



Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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Interagency Council To End Homelessness

Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 2008
2.30-4.30 PM

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Attendance:

Council Members Present: Alexis Bernard, Karen Brockopp, Carolyn Brodt, Michelle Coleman, Ann Edwards-Buckley, John Foley, Chris Glaudel, Verne Gore, Sandra Hamameh (for Shamus Roller), Jim Hare, Bruce Jackson, Patty Kleinknecht, Sue Laliberte, Ryan Loofbourrow, Patrick Mangan, Karen Maxwell, Maria Morfin, Petra Stanton, Bruce Wagstaff.

Council Members Absent: Joan Burke, Michael Dunne, Lynn Frank, Deanna Hanson, Pam Herman, Elizabeth Hudson, Cassandra Jennings, David Lukenbill, Trisha Stanionis, Tanya Wilson.

Guests: Yvonne Riedlinger, Toni Moore, Ruth MacKenzie, Kathy Briem, Debra Morrow, Michael Lazar, Megan Kurteff Schatz, Jonah Johnson, Major Mark Sparks, Kathleen Biarelli-Rossi, Sonia Labrado, MaryLiz Paulson, LaShelle Dozier, Dawn Heywood, Julia Acuna.

Staff: Phil Alonso, Susanna Curry, April Tally

ACTION Items:

- The September meeting minutes were adopted.
- The Health Access Program/Benefits Advocacy Proposal was approved with an amendment. The approved motion reads: "The ICEH endorses the concept of developing an SSI/Benefits advocacy team that focuses on the homeless population and recommends that the Policy Board prioritize SSI advocacy as a critical step in ending chronic homelessness."
- The Keys to Hope II RFP Requirements as recommended by the Joint Housing-PSH Production Committee and as described in the memo from Jim Hare were approved with an amendment. The approved motion reads: "The Interagency Council recommends that SHRA's RFP be limited to providers who will serve chronically homeless individuals (using the federal definition of chronically homeless), with the one caveat that providers may serve previously housed individuals who met the definition of chronic homelessness at the time they moved into their previous housing and enrolled/engaged in

services. The caveat is limited to a maximum of 20% of the total occupancy.”

1. Introductions and Public Comment

-Meeting called to order at 2:35 pm. There was no public comment.

2. ACTION: Adopt Minutes from September

Motion to adopt minutes by Sue Laliberte, seconded by Patty Kleinknecht. Approved, all in favor.

3. Committee Reports

a. Criminal Justice-Phil Alonso

-Criminal Justice-Sacramento Self Help Housing and the Downtown Partnership have been invited to renew their funding for the SIP program through Sutter Health. There is a pilot project being conducted to gather data on cost savings on SIP clients. We are hoping to get everyone tracking their use of services so that in a year we can see the cost savings.

b. Veterans-Bruce Jackson

-The U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs has announced grants providing \$36.7 million to community groups to create 1,526 beds for homeless veterans this year. The Sac County Veterans Service office has been attending the GA CAM since June. The results of Stand Down have also been released. The Dedication of the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial event from December 10-14 was also announced (see www.cavietnammemorial.com).

c. Data-Reporting Results of the Ten Year Plan-Phil Alonso

-The results for year 1.5 of the Ten Year Plan have been tallied. 265 chronically homeless and 491 additional homeless individuals have been housed between January 2007 and June 2008. Eighty percent have maintained PSH for at least 6 months.

Questions/Comments:

Question: Bruce Wagstaff asked if the results of the first 18 months will be reported to the media. Phil-Tim has committed to producing a formal report every year, however we will explore the possibility of incorporating some of the more recent data in any media efforts before the two-year report is released.

4. ACTION: Health Access Program/Benefits Advocacy Proposal-Marty Keale and Petra Stanton-10 minutes

Recommendation: The ICEH endorses the concept of developing an SSI/Benefits advocacy team that focuses on the homeless population

-Things are getting off the ground for this program. DHA will designate one full-time social worker devoted to the homeless population. Lutheran Social Services has devoted one ½ time social worker for the population as well, and they will be working as a team. The Benefits Advocacy Proposal is critical because to fund PSH, the community expects 80% of the residents to have SSI income. If we don't have that income, the Ten Year Plan could fall apart. Sonia Labrado from Capitol Community Health Network said that she was trained under the SOAR model and would like to coordinate with agencies that would like the presentation. To be successful, about four trainers in a community is best.

-Petra made a motion to add language to the current motion to read: "The ICEH endorses the concept of developing an SSI/Benefits advocacy team that focuses on the homeless population and recommends that the Policy Board prioritize SSI advocacy as a critical step in ending chronic homelessness."

-Chris Glaudel seconded the motion. The motion was approved, all in favor.

Questions/Comments

Q: Patty Kleinknecht asked if the specifics can still be debated after the approval of the concept.

A: Ann Edwards-Buckley said that yes, the specifics are still up for discussion.

5. Director's Updates-Case Management Funding, Street Management Task Force, Media-Phil Alonso-20 minutes

-Case Management Funding Task Force

Marty of the Capitol Community Health Network has submitted a proposal to the California Endowment for the Health Access Program.

