



Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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Interagency Council To End Homelessness

Meeting Minutes August 20th, 2008 2.30-4.30 PM

Attendance:

Council Members Present: Alexis Bernard, Karen Brockopp, Carolyn Brodt, Joan Burke, Ann Edwards-Buckley, John Foley, Chris Glaudel, Sandra Hamameh (for Shamus Roller), Bruce Jackson (for Jan Wald), Jim Hare, Patty Kleinknecht, Sue Laliberte, David Lukenbill, Patrick Mangan (for Leland Tom), Bruce Wagstaff.

Council Members Absent: Michelle Coleman, Michael Dunne, Lynn Frank, Verne Gore, Deanna Hanson, Pam Herman, Elizabeth Hudson, Cassandra Jennings, Ryan Loofbourrow, Karen Maxwell, Maria Morfin, Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Tanya Wilson.

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

Guests: David Husid, Michael Lazar, Ten Puntillo, Ed Johnson, James Joyner, Cynthia Casteel, Christina Arrasmith, Dawn Heywood, Karen Giordano, Frances Freitas, Shelley Lewis, Suzanne Hammer, Kathy Briem, Toni Moore, Marty Keale.

Action Items:

- The July meeting minutes were adopted.
- The Council voted to send the Ranking Panel results directly to the Policy Board for approval.
- Members of an appeals board for the Ranking Panel decisions were approved.

Minutes:

1. Introductions

2. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

3. Action: Adopt Minutes from July

- Chris Glaudel made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July meeting. Carolyn Brodt seconded the motion, all in favor.

4. Committee Reports - 25 minutes

- Criminal Justice - Tim Brown

- Tim Brown reported on the Criminal Justice Committee's Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) and its opening. John Foley noted that the program opened its second house this week, and that three out of four of the residents are still in the house.
- Also for the Criminal Justice Committee, Tim noted that a mental health training took place for POP officers, run by Genesis' volunteer therapists.

- Veterans - Jan Wald

- Bruce Jackson reported on the Veterans Committee. This committee has placed new staff in the DHA offices at 28th and R, where they see about four veterans per day to assess their benefits needs.

- Housing - Joan Burke

- Joan Burke reported on the Housing Committee's activities. The committee has been discussing ways to support the Ten Year Plan. The new project Mutual Housing at Highlands will be the first project in the state to use MHSA funding. The project will be pet friendly.

- Central Intake - Kathy Briem

- A few members of the Central Intake committee met with Met Sys to discuss how to use their system better (Met Sys is the provider of our HMIS system).
- The committee is looking at opening central intake to families to comply with rules for Rapid Re-Housing funding.

- Health - Petra Stanton

- Phil Alonso noted that the Health Committee has moved to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be on September 8.

5. Task Force Updates: Case Management Funding, SSI, and Street Management - Tim Brown - 5 minutes

- The Case Management Committee is still waiting to hear from SAMHSA on The Effort's grant for case management.
 - The committee is working with a grant consultant and is hoping to submit a few proposals in the next few months.
- Tim Brown introduced Marty Keale, Executive Director of the Capitol Community Health Network (CCHN), who spoke on behalf of the SSI task force for the need to improve SSI application assistance in Sacramento.
- Marty gave a basic background on social security assistance.
 - About 50% of the homeless population qualify for SSI.
- Current funders for SSI application assistance are the California Wellness Foundation, the California Endowment, Blue Shield.
 - CCHN has a proposal in to the Sierra Health Foundation also.
- There are a number of partners in this effort in Sacramento: DHA, DHHS, Turning Point Community Programs (TPCP), Transitional Living & Community Support (TLCS), Salvation Army, The Effort clinic, and CCHN.
- CCHN has one staff going to the SOAR train-the-trainer workshop.

- The Street Management Task Force is focusing on outreach and is still conducting Mobile Homeless Connect outreach efforts to camps.
- The next Mobile Homeless Connect will be in North Highlands.
- Tim brought up the discussion of the future of the task force and noted that at the next ICEH meeting there will be a re-evaluation of what committees should continue, with the decrease in ECHI staff.

6. Central Intake/Vulnerability Index - Kathy Briem - 10 minutes

- The Central Intake Committee has been exploring using a type of Vulnerability Index to help prioritize clients, but there are many challenges: not enough housing in which to place the most needy, and how to quantify and prioritize clients based on particular criteria.
 - An ad-hoc committee got together to find commonalities between already-existing tools.
 - The group will meet again to continue that work.

