



Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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Policy Board To End Homelessness Meeting Minutes July 14th, 2008 4:00 to 6:00 pm Sacramento City Hall City Attorney's Conference Room 4th Floor

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Rick Braziel, Susan DeMarois, Chuck Dalldorf (for Heather Fargo), Sister Libby Hernandez, Tom Gagen (Chair), Steve Heath, Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Paula Lomazzi, Malachi Smith, Michele Steeb.

Board Members Absent: Steve Ayers, Roger Dickinson, Paulino Duran, Ann Edwards-Buckley, Robert McGarvey, Scot Sorensen.

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

Guests: Kiyomi Burchill, Jim Hare, Suzanne Hammer, Kathy Briem, Toni Moore, Kevin Gaines, Hillary Gaines, Alicia Chavez.

Action Items:

- The Board approved the minutes from May's meeting.
- The Board appointed David Lukenbill to the Interagency Council to End Homelessness.
- The Board appointed Jayna Karpinski-Costa to the Policy Board to End Homelessness, to replace Jeff Slowey of Citrus Heights.
- The terms were renewed for the half of the Board members that began with one year terms.

Future Items:

- There were no future items.

Minutes:

1. Introductions

2. Public Comment on Homelessness

- There was no public comment.

3. ACTION: Minutes from May 2008

Recommendation: Adopt

- The Board approved the minutes from May's meeting.
- Paula Lomazzi moved that they be approved, and Susan DeMarois seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the minutes, all in favor.

4. ACTION: Appointment to the Interagency Council

Recommendation: The Executive Committee recommends that the Board appoint David Lukenbill to the Interagency Council.

- Tim gave the Board some background on David and the American River Parkway Preservation Society.
- **The Board appointed David Lukenbill to the Interagency Council to End Homelessness.**
- Steve Heath moved that he be appointed, and Susan DeMarois seconded the motion. The Board voted to appoint David, all in favor except one was opposed.

5. ACTION: Renew Expired Terms

Recommendation: Approve

- Tim referred to the handout listing Board members whose terms need to be renewed and explained that Jeff Slowey was the only one who was not being renewed. Tim introduced Jayna Karpinski-Costa.
- **The Board appointed Jayna Karpinski-Costa to the Policy Board to End Homelessness, to replace Jeff Slowey of Citrus Heights.**
- Susan DeMarois moved that she be appointed, and Paula Lomazzi seconded the motion. The Board voted to appoint Jayna, all in favor.
- Now that Jayna has been appointed, the Board could vote to renew the members' terms.
- **The terms were renewed for the half of the Board members that began with one year terms.**
- Paula Lomazzi moved that the renewal be approved, and Jayna Karpinski-Costa seconded the motion. The Board voted to renew the terms, all in favor.

6. Results from Homeless Connect Event (5 minutes) – Tim Brown Update

- Tim led the Board through the handout and mentioned some of the highlights:
- 16 people went into permanent housing that day, 11 of which were chronically homeless.
- A total of 30 people got some kind of housing that day.
- Over 200 people were screened by the dentists and nearly 160 received free reading glasses.
- 140 people received free CA ID cards from the DMV.
- Tim explained that the tentative plan is to hold the next Sacramento Homeless Connect event in May or June of 2009.

Questions/Comments

- Tom Gagen mentioned that it would be interesting to have a way to track client results in the weeks following the event.
- Michele Steeb mentioned that it is very important to have more effective screening up front because all 5 people who came to St. John's Shelter were not really good fits and they left the program within a week.
- Paula Lomazzi spoke with some people who came to the event but were not interested in receiving services, and they told her that they really enjoyed the food and the music.

7. Continuum of Care (5 Minutes) – Suzanne Hammer Update

- Suzanne gave some background on the Super NOFA from HUD. County DHA is the lead agency on the grant application that brings in about \$13.5 million annually.
- HUD has released instructions and currently the application is due September 15th, but this date not finalized yet.
- A key to the application is tracking the number of housing units coming online that are devoted to chronically homeless people. HUD is focused on chronic homelessness, and improving access to services and CoCs are encouraged to align themselves with the concepts of the local Ten Year Plan, which Sacramento has been doing successfully.
- This year, HUD has included funding for a new Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration Program to serve homeless households with dependent children. This program does not provide money for permanent housing, but rather is targeted at new transitional housing programs.
 - We still need to explore to see if our CoC meets all the requirements to apply for the Rapid Re-Housing grant (i.e. Central Intake is required to serve families, etc.).
 - Our CoC can apply for \$1.2 million for this grant.
 - One CoC from each HUD region gets funded. There are 35 CoCs in our HUD region. Not all are applying for the Rapid Re-Housing funds, but there will still be a lot of competition. It will take about 1 ½ years to receive the funds, so there will be time to set up a central intake system for eligible families under this program.
- Also new is a requirement that, once the application has been submitted to HUD, the CoC must make Exhibit 1 available to the community for inspection by request or post on the local CoC website.

