



Interagency Council To End Homelessness

Meeting Minutes

May 21st, 2008

2.30-4.30 PM

Attendance:

Council Members Present: Chris Glaudel (Vice Chair), Alexis Bernard, Karen Brockopp, Joan Burke, Michael Dunne, John Foley, Verne Gore, Alan Saunders (for Jim Hare), Elizabeth Hudson, Cassandra Jennings, Sue Laliberte, Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Bruce Wagstaff, Jan Wald, Tanya Wilson.

Council Members Absent: Ann Edwards-Buckley (Chair), Carolyn Brodt, Michelle Coleman, Peter Feeley, Lynn Frank, Deanna Hanson, Pam Herman, Collette Johnson-Schulke, Patty Kleinknecht, Ryan Loofbourrow, Karen Maxwell, Maria Morfin, Shamus Roller, Leland Tom.

Staff Present: Tim Brown, Phil Alonso, Roma Eisenstark, Susanna Curry.

Guests: Diane Luther, Toni Moore, Suzanne Hammer, Kathy Briem, Michelle Smith, Frances Freitas, Liz Brenner, Larry Dayton, Christina Arrasmith, Dawn Heywood, Michelle Schuhmann.

Action Items:

- The April meeting minutes were adopted.
- The Council approved the signing of the letter of support for The Effort's SAMHSA Grant application.
- There were no future action items during this meeting.

Minutes:

1. Introductions

2. Action: Adopt Minutes

- The Council adopted the minutes from the April meeting. Sue Laliberte moved to adopt the minutes. Verne Gore seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

3. Welcome Tanya Wilson. She has been appointed to the Council by the Policy Board.

- Chris Glaudel formally welcomed Tanya to the Council.

4. Committee Reports – 20 minutes

- Criminal Justice – Tim Brown

- Tim explained that the committee did not meet in May, but that some of the members met with City POP Officers and helped train them on Mental Health Outreach.
- Some of the committee members also attended a presentation by Sac State students on the SIP Program. One SIP client has been housed in the program.

- Continuum of Care – Suzanne Hammer

- Suzanne explained that Crossroads and Women's Empowerment will be providing a training for programs on increasing employment outcomes.
- If you are interested, contact Suzanne.

- Veterans – Jan Wald

- The Road Home Event was recently held and was a success.
- The first 600 vets attending received a free flash drive (a computer memory stick) and a book.
- There were three main components to the event:
 1. Road Home in the morning
 2. Lunch event called "Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet," which Congresswoman Doris Matsui was involved with
 3. Job Fair in the afternoon
- Jan also discussed the Vets Village proposal. This is a proposal that will re-hab abandoned buildings (where Hurricane Katrina families were staying) and turn them into a 145 bed facility for homeless vets.
- There are still a number of proposals and ideas being explored.
- Toni Moore discussed how similar ideas are being explored for Mather buildings.
- Lastly, Jan explained that the VCSN has been working with Sac State students to develop a web portal. Once the class project is completed, the students will be invited to present to the ICEH.

- Housing – Joan Burke

- The Housing committee did not meet in May, but Joan did talk about how the Sacramento Housing Alliance led a tour during the Housing CA conference of local housing programs. The tour was very successful and they received lots of positive feedback.

- Central Intake – Kathy Briem

- Kathy explained that the committee is still discussing the re-design of the Central Intake assessment process.
- They had a training session on May 2nd to discuss the various eligibility criteria and nuances between the various programs' funding sources.
- With the new Self Help units coming online, they have been able to fill those units fairly quickly and so the system seems to be working.
- Joan shared a quick story of a well-known homeless man named "Bandana" who has finally accepted a spot in a PSH unit.

5. Case Management Funding Task Force – Tim Brown – 10 minutes

- Tim explained both short term and long term strategies for funding for services.
- For the short term, the Task Force is focusing on applying for grants. A grant proposal is currently being put together to send to the federal agency SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration).
- SHRA is funding a grant writer and The Effort is the lead applicant. This proposal will be a large collaboration between many agencies.
- Tim introduced Mabel Furr of SHRA.
- Mabel explained that they will be wrapping the SAMHSA grant up next week and so she needs the Council's help in securing letters of support from key agencies.
- If we get the grant, the funds will be used to provide enhanced support services to folks already in PSH units and to those coming online at the end of this year, totaling about 200 units.
- She also explained that evaluation is a key component of the grant.
- Tim discussed how this is a very competitive grant and only about 10% of apps get funded, but we have a very strong, collaborative grant.
- The evaluation piece of the grant could help kick start evaluation efforts of the Ten Year Plan.
- We will hear the results in August and could ramp up in 4 months.
- Tim went on to explain that that the Task Force will also be looking at long term funding strategies, and so far most of these strategies involve some kind of tax or fee and so it will be a tough battle.
- We will definitely use the outcomes from short term grants to show results for the campaign for a long term funding stream.
- There is also an effort at the state level to get new funding stream from a fee on real estate transfers.