Questions/Comments

- Patty Kleinknecht noted that we're not using Met Sys and HMIS to their fullest capacity, and they are very willing to help us out.
- Frances Freitas: It is great to have short term, "bridge-like" housing to place the most vulnerable population in as they wait for permanent supportive housing.
 - Kathy: We have to be careful because of HUD's definition of a "chronically homeless" person. According to HUD, a chronically homeless person must be either on the street or in emergency shelter-cannot be in transitional housing.
- Toni Moore recommended bringing back ideas to ICEH for more discussion.

7. Homelessness in the News - Tim Brown - 5 minutes

- Tim referred to the handout of the most recent Sac Bee editorial.
- David Lukenbill: we should respond and show why we focus on the chronically homeless.
- Sue Laliberte and Ann Edwards Buckley: we need to work on the overall plan and get our stories out there in the news.
- Joan: We should add footnotes when using data in reports, agree with Tim on overall media plan.
- Tim: Another Bee reporter is looking for a family who is recently homeless and/or couch surfing.
- Bruce: Have there been thoughts on a response to the editorial?
 - Ann: We can combine the response when Mangano is here, in the press release, etc.
 - David: We should not write a letter to the editor, but should write a commentary on our positive results so far.
 - Tim: We can ask Mangano to speak for the whole continuum.
 - Sue: Has a chronically homeless youth who may be interested in speaking to the media-she can set up an interview.

8. CoC Application Update - Suzanne Hammer - 15 minutes

- Suzanne gave a background on the HUD application.
- All of the Exhibit 2s were submitted successfully by the programs.
- The new electronic process has been difficult since they couldn't create PDFs until after 2 pm (when the east coast shuts down).

- The application is due to HUD by September 26th, and the target is to submit it two weeks early, by September 12th.
- Suzanne led the group through the handout.
- The ranking panel meets August 27th and 28th and then the application needs to go through the approval process.

9. Action: Adopt process for the timely approval of the Ranking Panel's results in early September.

Option 1	Option 2
Have the Executive Committee approve the results at their meeting on 09/04/08.	Call a special meeting of the Interagency Council during the first week of September

- Ann explained the background and options.
- **Jim Hare moved to substitute the motion, that the ranking panel results will go directly to the Policy Board to approval.**
- **Joan seconded the motion, all in favor.**
- In case of an appeal, an appeal board needs to be created. Ann Edwards Buckley, Ryan Loofbourrow, Joan Burke, Patty Kleinknect, and David Lukenbill will sit on the appeal board.
- **Chris Glaudel made a motion to approve the Appeal Board members. Jim Hare seconded motion, all in favor.**

Questions/Comments:

- David Husid: From a service provider perspective, it has been a pleasure to work with DHA on this process.
- John Foley: It would be good to know in advance if a program is closing.
- The Health Committee will look at the loss of the Health Program. The program will serve people until July 31, 2009.

10. PSH Production Update – Jim Hare – 10 minutes

- The Budget Inn passed all the local approvals and now Mercy has purchased the site.
- There are a lot of good media possibilities with the opening of three projects in the fall.
- The Council approved the purchase of the 7th and H site and the RFQ will go out soon to develop the 150 unit SRO replacement project, the first in the railyards redevelopment area.
- There has been a struggle with Project Based Vouchers and Permanent Supportive Housing and Saybrook Apartments.
 - Maybe we can take more time in the future to discuss this at more length.

11. Phil Mangano's visit September 17th – 10 minutes

- Tim explained who Phil Mangano is and what the U.S. Interagency Council (USICH) does.
- Sacramento has been recognized twice in USICH newsletters.
- Phil Mangano wants to come to Sacramento on September 17th (day of next ICEH meeting).
 - we will possibly have a press conference around 1:30 pm and have him come to the ICEH meeting.
 - Diane Luther: Phil Mangano likes to meet with top level officials.

- Sue: We should invite city council members.

12. Announcements

- Stand Down September 12-14 at Camp Pollack.
- Tomorrow, the assist secretary of HUD will be in town to give an update on HUD and then take a tour.
- The White House Faith-Based Initiative Conference: Suzanne gave a presentation.