of Rohnert Park seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Cities of Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Town of Windsor
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: City of Cloverdale

6. Announcement(s): None.

7. Adjournment

Chair Cruz adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m., to the next Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for August 12, 2021.

Upcoming 2021 Meetings:

August 12, 2021 City of Cotati
October 14, 2021 City of Healdsburg

Respectfully Submitted by:

Irene Camacho-Werby
City Clerk, City of Cloverdale
Recording Secretary – 2021 Chair City

Regional Homelessness

August 12, 2021

Topics

- Background on homelessness governance
- Continuum of Care Board Composition
- Role of Continuum of Care, Part A: Integrated Funding
- Role of Continuum of Care, Part B: Strategic Plan
- Other City Priorities
- KPMG Report
- Next Steps

Background

- Homelessness is a regional issue requiring a regional approach
- Federally-required regional Continuum of Care (CoC) is lead governing body
- CoC is a membership organization with 15 member governing Board
- “Lead Agency” is County Community Development Commission

The Last Year (or so): Challenges and Changes

- Cities established ad hoc of councilmembers
- New Interim Director at County Community Dev. Commission
 - Dave Kiff, former interim City Manager for Healdsburg and Sonoma
- Continuum of Care Board Setting a New Foundation
 - Composition of CoC Board
 - Strategic Plan
- City and County Staff: Productive Discussions

First Issue: Board Composition

- “Norm” is one seat/jurisdiction
- CoC Board decides
 - Unlikely to support Board dominated by government
- Need manageable size
- Geographic representation important
- With more trusted Lead Agency, seats on Board less important

CoC Board Current Composition: 15 Seats

- Seven permanent assigned seats:
 - a. Three County seats (1 BOS; Health Director; Human Services Director)
 - b. Two City seats (Santa Rosa, Petaluma)
 - c. Two for largest providers (Catholic Charities and COTS)
- Four “designated” elected seats (1 funder; 2 lived experience; 1 advocate)
- Four at large elected seats (2 held by city staff)

CoC Board Proposal

- Two permanent County seats
 - One BOS
 - One Health/Human Services manager
- Two permanent City seats
 - Santa Rosa
 - Petaluma
- Four regional seats
 - North County, West County, Sonoma Valley, Rohnert Park/Cotati
 - Could be city representatives, non-profits, or others
 - Selection process TBD

CoC Board, Other Seats

- Specifics TBD
- Options include:
 - Largest Providers (Catholic Charities & COTS)
 - Funders (Kaiser, St. Joseph's, Community Foundation, etc.)
 - Health Care
 - Lived Experience – 1 required
 - At-large
 - Education, law enforcement, business, etc.

Second Issue: Recognize Role of CoC

Part A: Integrated Funding Decisions

- Multiple funding sources for homelessness, including:
 - a. Fed/state funds to Continuum of Care
 - b. Fed/state funds to County
 - c. Measure O (Mental Health/Homelessness Tax)
 - d. County and City discretionary funds
- Integrating funding streams essential to an integrated system
- CoC responsible for considering funding holistically

Integrated Funding Decisions

- Measure O: Passed in 2020
 - \$25M/year for Mental Health & Homelessness
 - Potential Source of \$ for CAHOOTS-type programs
 - Potential Source of \$ for homelessness
 - Board of Supervisors Makes Final Decisions; some on August 31
 - Supervisor Coursey soliciting CoC input
- State funding (HHAP)
 - BOS to consider on August 17
 - No discussion with CoC

Integrated Funding Decisions

- Ad Hoc members prepared to make comments/ask questions
- Possible letter to BOS

Second Issue: Recognize Role of CoC

Part B: Strategic Plan

- County intends to develop Homelessness Strategic Plan in 2023 in collaboration with cities
- CoC developing Strategic Plan now
- Cities created extra seat for County to participate
- County Administrator agreeable to one Strategic Plan

Other City Priorities

1. Equitable use of Federal/state-funded services
2. Strengthen County staff capacity
3. Timely resolution of issues

Ultimately need:

- Board of Supervisors Commitment
- Structural Protections

The Last Year: County KPMG Report

- Analyzed County's options to manage its responsibilities
 - Homelessness
 - Housing Authority
 - Affordable Housing Development
- Also considered other issues
- Was done by and for County
- May be Focus of County Presentation

Path Forward

1. County to respond to cities' priorities tonight
2. Ad Hoc members have questions and comments
3. May send letter to BOS re: integrating funding
4. City teams meeting with Dave Kiff and CAO

City teams: Peggy Flynn, Clare Hartman, Stephen Sotomayor, Don Schwartz, Tom Schwedhelm, and Kevin McDonnell