-Tim hired a consultant for the search of appropriate grant funders and has shared potential collaborations with the committee.

-Tim also met with Nancy Findeisen to discuss CSPC serving as a lead applicant among a collaboration of agencies. The Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative and the Executive Committee will develop a process to certify eligible partners in a collaborative.

Questions/Comments:

Maria Morfin-would the applicants be identified beforehand?

Phil-Yes, CSPC would develop an RFA and the goal would be to submit 6-8 proposals in the next year. The grants would likely be written by the grant consultant with assistance from ECHI staff and the agencies involved.

-Street Management Task Force

Phil gave a background of Mobile Homeless Connect and discussed the merging of the Street Management Task Force and the Central Intake Committee.

-Media

Phil talked about the media workgroup that met in early October to talk about the key messages and strategies of the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. Ideas included coordinating the message with that of the Human Services Coordinating Council and creating a media event around project openings next spring once residents have moved in.

6. Project Based Housing Vouchers-Ann Edwards Buckley and LaShelle Dozier

-Ann Edwards Buckley gave background on the issue in Sacramento-difficult to fill units with specific requirements of the Project Based Housing Vouchers.

-LaShelle Dozier: SHRA worked with Saybrook and Serna Village. All partners have learned lessons on what HUD allows them to do and not do. SHRA is working directly with property owners and managers. There have been three meetings so far, and they are working on an MOU including a timeline and responsibilities for each party involved. Once the MOU is finished and before it's executed, SHRA will share it with the executive committee and ICEH. We will need to follow up with Phil Mangano and Congresswoman Doris Matsui. Jim will bring in the "white paper" request to Phil Mangano at the next ICEH meeting in November.

Questions/Comments:

Bruce Wagstaff: Who will sign the MOU?

A: SHRA and the property owners.

Petra: What is the process for vouchers for the new projects?

A: There will be an SHRA RFP.

7. State Budget, Loss of EHAP Funding-Phil Alonso and Carolyn Brodt

-Phil Alonso gave background on the loss of funds. Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center (SAEHC) and WEAVE, Inc. lost funds.

-Carolyn Brodt (SAEHC): The funds paid for 1.5 case managers, part of the concern is that SAEHC started a new EHAP grant on Aug 15 for 14 months, and the funding after that is unclear.

-Michelle Coleman (WEAVE): WEAVE is in the middle of building a larger safehouse as of April.

-It was suggested that the Policy Board sign off on a letter to Darrell Steinberg on this issue, discussing the local impact.

8. Continuum of Care Application Update-Ruth MacKenzie

-The Continuum of Care application was submitted! Forty individual agencies submitted Exhibit 2s and 33 were included in the application to HUD. The request was for \$15.7 million, \$1.2 of which was for the new rapid re-housing initiative and \$600,000 for the Samaritan Bonus. The application also raised 34 million in leverage, which is more than 200% of the grant amount.

9. PSH Production Update and K2H RFP-Jim Hare-15 minutes

ACTION: Approve Keys to Hope II RFP Requirements as recommended by the Joint Housing-PSH Production Committee and as described in the attached memo from Jim Hare

-Both the Budget Inn and the Mutual at the Highlands were awarded tax credits.

-The group had a discussion about the Keys to Hope II RFP requirements as recommended by the Joint Housing/PSH Production Committee.

-Karen said that this requirement would make it hard to house those who're not technically "chronically homeless" by HUD definition because they are in permanent or transitional housing already. She supports the caveat that providers may serve previously housed individuals who met the definition of chronic homelessness at the time they moved into their previous housing and enrolled/engaged in services.

-Jim suggested that an amendment be added, that the caveat is limited to a maximum of 20% of total occupancy. The full motion will read "The Interagency Council recommends that SHRA's RFP be limited to providers who will serve chronically homeless individuals (using the federal definition of chronically homeless), with the one caveat that providers may serve previously housed individuals who met the definition of chronic homelessness at the time they moved into their previous housing and enrolled/engaged in services. The caveat is limited to a maximum of 20% of the total occupancy."

-Motion to adopt the motion by Karen Brockhopp, seconded by Sue Laliberte. Approved, all in favor.

10. Faith & Families Initiative-Susanna Curry

-The first meeting went well. We had representatives from service providers, the Interfaith Service Bureau, and St. John's Lutheran Church. Councilmember Rob Fong led the group. Best Practices models for this type of initiative were presented, as was the proposal for Sacramento. The group will be working on identifying appropriate partners and talking about the needs in Sacramento.

-Thanks also to Cassandra for her help in getting this idea moving forward.

-The next meeting is on October 29th from 11 am-1 pm at SETA in the Redwood Room.

11. Satisfaction Survey-Phil Alonso

-Phil asked members and those in the audience who attend regularly to submit a satisfaction survey.

12. Announcements

-Jim Hare will be retiring at the end of December 2008.
-Toni Moore: The Phase Two Social Service Complex is moving ahead. It should be on the agenda for the next ICEH meeting for a more complete report.