6. **ACTION:** Letter of Support for SAMHSA Grant - 5 minutes

Recommendation: Approve and Sign

- The Council approved the signing of the letter of support. Bruce Wagstaff moved to approve the letter. Jan Wald seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

7. SSI Task Force – Petra Stanton - 10 minutes

- This Task Force has met 3 times and is looking at the need for more targeted SSI advocacy.
- Sacramento's SSI outcomes are not very good compared to some other CA jurisdictions.
- The group wants to increase the number of specialized staff and set up a type of funnel where all applications go through.
- The group is looking at the California Endowment since they may be interested in funding for improving both Mental Health and Health access.

- Also looking to partner with Vets groups because they can access Vets pensions faster.

8. CoC Application Update – Suzanne Hammer – 5 minutes

- The SuperNOFA has been released, however the SHP application will be submitted electronically early this fall.
- We are expecting our NOFA release to arrive in early July.
- HUD is again allowing the reallocation of funds, but they must go toward new supportive housing programs.
- The Samaritan Bonus process is largely the same as before.
- There will also be a funding for new Rapid Re-Housing programs. The maximum that Sacramento can get for Rapid Re-Housing is \$1.2 million over 3 years.

9. PSH Production Update – Alan Saunders – 10 minutes

- Alan led the Council through his handouts and gave a brief overview of the projects under construction and in the pipeline.
- Budget Inn is going through its first round of approval tonight at the SHRA Commission, and then will go before the City Council on June 17th, and the Board of Sups the next day.
- Mutual at the Highlands is going to the SHRA Commission on June 4th, and then will go before the Board of Sups on June 10th.
- Alan also explained that all projects applying for state tax credits will find out this fall, and if they are approved then they can start construction in early 2009 and possibly be completed by early 2010.

10. Homeless Count – Kathy Briem – 10 minutes

- Kathy led the Council through the two page summary.
- It was requested that a few stats be added to the report, such as the percent females of the unsheltered homeless population.
- This doc will be finalized soon and released to the public.
- The Count Planning Team will be developing recommendations for the next effort and will present them to the DHA management.

11. Project Homeless Connect Update – Tim Brown – 5 minutes

- Tim explained that we will have a free shuttle system and handing out bus passes before the event to help guests get to the site.
- There will be lots of direct services being provided, such as CA IDs, GA/Food Stamps, food, etc.
- We need more volunteers so please spread the word.
- Over \$18K has been raised.

12. Street Management Task Force – Tim Brown – 15 minutes

- Tim first explained that the purpose of the Task Force is to explore strategies for how to deal with the current street population as more PSH units are brought online. The group will particularly look at dealing with the temporary camps that sprout up in various places. It is recognized that homeless camps affect all different parts of the community.

- Tim then explained that this Task Force is focusing on 3 issue areas:

1. "Mobile Homeless Connect" Outreach Efforts – a collaboration of homeless service providers going out to camps during the last week of each month to see if they can get campers connected to shelter beds and other services they may want. We will try to bring sack lunches and other useful handouts to the campers and our efforts will be coordinated with law enforcement/park rangers. The first efforts will be launched in April and May and then we will determine if and how the efforts should continue.

2. Exploring the possibility of a designated camp site – a sub-group from the Task Force is drafting a pilot proposal for a designated camp. We are still in the beginning stages of this effort and any proposal will first be brought before the Council for discussion.

3. Coordination with the Faith Based Community – this issue area has not really been addressed yet, but the Task Force (or possibly another sub-group) will be working on this over the summer.

- If you would like to get involved in any of these issue areas or would like more info, please contact Roma Eisenstark at reisenstark@communitycouncil.org.

13. Media Strategy – Tim Brown – 10 minutes

- A small committee has been meeting on this and has developed the goal of having one positive media piece each month, especially with personal stories.
- We have lots of opportunities with Connect coming up as well as new projects in the pipeline.
- We need to develop a media package and standard media releases and pass it onto the ICEH.
- Sue mentioned that she has leads for stories on chronically homeless youth and families graduating from Saybrook.
- It was suggested that this item continue to be on the ICEH agendas.

14. Announcements

- Petra announced that The Effort has received its FQHC (federally qualified health center) look alike status!
- The student team from UC Davis designing a mock PSH project won First Place in the Bank of America challenge.