



# Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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## Interagency Council To End Homelessness

### Meeting Minutes September 17th, 2008 2.30-4.30 PM

#### Attendance:

Council Members Present: Karen Brockopp, Joan Burke, Michelle Coleman, Larry Dayton (for Elizabeth Hudson), Ann Edwards-Buckley, John Foley, Chris Glaudel, Verne Gore, Sandra Hamameh (for Shamus Roller), Jim Hare, Patty Kleinknecht, Sue Laliberte, Ryan Loofbourrow, Patrick Mangan, Maria Morfin, Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Bruce Wagstaff.

Council Members Absent: Alexis Bernard, Carolyn Brodt, Michael Dunne, Lynn Frank, Deanna Hanson, Pam Herman, Bruce Jackson, Cassandra Jennings, David Lukenbill, Karen Maxwell, Tanya Wilson.

Staff Present: Tim Brown, Phil Alonso, Susanna Curry, April Tally.

Guests: Michelle Callejas, Bob Erlenbusch, Archana Narayan, Trent Sunahara, Diane Luther, Dawn Heywood, Karen Giordano, Suzanne Hammer, Toni Moore, Marty Keale.

#### Action Items:

- The August meeting minutes were adopted.

#### Minutes:

##### 1. Introductions, Public Comment, and welcome Pat and Bruce

##### 2. Action: Adopt Minutes from July

- Sue Laliberte made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July meeting. Bruce Wagstaff seconded the motion, all in favor.

##### 3. Committee Reports – 25 minutes

###### - Criminal Justice – Tim Brown

- Currently the committee is evaluating the pilot project with the SIP program, and is working on re-applying for a Sutter grant to maintain funding for the program.
- The pilot project with the police and mental health counselors is moving along as well.
- The committee is also discussing discharge policies from the jails.

**- Veterans - Bruce Jackson**

- Tim Brown mentioned that Stand Down occurred over the weekend. The estimated turn-out was about 500 veterans.

**- Health - Petra Stanton**

- The committee would like to conduct a cost-savings study with clients in the new MLK Village project opening in November.
- The committee also wants to expand the Interim Care Program (ICP)
- The Effort is rolling out FQHC satellite clinics at new PSH projects.

**4. Media Goals-Tim Brown-15 minutes**

- Tim gave a background of ECHI's Communications Plan.
- One goal of the Communications Plan is to increase the awareness and support for homeless issues, however we need baseline data on local attitudes.
- Tim asked if anyone was interested in forming a small workgroup to work on this goal. Trisha Stanionis, DHA, Patty Kleinknect, and Sandra Hamameh were interested in helping.
- Bruce Wagstaff noted that it is important to define the audience of the Plan and then the message. There are two parts to the "general public" audience: those who are sympathetic, and those who are not.
- The business and funders community could also be a separate audience, with a more defined message.
- Patty Kleinknect said that the draft that Tim presented was a good start, but it needs to be expanded, and a work group could really help with that.

**5. Task Force Updates: Case Management Funding, Street Management, and Phil Mangano's visit - Tim Brown - 5 minutes**

**-Case Management Funding**

- We still haven't heard about the SAMHSA grant for case management funding.
- The Case Management Funding Task Force will be re-grouping on October 1. ECHI has some information on foundations and wants to target those who are giving to homeless programs.
- Petra Stanton mentioned that the proposed SB 1738 would provide funding for case management through Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).
- Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is trying to organize and sponsor some state legislation for case management (such as SB 1738).

**-Street Management Task Force**

- The task force is continuing monthly outreach and trying to focus on tangible services to provide to those they contact.
- Service provider participation has dropped over the summer, so the task force will be contacting more people to get involved again.
- The next outreach will occur on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

**-Phil Mangano's visit**

- The press conference went well and some media outlets showed up (The Bee, Fox News, Public Radio and KFBK).
- The Question and Answer session was interesting, too. Thanks to everyone who attended.

## **-Funding Report**

- A few providers applied for funding from the Sierra Health Foundation, but the foundation received over 430 applications.

### **6. Faith Initiative- Tim Brown- 5 minutes**

- ECHI is still outreaching to key leaders to champion this issue.
- Participants are looking at modeling such an initiative after successful programs in Boise, ID and Denver, CO.
  - Congregation takes responsibility for one homeless family and/or one homeless person (housing, mentoring).

