

Fresno Madera Lived Experience Advisory Board

OCTOBER 17, 2022 4-6PM

MEETING SUMMARY

- I. Welcomes and Introductions:
 - LEAB Member Attendees:
 - Terrence Prayer
 - Audra Hewlett
 - Alex Sanchez
 - Andrea Owen
 - Other Attendees:
 - Misty Gattie-Blanco, CoC Treasurer
 - Maya Spark, Homepage
- II. Welcome and Introductions
 - The LEAB welcomed new member Andrea Owen and Andrea shared about herself.
- III. LEAB New Member Summary and Background
 - The LEAB provided a brief overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC) and the purpose of the LEAB since there was a new LEAB Member in attendance. Maya Spark let everyone know that there are meeting summaries for the first 2 meetings in the LEAB meeting materials folder.
- IV. Stipend Q&A
 - The LEAB members had an opportunity to ask any outstanding stipend-related questions to the CoC Treasurer.
- V. Update on LEAB Nomination to CoC Board
 - Maya Spark provided an update on the LEAB's nomination of Alex to the CoC Board for the Lived Experience CoC Board Seat. The FMCoC Board is in the process of changing the Governance Charter to make sure that the nominations for this seat are completed by the LEAB. They will continue to discuss this next month to see whether there will then be a CoC General Membership vote on the nomination or whether the LEAB will just do a direct nomination that is not voted on like the jurisdictions do.
 - The Board would like the LEAB nominee (Alex) to start attending the Board meetings in December, but a formal vote to add the LEAB nominee will not occur until Quarter 1 of 2023 when Board Member elections are scheduled to take place anyway, as the seat is currently filled by someone else, so this will allow for transition time and to stay on the standard election schedule.

- VI. Review FMCoC LEAB Website Tab
 - The LEAB reviewed the updated FMCoC LEAB tab on the CoC's website.

- VII. Targeted Outreach Plan for New Members
 - Alex Sanchez provided an update on the targeted outreach that has been being completed for additional LEAB members. Last time the LEAB discussed recruitment for the following LEAB members: additional currently homeless members, additional Black/African American members, additional members who have lived experience of homelessness outside of the Fresno metro area, a Transitional Aged Youth member, and someone with an immigrant experience. The LEAB also does not currently have Asian or Native American members.
 - Since the last meeting, direct outreach has occurred to The Fresno Center, who primarily serves Asian clients and to Westside Family Preservation Services Network in Huron since they serve clients outside of the Fresno metro area and also serve a lot of youth and DREAMers/people with immigration perspectives. Additionally, EOC obtained at least one TAY application and may have others.
 - If more applications are received then the LEAB anticipates reviewing the next round of applications at the November meeting.

- VIII. Discuss Special NOFO Feedback Opportunity
 - Alex Sanchez and Maya Spark reported back to the LEAB on the Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Feedback Session that occurred on October 11th. Four Members attended the Special NOFO presentation on the Severe Needs Plan and had the opportunity to provide feedback on the plan. The LEAB reviewed how they would like to improve the feedback process in the future. The LEAB liked to see the document as it was being edited to incorporate their feedback. The LEAB liked that the entire document was also emailed to them so they had the option to just attend the feedback session or also review the whole thing and provide written feedback. When possible the LEAB would like PowerPoint slides to distill the important information.
 - Maya explained the CoC is trying to find a way to have members provide feedback on priorities for funding and these plans without having to repeat themselves over and over for different government funding sources. Additionally, these funding competitions often have lots of parts: developing scoring metrics for applicants to have to meet, reviewing applications and ranking them for funding or serving on appeals, and providing feedback on essays to the government agency that our CoC writes to try to get the funding. The CoC will continue to bring these opportunities to the LEAB and individual members can decide their interest in getting involved each time.

- IX. Special NOFO Appeals Panel Report Out
 - Audra Hewlett served on the appeals panel for the Special NOFO, which the CoC applied for for housing and services (approximately \$10.5 million). The Appeals Panel reviewed a review and rank decision regarding a project application and met in early October. Audra reported out on that experience and talked about what it was like.

- X. Agenda Items for November Meeting
 - The LEAB brainstormed November 21st agenda items, as the LEAB agenda creation is intended to be an inclusive process.
 - The County of Fresno will likely be back in November with additional HHAP 4 questions for feedback.
 - If enough additional membership applications are received then the LEAB will review them.
 - Presentation by Allis on street outreach volunteer group
 - Coordinated Entry System training (Misty)
 - HMIS feedback to HUD
 - The County of Fresno Dept. of Public Works is coming in December to present about their HOME-ARP funds.