



Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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Interagency Council To End Homelessness Sacramento, California

Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2008
2.30-4.30 PM

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Attendance:

Council Members Present: Alexis Bernard, Joan Burke, Michelle Coleman, John Foley, Chris Glaudel, Verne Gore, Sandra Hamameh (for Shamus Roller), Jim Hare, Suzanne Hammer (for Bruce Wagstaff), Bruce Jackson, Patty Kleinknecht, Michael Lazar (for Karen Brockopp), Ryan Loofbourrow, Patrick Mangan, Karen Maxwell.

Council Members Absent: Carolyn Brodt, Michael Dunne, Ann Edwards-Buckley, Lynn Frank, Deanna Hanson, Pam Herman, Cassandra Jennings, Sue Laliberte, David Lukenbill, Patrick Mangan, Maria Morfin, Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Tanya Wilson.

Guests: Dawn Heywood, Ben Webster, Trent Sunahara, Grace Cole, Merril Lavezzo, LaShelle Dozier, MaryLiz Paulson, Cynthia Keeth, Kathy Briem, Alex Briones, Debra Morrow, Bob Erlenbusch, Frances Freitas, Karen Giordano.

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

ACTION Items:

-The minutes from the October ICEH meeting were approved.

Minutes:

1. **Satisfaction Surveys and review list of Holiday food and gift drives (as members are arriving)**
-Members who had not yet completed the satisfaction survey were asked to fill it out and give it to Phil.
2. **Introductions and Public Comment**
-Meeting called to order at 2:35 pm. There was no public comment.
3. **ACTION: Adopt Minutes from October**
-Motion to adopt minutes by Jim Hare, seconded by Alexis Bernard. Approved, all in favor.
4. **Committee Reports-15 minutes**
 - a. **Veterans Committee-Bruce Jackson**
 - i. There was no Veterans Committee report.
 - b. **Criminal Justice Committee-Tim Brown**

ii. SIP is about 6 months along. The program reapplied to Sutter Health for continued support of case management. Five people who are considered "serial inebriates" are in housing and partners are starting to look at cost benefits of the program. Anecdotally, in the year before he entered housing, one man cost \$70,000 in hospital and jail costs and, in the 6 months he's been housed, has had only one hospitalization. -The committee is also looking into reentry issues and working on improving discharge programs.

5. Director's Updates- Case Management Funding, Street Management Task Force - Tim Brown- 10 minutes

-Case Management: We didn't receive the grant from SAMHSA. The funding would have included \$60,000 for evaluation purposes, but we are still going to continue to conduct evaluation.

-Phil Alonso asked the group to review the Grant Proposal Partners sheet included in the packet and get back to him with feedback.

-SSI Task Force: The collaboration to improve the Benefits Advocacy system is moving along. Marty Keale of the Capitol Community Health Network is taking the lead, and is collaborating with DHA and others. The Policy Board endorsed the effort at the meeting on November 17th.

-John Foley announced that the Sierra Health Foundation will fund Sacramento Self Help Housing for a benefits advocacy position.

-Front Door Committee (formerly the Street Management/Central Intake committee): The committee is working on two items: developing a vulnerability Index and continuing to develop the outreach team concept.

-Sacramento Homeless Connect: We are still looking for venues.

-Policy Board: Matt Mahood of the Chamber of Commerce, Fred Teichert of the Teichert Foundation, and Capt. Jacqueline Dowden of Sacramento City Policy Department have joined the Policy Board to End Homelessness.

6. Continuum of Care Application Update and Housing Goals-Suzanne Hammer-10 minutes

-The HUD award notifications will be in December.

-There are likely going to be changes with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act when it is reauthorized. Homeless prevention capabilities will be expanded, there will be a greater emphasis on rapid rehousing, and families could be included in the definition of chronically homeless.

-The committee has started working on ranking criteria for next year. One of the goals is to form an employment committee, which would help providers improve exits from programs to employment. Right now the percentage of participants who enter employment from a program is 25% (this is higher than the national average of 19%) but it still needs to be improved. Beth Martin from Mather Community Programs will be convening the committee.

-The other new goal is to decrease the number of homeless households with children. If the Rapid Rehousing application is awarded to the Sacramento Area Emergency Housing and St. John's Shelter for Women and Children, this goal will be more likely met. The Faith & Families Initiative will also help.

-The Homeless count will be January 27th from 9 pm to midnight. Group mapping sessions will be taking place this month. Please contact Kathy Briem, Homeless Count Coordinator, at 916-874-9963 or briemka@saccounty.net.

7. PSH Production Update-Jim Hare- 15 minutes

-Please see the chart provided by SHRA to see details (ask ECHI staff for copies). Projects are still moving along and construction is still set to start on time even though there have been problems getting the funding necessary through tax credits.

-There was a discussion of where HUD services funding allocated to the Budget Inn project will go if the project opening is delayed. The Housing Committee might want to talk about this, because it is likely a nationwide problem.

-Patty Kleinknecht asked if the change in administration at the federal level will impact the kinds of projects SHRA is working on developing. Chris Glaudel said that he didn't think it would make a difference in the short term.

8. Housing Choice Vouchers Update-LaShelle Dozier and MaryLiz Paulson-10 minutes

-Chris Glaudel gave background on the Housing Choice Vouchers issue. Saybrook and Serna had problems over the summer maintaining their capacity because of tenants with a Project-Based Voucher left and the list of possible replacements was outdated. This resulted in a series of meetings and the issue has been resolved.

-Tim thanked everyone for working to resolve the problem.

9. Faith & Families Initiative-Tim Brown-10 minutes

-Tim gave background on the new initiative, including the congregational and service provider roles. There will be an open meeting on December 3 to present the Initiative to interested faith groups. Congregants will be asked to provide funding for the families' housing on a temporary basis.

10. ICEH and Executive Committee Members Term Renewals-Phil Alonso-5 minutes

-Please see the sheet showing members that need to renew their terms of office on the Council (available from staff). Those in Group A will need to renew in January 2009. Members of the Executive Committee also need to renew their terms. ICEH members who are not already on the Executive Committee are welcome to apply as well-the meetings are for approximately 1.5 hours once per month, with occasional follow up between meetings via email/phone.

11. Review Communication Plan Flow Charts-Tim Brown-10 minutes

-Tim asked that members provide feedback, particularly on key audiences.

-Chris Glaudel also mentioned that committees should look at how their work fits into the Communications Plan as well.

-Bob Erlenbusch suggested that ECHI provide a clear, overarching mission statement and short messages to key audiences.

12. Evaluation Tool-Phil Alonso-5 minutes

-Phil gave background on the creation and proposed use of the evaluation tool. The Community Services Planning Council is

planning to help evaluate and present the data. The evaluation process is modeled after that of the 1811 Eastlake Project in Seattle.

-There was a discussion about the goals and key audiences of the evaluation.

13. Announcements

-Grace Cole, a property owner and adjunct professor of Social work at CSUS announced her wishes to develop a supportive housing project. Written information will be sent out to Council members via email.

-Joan Burke requested a future agenda item: SHRA is considering a new policy for no affordable housing in the 30% poverty rate census tracts in Sacramento. This may be an appropriate topic to bring to the ICEH at a later date.

-John Foley announced that the Sacramento Self Help Housing administration office will be moving from the Broadway location to South Land Park.