### **7. Benefits Advocacy- Marty Keale- 15 minutes**

- Marty led the group through the powerpoint describing the proposal to increase SSI advocacy services in Sacramento County.
- The SSI task force hopes for endorsement from the Interagency Council at the October meeting.
- Marty will send an email to the Interagency Council from the Health Committee drafting language for action by the Interagency Council and then Policy Board in November.
- Some council members requested that they receive more information on the 25-30% retroactive payment to the assisting organization upon award of SSI. Marty will send this information to Council members ahead of the meeting.

### **8. Continuum of Care Application Update- Suzanne Hammer- 15 minutes**

- Suzanne referred to the handouts.
- There were three new applications for funding
  - St. John's Shelter for women and children \$110,000
  - Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center's "On Our Way" program \$1.2 million
  - Budget Inn "Samaritan Bonus" \$629,000
- 28 renewals were submitted and all received funding.
- One program, MAAP's Health Project, did not apply for renewal, and the funding went to St. John's Shelter.
- The Ranking Panel recommended that at least three of the same people be on next year's panel and have more direction from the Interagency Council on priorities and goals in the community.
  - There will be a discussion of these priorities and goals at the October or November Interagency Council meeting.
- HUD extended the deadline for applications to October 16, but staff hope to submit it by the end of September as planned.
- There has been an increase in the housing to services ratio in Sacramento, from 56% housing in 2007 to 59% housing in 2008, so hopefully this will gain us a few more points.

### **9. PSH Production Update- Jim Hare- 10 minutes**

- Jim explained the Keys to Hope II status box.
  - SHRA has been struggling with this program. It is not reaching its full potential.
  - There is a new plan for 2009. With the Department of Mental Health's support, SHRA will do an RFP for mental health providers, similar to the contract with Sacramento Self Help Housing's Keys I and Friendship Housing. Funding will be for housing for MHSA's target population.

- Michelle Callejas from Mental Health said that part of the problem with this issue was the cut of AB 2034.
- DHA's Shelter Plus Care has 40 units that are unused.
  - There has been a problem finding a service match.
- There was a match at MLK Village, so this is very good news. This will remove those units from the leasing chart.

#### Questions/Comments

- How will clients be chosen for MLK village?
  - SHRA will set up a meeting between Mercy Housing, providers, and Central Intake to discuss the flow of clients into upcoming projects.

#### **-North B & Ahern Site- Diane Luther- 5 minutes**

- Diane noted first that the 7<sup>th</sup> and H project has released the RFQ and have had a number of developers interested.
  - SHRA hopes to select a developer by the first week of December.
- The "North B & Ahern" site is currently being called the "Egg Warehouse". Diane referred the group to a map showing its location and size (1.37 acres).
- The site is owned by General Produce and about ten years ago there was an agreement with the city on the land swap.
- Diane is partnering with DHA and the City Economic Development Department to develop the plan.
- Diane requested 20-30 minutes on October agenda to discuss the use of the site. If any council members have thoughts, ideas, or concerns please email Diane or Toni Moore.

#### **10. Project Based Housing Vouchers- Ann Edwards-Buckley- 10 minutes**

- The Housing Voucher system is not really set up for serving homeless people.
- A meeting was scheduled for tomorrow to discuss long-term strategies.
- The short term crisis at Saybrook has been handled.
- Jim will be sending talking points to Ed Cabrera and Philip Mangano of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to lobby HUD for change since so many communities are dealing with this issue.

#### **11. Guidelines for forwarding info- Tim Brown- 5 minutes**

- Tim gave some background on the issue, ECHI staff has limited time and so developed a policy on forwarding announcements from partners.
- Tim invited input from the Interagency Council.

#### **12. Structure of Committees/Task Forces- Tim Brown- 10 minutes**

- There is a goal of starting an employment committee.
- There are two possibilities for rearranging a few committees of the Interagency Council:
  1. Combine the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Committee and the Housing Committee
  2. Combine the Central Intake and Street Management Task Force
- Co-chairs of these committees need to get together to plan joint meetings.

### 13. Announcements

- Trish Stanionis announced that the Mather Community Campus Partners are receiving the American Leadership Forum 2008 Regional Impact Award.
- April Tally, MSW intern at ECHI, announced that September 21-27 is National Low Income Voter Registration week. If any providers would like her to drop off voter registration forms, please let her know.
- Karen Brockhopp noted that there are a number of openings in TLCS co-ops with specific population guidelines.
- Larry Dayton was promoted within the Salvation Army and will no longer be working at the shelter or sitting in as Elizabeth Hudson's alternate on the Council.