

Fresno Madera Lived Experience Advisory Board

January 2, 2024 5-6:30PM

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome and Introductions

The LEAB welcomed two new members that were voted onto the LEAB in December 2023. Homebase provided an overview of the Continuum of Care and LEAB for the two new members.

II. City of Fresno- Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Round 3 Application Feedback

Joe Pasillas from the City of Fresno came to present about the ERF round 3 application the City is preparing, which is due at the end of February. Joe presented the proposed map area for ERF-3, which showed the encampment area the City is proposing to include in its application and is where the ERF-3 housing and services funding would be directed. The encampment area map included a State right of way, as the City is more likely to get the funding if they include a State right of way. At the time of the meeting the location was not final and still needed City approval. The LEAB did not have feedback about the location selection. Joe said that residents of this encampment area would be surveyed to see what sort of services and housing they want as part of this funding application so that their input can be added to the application and proposed budget. The LEAB requested to see the survey before it goes to the encampment so that they can provide feedback about making the survey language more accessible. A LEAB member suggested that the City hand out hats or gloves with the survey since it's getting cold and because people experiencing homelessness often get surveyed without follow up, so it's nice to hand something out for their effort completing the survey. The LEAB also provided feedback regarding survey accessibility and needing to accommodate those with disabilities. LEAB members also commented that in the ERF-3 application more money towards food should be added, as shelters often rely on clients having food stamps and it's never enough food for the whole month.

III. LEAB Officer Elections

Per the LEAB Governance Framework (requiring Officer elections to be done at the first meeting of the year), Officer elections were held. Alex Sanchez was elected Chair, Rikki Rodriguez was elected Vice Chair, and Audra Hewlett was elected Secretary.

IV. January 23rd Agenda Items

- Review election results

- Trainings
- Review 2024 LEAB Budget and Activities
- ERF-3 Updates (if applicable)
- Grievance Policy