

# King County Regional Homelessness Authority - Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

**Date:** March 22, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 noon -2:30 P.M.

## Welcome and Settling In

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Tamara	Bauman	X	
Jesse	Benet	X	
Kelle	Brown	X	
Jenna	Burgoyne	X	
Dan	Burton	X	
Leeze	Castro	X	
Shanee	Colston	X	
Brianna	Franco	X	
Marvin	Futrell	X	
Kristi	Hamilton	X	
Marisol Tapia	Hopper	X	
Benjamin	Miksch	X	
Nawiishtunmi	Nightgun	X	
Norine Hill	Oneida	X	
Linda	Peoples	X	
Kristina	Sawyckyj		X
Robin	Tatsuda	X	
Karen	Taylor	X	
Sherry	Tillman	X	

## Introductions and Relationship Building

Committee members introduced themselves by sharing their name and preferred pronouns.

## Welcome and Insights from Outgoing Continuum of Care (CoC) Co-Chairs

Colleen Echohawk and Sara Levin, the outgoing continuum of care co-chairs joined the meeting to welcome the new Advisory Committee/CoC Board members. Both Colleen and Sara pointed out the exciting leadership opportunity for this group to carry out the CoC responsibilities and advise work of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. It is also noteworthy that historically, CoC boards have had limited participation of people with lived experience of homelessness and this is a big change for this new slate of members. Both the past Co-Chairs offered themselves as resources to this group moving forward.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

## Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC)

Michelle Valdez provided an overview of the CoC. Note – that many of these responsibilities will be carried out the staff of the Regional Homelessness Authority with oversight from the Advisory Committee.

The CoC serves as a planning body to coordinate housing, services, and funding to:

- ✓ Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- ✓ Provide funding for efforts to quickly re-house individuals and families who are homeless, which minimizes the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness
- ✓ Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs and resources

More specifically, CoCs are responsible for:

- The operation, planning, and delegation of federally mandated requirements,
- Setting local priorities and standards for ending homelessness across the region,
- Creating a system for coordinated assessment and housing prioritization for the most vulnerable homeless individuals, youth, and families,
- Evaluating the performance of services within the region through data collection, analysis, and monitoring,
- Planning for and conducting an annual Point-In-Time count (PIT) of persons experiencing homelessness within the region, and
- Developing plans to fulfill the mission of ending homelessness for all individuals, youth, and families throughout the region.

### **CoC Governance and Structure**

Michelle Valdez provided an overview of the role of the CoC Board.

The CoC must establish a board to act on its behalf:

- CoC must adopt and follow a written process to select a board.
- Must comply with conflict-of-interest requirements.
- Must be representative of the CoC (relevant organizations and projects serving homeless subpopulations).
- Must include at least one individual with lived experience.

It is the responsibility of the CoC Board to:

- Provide oversight of the CoC Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead.
- Ensure the operation of the Continuum of Care and HMIS is in accordance with HUD's Continuum of Care Regulations.
- Oversee the strategic planning to end homelessness.
- Ensure the coordination of the CoC planning activities to further the implementation efforts of a Plan to End Homelessness.
- Develop (through committees) and approve CoC-wide policies.

### **Team Building**

Claudia Pineda Reyes lead a small group of volunteers in an improvisation exercise that demonstrated the power of working together and made clear that it is easier to do something that is uncomfortable when you have support to do it.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday April 8, from 11:30 AM -2:00 PM