

Fresno Madera Lived Experience Advisory Board

November 21, 2023 5-7PM

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Update re: CES Standardized Assessment Tool Development (Fresno State)

Fresno State presented on the CoC's CES Standardized Assessment tool development project. They stated that they want to focus on an equity-based tool and that the main concerns they want to address are:

- Having qualified trauma informed counselor present during tool administration,
- Implementing a housing first approach,
- Mental health and SUD use services should be provided after housing,
- Shorter surveys preferred.

They also said that questions have been rephrased to be less stigmatizing and to empower clients with agency. The LEAB expressed concerns with the prioritization and that it has not been clearly explained. Some prioritizations discussed were:

- For elderly
- People with generational homelessness
- Mental health disorders
- Families

The Fresno State team said they are still figuring out the scoring and that this will be piloted with the VI-SPDAT and then they will assess the data and then they will collaborate with the CoC to see where to go from there. This iteration will work like VI-SPDAT – you will get placed in a housing program based on your needs.

III. Encampment Resolution Funding – Round 3 (City of Fresno)

The City of Fresno presented regarding the ERF-3 funding application and said that for this round, areas located by Freeway will take priority but they have the ability to address encampments throughout the City. The City mentioned that the first application window closes by January 31st, 2024 and that they are doing a survey of folks in encampments to see what type of resources/services they want from this round of funding. The eligible uses for the funding are RRH, operations subsidies, street outreach, and developing permanent housing. The City wants to be sure they submit their application during first round and need the LEAB to meet and discuss what their feedback is to the City regarding the eligible costs for the application.

V. HHAP 5 Public Meetings

One last cross-jurisdictional public HHAP 5 virtual meeting is on Nov. 30th from 10:30AM-12:30PM

- Zoom Registration: https://fresno-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYlc-6hqD0rHdSHdtkUdlpHIXMIScE_FuqG#/registration