

# Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative



## Interagency Council To End Homelessness

### Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2007

2:30-4:30 PM

#### Attendance:

Council Members Present: Chris Glaudel (Vice Chair), Alexis Bernard, Robert Bradley, Carolyn Brodt, Michelle Coleman, John Foley, Jim Hare, Larry Dayton (for Elizabeth Hudson), Cassandra Jennings, Sue Laliberte, Ryan Loofbourrow, Karen Maxwell, Kim Mojica (for Jodi Mendonca), Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Leland Tom, Toni Moore (for Bruce Wagstaff), Jan Wald.

Council Members Absent: Ann Edwards-Buckley (Chair), Karen Brockopp, Joan Burke, Michael Dunne, Peter Feeley, Lynn Frank, Verne Gore, Deanna Hanson, Pam Herman, Reta Keirse, Patty Kleinknecht, Mary K. McMahon, Maria Morfin, Ron Richards.

Staff Present: Diane Luther, Phil Alonso, Kathy Briem, Suzanne Hammer, Katrina Middleton.

Guests: Megan Kurteff Schatz, Michelle Callejas, Sean Wright, Linda Bratcher, Karen Ziebron, Victoria Harris, Karen Giordano.

#### Actions Taken:

- There were no formal actions taken by the Council.

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

#### 3. Revised Estimate of Need Based on 2007 Count – Diane Luther

- Diane led the Council through the handout and the chart showing the numbers of chronically homeless individuals that the Board should be planning on providing PSH units for.

#### Questions/Comments:

- It was suggested that the Council sees what comes out of the next count and re-analyze the numbers and the Plan goals.
- It is important to keep with a consistent definition.
- It is also important to understand that although the Plan is focused on chronic homelessness (as defined by HUD), the Council should be addressing ALL homelessness.

- The Council is responsible to HUD for reporting certain count numbers, but it is also responsible to the whole community for addressing homelessness.

#### 4. Permanent Supportive Housing Update – Jim Hare

- Jim led the Council through his three status reports, entitled: Units through Development, Prevention Units, and Units through Leasing.

- In the pipeline are the following numbers of units: development-185; prevention-140; and leasing-252, for a total of about 600 units. (Please note that not all of the prevention units will necessarily be housing chronically homeless individuals).

- About 100 of the 185 development units are fully financed, and two big projects will be breaking ground this Summer/Fall.

- Jim cautioned however, that the work is only going to get harder. We have reached the nearly 600 units that are in the pipeline because of the foresight of Mercy Housing. They have been working on development projects for *years*, much longer than the Ten Year Plan has been around.

- SHRA has contracted \$300,000 through Self Help Housing for the Keys to Hope Leasing Program.

- Self Help Housing will continue to lease about two new houses per month until capacity is filled. Since May, 3 new houses have been leased and 12 clients housed in them.

- Jim explained that the main challenges remain securing funding for operating subsidies and service dollars for non-MHSA clients.

#### 5. Units Through Leasing Update – John Foley

- John Foley described the Sacramento Self Help housing program, which is one of the providers practicing the units through leasing strategy using a scattered site model.

- John started housing chronically homeless people in December of 2006. Since then, 32 people have moved in, and 4 have moved out (one of these 4 moved out for positive reasons). Today, 28 remain housed.

- John's group essentially master leases houses, furnishes them, and place 4, 5, or 6 individuals in each house. He partners with other providers to provide services.

- Transportation has been a huge problem.

- The lack of public transportation (especially outside of Sacramento City limits) is limiting John's ability to lease houses in neighborhoods scattered throughout the region.

- John's clients may benefit from some assistance in obtaining a bicycle.

#### 6. Unit Production Goals – Diane Luther

- Diane told the Council that the PSH Production Committee will be tracking the need for modifying the goals as we get closer to realizing the short term goals that are in the Plan.

#### 7. MHSA Presentation – Michelle Callejas

Please see the power point handout.

## 8. Committee Reports

### - Outreach, Engagement and Intake – Kathy Briem

- Kathy first explained what Central Intake is as one of the strategies outlined in the Ten Year Plan document, and then she went through her handout.
- Initially, more assessments were taking place on the street. But now, more and more assessments are taking place in the DHA office on North A Street because word has gotten out and potential clients have begun to self-refer.

### Questions/Comments

- John Foley told the Council that Kathy's staff is doing a great job!

### - Veterans – Jan Wald/Robert Bradley

- Bob commented that Jan has been championing this cause.
- He then gave updates resulting from a National Conference:
  - There are a number of initiatives focusing on veterans rolling out.
  - Three grants will be coming to the Sacramento area, including one focusing on chronically homeless, mentally ill veterans (\$300,000 for a brand new program).
- Bob commented that partnerships are needed at the regional level.
- The Veterans Committee is focusing on having vets utilize resources meant for vets, so that other, general homeless resources are freed up.

### - Criminal Justice – Ryan Loofbourrow/Karen Maxwell

- Previously, the Public Safety Committee was going to morph into the Criminal Justice Committee. Now, the Public Safety Committee is going from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings, and Ryan and Karen are going to lead an effort to form a new Criminal Justice Committee.
- This new committee will focus on discharge planning and diversion from the criminal justice system.

### - Data and Reporting – Phil Alonso

- Phil told the Council that the Data Committee meetings next week and will be working on getting the data necessary to produce the Six Month Report to the community.
- Phil is still working on the website and hopes to have something to show the Council next month.

### - Continuum of Care – Suzanne Hammer

- Suzanne explained that the CoC Committee had just met yesterday and Anne Cory from the Corporation for Supportive Housing was a guest at the meeting.

- Anne helped the committee form a vision statement, and tasks/objectives to work on.
- Next month, the committee will be forming a work plan.
- It was commented that having Anne from CSH there really helped to facilitate the discussion.

#### **9. Six Month Progress Report – Diane Luther**

- Will be a two-page summary report.
- Diane led the Council through an outline of the report.

#### **10. NAEH Conference Report – Diane Luther & Phil Alonso**

- Diane explained that there was an overflow crowd at the conference, but still very small representation from Sacramento. This should be improved in future years.
- Diane and Phil participated in numerous workshops and a few visits to Capitol Hill: Senator Feinstein's breakfast, met with Congresswoman Matsui's office, and met with the SHRA lobbyist.
- An earmark of \$100,000 for service dollars is currently in the Congressional budget process.
- Diane participated in an expert focus group that discussed the following themes: political buy-in, dedicated staff, accountability monitoring, and funding for housing.

#### **11. State and County Budget Updates – Ann Edwards-Buckley**

- Chris Glaudel presented this agenda item in Ann's place.
- There still is no state budget.
- There will be about a \$33 million shortfall in the General Fund of the County Budget. County Departments are in the process of making budget cut recommendations. There will almost certainly be cuts in service dollars.

#### **12. Announcements**

- Staff from TLCS announced that there are openings at their T Street Cooperative Permanent Supportive HOPWA Housing Program. For more info, contact Linda Bratcher at 916-441-0123 x115.