



## Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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### Interagency Council To End Homelessness

## Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2007

2.30-4.30 PM

### Attendance:

Council Members Present: Ann Edwards-Buckley (Chair), Chris Glaudel (Vice Chair), Alexis Bernard, Robert Bradley, Karen Brockopp, Carolyn Brodt, Michelle Coleman, Michael Dunne, John Foley, Verne Gore, Deanna Hanson, Jim Hare, Pam Herman, Elizabeth Hudson, Leslie Morril (for Reta Keirse), Patty Kleinknecht, Sue Laliberte, Ryan Loofbourrow, Karen Maxwell, Mary K. McMahon, Kim Mejica (for Jodi Mendonca), Shamus Roller, Trisha Staniotis, Petra Stanton, Toni Moore (for Bruce Wagstaff), Jan Wald.

Council Members Absent: Joan Burke, Peter Feeley, Lynn Frank, Cassandra Jennings, Maria Morfin, Leland Tom.

Staff Present: Diane Luther, Phil Alonso, Susanna Curry, Roma Eisenstark, Kathy Briem, Suzanne Hammer, Frances Freitas.

Guests: Katherine Klein McFadden.

### Actions Taken:

- There were no formal actions taken by the Council.

### Minutes:

#### 1. Introductions

#### 2. New 7<sup>th</sup> and H Housing Project – Power Point presentation by Katherine McFadden of SHRA

- Jim Hare introduced Katherine McFadden of SHRA and explained that she will be giving a presentation on the plans for the 7<sup>th</sup> and H Housing Project. Jim mentioned that the project has been getting good reception from the community.
- Katherine McFadden introduced herself and the project. She asked that the Council give feedback and input at anytime during the presentation.
- Please see the attached powerpoint.

#### Questions/Comments:

- Chris Glaudel said that it's great that the City and SHRA are working together to prepare the site for the developer. It shows that the community really wants this to happen.
- Where is the service funding coming from?

-This has not yet been identified but will be part of the RFP process.

- Who do these units at 7<sup>th</sup> and H target?
  - 40% AMI or 20% AMI. It will probably need a mix of these two categories of consumers.
  - Replacing Marshall takes 95 units and this project has 160 units.
  - No other specific target population has been identified yet.
- Jim Hare noted that SHRA is projecting a loss of 150 SRO units over the next three years.
- There was concern for adequate services in the 7<sup>th</sup> and H building because it is such a large vertical building in the downtown area.
  - Katherine noted that issue has been discussed among developers and as they re-visit the design of the building they will also be looking at the social components of the design.

### **3. Need For Funding the Plan – a progress report from the Ad Hoc Funding Proposal Committee – Diane Luther**

- Diane Luther gave an update on the Ad Hoc Funding Proposal Committee and explained the committee's work using charts created by Megan Kurteff Schatz and Phil Alonso.
- Diane discussed the funding sources and their uses listed on the chart.
- There was discussion from the ICEH regarding the committee's work:
  - There will be 1600 PSH units developed over the next ten years... What % of these units will be through leasing? What percent will be through development?
  - There will be \$15,000 per client per year needed for service costs... This estimate is a little lower than the AB 2034 standard.
  - There will be ongoing evaluation to see what the actual costs will be after three or four years of work.
- Question: What costs will we be off-setting?
  - Ann Edwards Buckley said that this is a difficult aspect to calculate. What we are focusing on is cost avoidance rather than cost savings. A proposal will be developed showing the incremental projected costs over time. The gap will get bigger as more units are developed.
- There was a question about the possibility of using the number of chronically homeless people from the Homeless Street Count rather than the 1600 number from the Ten Year Plan, especially if the 2008 count results in around 800 chronically homeless.
- It was mentioned that if we change the numbers, we should go through formal channels to amend the number in the Plan. However, Ann Edwards Buckley noted that it was decided in a previous discussion that we would wait until the second year of the count and then revisit the possibility of amending the number in the plan.
- We need to find a way to assess the service level need and have a variety of housing options for different levels of service needs.
- It may be possible to factor in the effect of the difference in costs depending on the disability (for example, substance abuse services may cost less than the \$15,000 estimate while mental health services may cost more).
- There should be a single program with multiple levels of need provided- we should support mixed service-type populations.

- Diane asked what the Interagency Council thinks of the 20% leasing goal stipulated in the chart.
  - It is important to have a mix so that clients have choices
  - Project Based Section 8 motion passed last time. We would like to incorporate this into the larger proposal.

#### 4. PSH Production Update – Jim Hare

- Jim Hare discussed his handout.
- Construction has begun on Arden Aire and MLK!
- The Hotel Berry did not get Tax Credits and so now working with developers to make a new plan.
- The financing has not quite closed for the Colonia San Martin project.
- For the Friendship Housing Expansion using the 2006 Samaritan Bonus funds, we are waiting for the final approval from HUD. Hopefully this will be ready by December.
- Taking a closer look at the Keys to Hope Program with Self Help Housing, John Foley wants to have a house in each City Council member's district. He currently has 6 houses with this program.
- Because of the scattered site nature of this program, these properties are spread out and transportation is a huge barrier to the success of this program.

