

Homeless Workforce Integration Network (H-WIN) Meeting
Minutes
11.17.21

Meeting Recording:

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Attendance: Wayne Earl, Bay Area Rescue Mission; Tony Ucciferri, HACCC; Susan Padan, EHSD; Steven Schultz, Glen Price Group; Vincent Vidriales, The Share Community; Ricka Davis-Sheard, The Share Community; Reina Robinson, Contra Costa Office of Education; Owen Hershey, San Pablo EDC; Noralea Gipner, Homeless Action Coalition; Morgan Perkins, Hope Solutions; michael Callanan, H3: CORE; Maureen Nelson, EHSD; Maria Solorzano, Contra Costa Family Justice Center; Lubna Hanif, Rubicon; Loren Dalbert, The Richmond Community Foundation; Lea Murray, Collaborising; Judi Brown, Civic Makers; Jamie Luna, DCSS; Jaime Jenett, H3: Administration; Gina Bills, Contra Costa Office of Education; Evelyn Pena, LFCD; Dennis Rojas, Veteran Administration; Darryl Coachman, Contra Costa Office of Education; Darcel Hutchinson, Rubicon; Dahlia Carreon, Hope Solutions; Christie Deems, Rubicon; Bill Shaw, Winter Nights; Betty GeishirtCantrell, SPCC; Bertha Ruiz, LUHSD; Amabella Camins- Rubicon Programs; Alisha Jackson, Hope Solutions; Alexandra Brewster, Lifelong Medical; Akta Patel, Swords to Plowshares

I. Introductions

- Group members introduced themselves

II. Background on formation of H-WIN

Mauren Nelson provided background on the formation of H-WIN.

III. Survey Results

Jaime Jenett provided an overview of results of the survey distributed to homeless and workforce development partners.

IV. Group Discussion

Maureen: Asked if a small group of 6-10 people want to come together in person in a certain part of the county. WIN's used to have smaller cells meet regionally and worked on geographically focused solutions like local job fairs. Would be a smaller, in person, regionally focused version of this group

Ricka: Would be interested. East County doesn't have a lot of brick and mortar options and doesn't mirror what's happening in the rest of the county

Maureen: Almost like 3 different economies in the county with agriculture, business, transportation. Can help brainstorm physical locations like adult school or city buildings in East County. Space is easy.

Wayne: Meeting for what purpose? He's looking for job training, resources for clients graduating from their programs. His agency doesn't have workforce training, they're consumers of those services.

Maureen: WIN meetings focused on different things, based on what each cell needed. In West, wanted to create a directory of member agencies so could ID how to refer, eligibility, etc. Different from 211- more targeted to agencies trying to refer clients. Another WIN developed a referral form. Rotated meeting locations to different member agencies to allow hosting agency to provide information about their programs. East County did community fairs. Could also do local arcs on different topics. In chat someone mentioned mental health or past WINs did economic development- guest speakers were all from economic development person from each city talking about new employers coming to the city and hiring. Another arc was youth.

Morgan Perkins: would like small, in person. Hope Solutions helps clients in all parts of the county so want to know local resources in each region. Offer housing services and get referrals from Coordinated Entry. Wants to meet other people to network with to get clients into programs they need- educational, workforce development. Relationships are key- makes it more likely that client will engage if she has personal relationship with staffer at other agency.

V. Responsibilities

Jaime and Maureen

- Can help set agenda with host
- Sending out emails
- Setting up Zoom link
- Taking minutes
- Developing slides

Host Agency

- Host physical space
- Spotlight agency
- Facilitate meeting?

Wayne: Possible to share invite list with the full group in attendance to start informal networking?

Jamie Luna: Ideal for her as with Dept of Child Support. Clients might really need to be in touch with her. If a client is in a program, her office can modify payments or if driver's license hold is impacting their ability to get a job, she wants to know so they can take quick action. Some in group that work countywide and don't want to have to go to 3 separate meetings.

Jaime: Can create a Google doc/roster for all agencies to put agency services and referral processes

Darryl Coachman: He doesn't want to miss out through smaller cell meetings. Interested in collaboration and used to go to WIN meetings for networking. Barriers like homelessness, substance used, mental health can get in the way of them getting employment, education and training. Housing is a BIG issue.

Maureen: Can send out survey to identify key issues and develop format/process for future. Dennis Rojas has run a WIN before.

Alisha Jackson: Going to have 2 education and employment specialists at Hope Solutions (West/Central and East/Central)- when thinking about meetings in East/West/Central, are you thinking about rotating hosting between agencies? Also, can we do hybrid meetings (virtual and in person) at these smaller/more local meetings?

Maureen: WIN meetings rotated between agencies and that worked really well. One chairperson and a co-chair always facilitated but location changed. Hybrid can be tricky with physical logistics- maybe alternate physical and virtual? Who would like to host the next meeting? We can send out emails and do a short survey about what would like to see happen next.

Dennis: Led WINs in the past. Good to have online so get more people to come. Does require strong leadership that puts together agenda, minutes, reminders, etc because everyone is so busy.

Maureen: Yes, like securing a presenter, keeping projects going, etc.

Relevant Notes from Chat:

Christie Deems: This has been very interesting. I would enjoy meeting locally and engaging/building relationships with others.

Ricka Shepherd: I'll check with my supervisor, but HealthRIGHT360 may be open to hosting! Our office is in Antioch on Lone Tree near Brentwood

Jaime: I can start a Google Doc roster that everyone can access and put their info into.

Susan Padan: It would help if we could all find out the referral process for other agencies. And also due to C-19 - a lot of referral agency processes have changed.

Betty GeishirtCantrell (SPCC): Maybe a countywide meeting with regional breakouts for part of the time

Jaime Jenett: I'll send out a survey to all of you that captures info on you, your agency, your services, areas covered, referral processes, etc and we can have it as a google doc that everyone can get to

Noralea Gipner: I am here to find out how to get my campers help with employment. And any other things I can discover that will help us.

Owen Hershey: Survey sounds like a great idea, and I agree that virtual meetings are easier

Amabella Camins- Rubicon Programs: I second Owen. Survey on needs is a fantastic idea. Virtual meetings are easier for me at this time.

Judi Brown (she/her) – CivicMakers: Maybe some randomized breakout rooms so people can meet each other?

Amabella Camins- Rubicon Programs: Yes to Judi's idea about quick, small breakout rooms to establish personal contacts!

Susan Padan: One more meeting in December (so do remote) and let's see what 2022 and C-19 situation looks like?

Jaime Jenett, H3 (She/Her): I think we could do one more before Dec 20th!