Questions/Comments

- Tom Gagen: We've taken heat in Sacramento for focusing on the chronically homeless and not families, so will the Rapid Re-Housing grant help?
 - Suzanne: Yes, it will help because it may provide new funds for families, but really the majority of existing programs serve the non-chronically homeless population, it is just that most of the new funds are for the chronically homeless population.

8. Case Management Funding Task Force (10 minutes) – Tim Brown Information and Discussion

- We did manage to get the SAMHSA application completed in a very short time. If we get the grant, we will receive \$400,000 for 5 years (\$2 million total). Funds will be used for case management for 50 chronically homeless people each year (250 total).
- A large part of the grant is for evaluation of services.
- We will hear in August about the results.
- Sutter awarded \$35,000 for the Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) through Sacramento Self Help Housing.
 - If we can keep these people in housing, we'll save the community a lot of money.

- The next case management funding task force will be on July 23rd from 2-3:30 at Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center.

9. Street Management Task Force (10 minutes) - Tim Brown
Information and Discussion

- Mobile Homeless Connect has been really positive. The group has conducted outreach once per month for the last 3 months.
- There have been some good outcomes, at least a handful of people are in shelter as a result of the outreach activities, many are on GA and food stamps, and many have made connections to mental health and alcohol/drug services.
- The faith initiative is getting started. There are many good models for engagement of the faith community, including those in Denver, Boise and Portland.
- Many faith initiatives focus on families and have congregations get involved with both housing and services by partnering with a service provider.

10. Permanent Supportive Housing (15 minutes) - Jim Hare
Information and Discussion

- Good news: Hotel Berry received tax credits, so the project can now move forward. Rehab of the building will start in October.
- There was a contentious City Council meeting on the Budget Inn. There was some neighborhood opposition to the project, but also a lot of support. SHRA is committed to keeping neighbors involved.
 - Councilmember Hammond has called the project up to the next City Council meeting on July 22nd.
- All projects under construction are going really well and so Sacramento will have three grand opening ceremonies this fall.
- There will be over 100 units coming online at the same time, just in time for winter.
- Diane Luther: Tax credits were awarded for the 7th and H Project, and the first round will be received in 2010.
- Jim referred the group to a map showing dispersion of PSH projects. This came out of discussion from the last Policy Board meeting, and SHRA is beginning to develop a dispersion policy for placing PSH projects. A map of poverty census tracts will help inform SHRA on the development of this policy.
- Jim will continue to work with SHRA to develop this policy and will return to the Policy Board in the future.

11. Results 2008 Street Count (10 minutes) - Kathy Briem
Information and Discussion

- Kathy Briem gave a brief background of the 2008 count and referred to a handout showing additional information on subpopulation characteristics
- Planning meetings for the January 2009 count will begin soon and in September DHA will discuss how the 2009 count will improve on lessons from the 2008 count.

Questions/Comments

- Steve Ayers: Recommended that staff overlay the count map information onto the PSH site information that SHRA is creating.

12. Media Strategy (10 minutes) – Tim Brown
Information and Discussion

- The need for a media strategy came out of work on the Budget Inn, where we realized the need for community education about our work
- We are looking for Policy Board members' feedback and help with developing audiovisual tools and speaking engagements.
- Looking to find a "Brand" for the Ten Year Plan effort that encompasses all community efforts on homelessness, and need to develop talking points for public speaking.

Questions/Comments

- Michelle Steeb: we should pay attention to the diversity of people we put in front of the media. Children's and families' stories are especially effective in gaining public support.
- Steve Ayers: we should spell out who we are trying to reach and what we want to get out of it, with measurable outcomes.
- Paula: We need to address NIMBY issues.
- Tim: who are we targeting? Need to define population: business community? Faith community?
- Libby: A lot of projects are coming online for us to use for media opportunities.

13. Recent Severe Weather Response (10 minutes) – Toni Moore
Information and Discussion

- The Governor's announcement came on Monday, July 7th and DHA staff went to work immediately to organize and open cooling centers.
- On Tuesday, 86 people used a center, 96 on Wednesday, and 73 on Thursday.
- DHA staff worked closely with many other agencies and some DHA staff worked overtime to staff the centers.
- Over 250 people (not an unduplicated count) used the centers for the very hot week and it went really well.
- Adult Services was also involved to help with seniors.
- There were no reported deaths that we know of in vulnerable areas.

Questions/Comments

- Jayna: Is anything done during spraying for pesticides?
- Kathy: There has not been action on this, but maybe in the future we should warn people camping about the spraying.

Announcements:

- Suzanne mentioned the need for Ranking Panel volunteers.
 - Phil will send out information about this opportunity when it is available.