#### 5. Committee Reports

##### a. Outreach and Intake – Kathy Briem

- The Outreach and Central Intake Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month from 2-4 pm at DHA, 1590 North A Street.
- Phil Alonso, Roma Eisenstark (AmeriCorps VISTA) and Kathy Briem will be working on conducting an Outreach Resource Mapping Project.
- The discussion of prioritizing tasks within Central Intake will be one of the first tasks that the committee will take on.
- The committee is considering changing its name to be more client friendly and to reduce inflow of inappropriate referrals.

-Kathy wanted to take this opportunity to make an announcement about the next Homeless Street Count.

-The next Street Count will be on the evening of Tuesday January 29, 2008. Volunteers will gather from 7-7:30 and the count will take place from 8 to 11 pm. This year both the count and the survey will be take place on the same night.

-Question: Are we making efforts to count the institutionalized population? No, we only have the resources to count those on the streets and in shelters.

##### b. Criminal Justice – Ryan Loofbourrow

- Ryan Loofbourrow read through the committee report.
- Robert Bradley said that the VA possibly has funding for paroled veterans that the committee may be able to utilize.

##### c. Continuum of Care – Suzanne Hammer

- There are two main tasks underway in the Continuum of Care Committee.
- The first task is the APR Analysis. The committee is standardizing the goals to be able to compare apples to apples.
- The next task for the CoC application is working on the charts and ranking panel.

-Suzanne mentioned that if any ICEH members are interested in looking at the first review of criteria for the renewal and new programs, they can contact her. Chris Glaudel and Ann Edwards Buckely volunteered to read through Suzanne's draft.

#### **d. Health Services Linked to Housing – Petra Stanton**

-The Health Services Linked to Housing Committee did not meet last month, but Petra Stanton discussed the meeting held in September.

-The committee has established the following goals:

1. Create positions of healthcare access case managers for PSH projects
2. Co-locate clinics on-site at PSH
3. Map-out PSH locations and their proximity to clinic locations and CMISP-eligibility offices
4. Facilitate access to CMISP services for non-Medi-Cal clients residing in PSH
5. Maximize HealthCare for the Homeless opportunities (services and funding) for PSH

-The committee will be working on the following over the next few months:

- Gather and analyze frequent user data from all hospital systems
- Analyze cost-effectiveness of frequent user interventions
- Connect the supportive services offered through Care Connection program with PSH housing opportunities

-There was a question as to whether or not a drug-felony conviction made someone ineligible for Medi-Cal. Homicide-felony convictions are still considered eligible.

#### **e. Data and Reporting – Phil Alonso**

-The committee will be working on the following over the next few months:

- Conduct some type of cost-effectiveness or cost-savings study using local data
- Assist with the planning of the Homeless Count taking place during the last week of January 2008

#### **f. Veterans – Robert Bradley/Jan Wald**

-The Veterans committee is looking at the scope of the Plan for the development of a Vet Village at Mather.

-They noted that there is an online web calendar with information for veterans.

-Robert Bradley and Jan Wald discussed Stand Down, which occurred in September. The event was very successful and served about 499 people. All resources for the event were donated.

-The committee has also adopted three families for Christmas (2 single moms with kids and one other family-these are veteran families).

Questions/Comments:

-Someone mentioned that it was their first time at Stand Down and they were excited to see a variety of services and socialization opportunities for homeless veterans.

-Toni Moore mentioned that Stand Down is a great opportunity for DHA to spread the word about their programs.

-Central Intake had a table at Stand Down.

-We need more of these kinds of events!

### **g. Housing – Joan Burke**

- Jim Hare presented information about the Housing Committee.
- The committee meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30 to 5:30 at DHA.
- The committee is working on enhancing an online tool for people to find affordable housing. He noted that a surprising number of homeless people use online tools for such activities.

### **h. Severe Weather – Elizabeth Hudson**

- This committee has met three times so far and plans to have a couple more meetings to finish up their work.
- The committee is developing a draft of an action plan for severe weather and determining what weather conditions would trigger it.

## **6. Plan for sustaining dedicated staff for Ten Year Plan – Ann Edwards Buckley**

- Megan Kurteff Schatz will be helping to help figure out how to structure funding in the future. She will begin by looking into other jurisdictions to see how they fund/house their Ten Year Plans for the long term.

## **7. AB 2034 – Leland Tom**

- Frances Freitas discussed this issue.
- She said that counties have not yet received any guidelines on how to proceed with the \$64 million one-time MHSA funds. We know the amount that will be received but don't yet know the guidelines for how to use the funds.
- A demand letter has been submitted to the State. This is the first step to a formal lawsuit.

## **8. Nov 21 Meeting**

- The November 21 meeting will be at SETA and we will explore having the December 19 meeting at DHA with a tour of Quinn Cottages next door.