



Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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Interagency Council To End Homelessness Sacramento, California

Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2008
2.30-4.30 PM

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Attendance:

Council Members Present: Carolyn Brodt, Joan Burke, Ann Edwards-Buckley, John Foley, Chris Glaudel, Verne Gore, Sandra Hamameh (for Shamus Roller), Jim Hare, Cassandra Jennings, Patty Kleinknecht, Sue Laliberte, Karen Brockopp, Patrick Mangan, Karen Maxwell, Trish Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Bruce Wagstaff.

Council Members Absent: Alexis Bernard, Michelle Coleman, Michael Dunne, Lynn Frank, Deanna Hanson, Pam Herman, Elizabeth Hudson, Bruce Jackson, Ryan Loofbourrow, David Lukenbill, Maria Morfin,

Staff: Tim Brown, Phil Alonso, Susanna Curry, Merril Lavezzo, Julia Acuña.

Guests: Derrick Lim, Alan Saunders, Lizette Ortiz, Diane Luther, Debra Morrow, Suzanne Hammer, Kathy Briem, Mark Sparks, Deborah Vault, Gail Erlandson, Rebecca Hahn, Robin Gilmore, Karen Giordano, Angelica Duran, Alex Briones, Dawn Heywood, Ruth MacKenzie, Christina Arrasmith.

ACTION Items:

- The minutes from the November ICEH meeting were approved.
- The final criteria for becoming a Collaborative Partner on Grant Proposals was approved.

Minutes:

1. Introductions and Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Thanks to Jim Hare, retiring from SHRA after 18 years

- a. Jim noted that working on the SRO replacement project and homelessness is very close to his heart and he hopes to continue to stay involved at some level. Diane Luther will be his successor.

3. ACTION: Adopt Minutes from November

- a. Motion to adopt minutes by Bruce Wagstaff, seconded by Sue Laliberte. Approved, all in favor.
- b. Bruce Wagstaff made the announcement that because Toni Moore will be shifted to another position temporarily, Debra Morrow will be filling in for her until approximately September 2009.
- c. Ann Edwards-Buckley also noted that, effective March 1, 2009, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will be splitting into a new Department of Behavioral Health, which will include Mental Health, AOD, and the Public Guardian Conservator's office. DHHS administrative staff will be

moving-Ann will be the interim department head in addition to her current job.

4. ACTION: Approve final criteria for becoming a Collaborative Partner on Grant Proposals

- The Case Management Funding Task Force has been meeting to find funds for the services gap in Sacramento. The committee came up with a plan to do collaborative applications, with the Community Services Planning Council (CSPC) overseeing the process.
- Petra Stanton expressed concerns over whether these collaborative proposals would compete with other proposals in the community. Has this been done successfully elsewhere?
- Tim-CSPC has done something similar successfully, and anyone could be part of the pool of applicants, and it might create less competition because more agencies could be partners in the grant, rather than just one agency receiving funds from one particular foundation.

-Motion to approve the criteria by Cassandra Jennings, seconded by Jim Hare. Approved, all in favor, abstention by Petra Stanton.

5. Director's Updates: Policy Board, formation of Employment Committee, Connect event, funding report, and staffing updates-Tim Brown-15 minutes

-Policy Board-There have been some additions to the Policy Board. Fred Teichert of the Teichert Foundation will be representing the Philanthropic Sector, the CEO of the Metro Chamber of Commerce, Matt Mahood, will be representing the business sector. There is still a need for another civic leader rep and another homeless/formerly homeless rep.

-ECHI has been working on an issue paper for Mayor Kevin Johnson's transition team with the assistance of Ben Webster. We will share our final outcome with the Interagency Council once it has been submitted.

-**Employment Committee**- One of the HUD goals included in the Continuum of Care applications is for an increase in the number of people leaving programs into employment. Nationally the percentage doing so is 19%, in 2008 Sacramento had 25%, but we still need to increase that percentage. An employment committee will be formed to address this issue. The committee will be led by Beth Martaen, Program Manager at Mather Community Campus, and the first meeting will take place on January 14 at 3 pm at SETA, 925 Del Paso Blvd.

-**Connect event**- Sacramento City College is a possible venue. The organizers of the Sacramento Jazz Festival have invited us to raise money on site on the Sunday and Monday during the festival on Memorial Day weekend in May 2009. More information to come.

-**Funding Report**-Sacramento Self Help Housing received funding for an SSI advocate. Sutter Health renewed their grant for the Serial Inebriate Program, which has funded a case manager.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Front Door Committee**-Last month the outreach day was a very successful collaborative effort. The committee will not be conducting an outreach day in December-the next outreach will be

January 29th. The group is still seeking a larger range of providers to participate. The group is also working on developing a Vulnerability Index, a national best practice usually focusing on chronic health issues.

- b. **SSI Task Force and Healthcare-Linked-to-Housing Committee**
-The Benefits Advocacy team is ramping up-there is currently 1.0 FTE from Capitol Community Health Network, 1.0 FT from DHA's Disability Case Management unit, 0.5 FT from Lutheran Social Services, 1.0 FT from Sacramento Self Help Housing. So far, the team has conducted about five applications with clients.

Healthcare Committee-Petra Stanton discussed the possibility of expanding the County's range of clients if The Effort receives its FQHC status.

-Ann Edwards-Buckley responded that there was a discussion about this issue recently. The Division of Mental Health has a serious budget problem, so services cannot be added at this time. The goal right now is to simply retain the services already in existence.

-The committee also plans to help coordinate the tracking of cost savings data from hospitals for the 12 months before and after housing.

-MLK Village residents are moving in this week. The Effort's FQHC services will be on site around March.

-The committee is exploring the idea of homeless people in Mercy General and Sutter Hospitals being included in the 2009 Homeless Count.

-The Interim Care Program is expanding. Five more beds at a separate facility have been added. This is a pilot project for people who need assistance with daily living.

-There are plans to start a dental clinic focusing on homeless children in Sacramento. Referrals will come from the Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center, St. John's Shelter, etc.

- c. **Criminal Justice Committee**- The committee has continued to work on the Serial Inebriate Program and is starting to incorporate work from another group on re-entry strategies for offenders.

7. Continuum of Care Application Update-2 minutes-Suzanne Hammer

-There is no update on the award, but the Continuum of Care committee is looking at ranking criteria for the 2009 application. There is also a NOFA from HUD for Family Reunification vouchers (FUP). The Sacramento Housing Authority is applying.

8. Homeless Count

-January 27th, 9pm-midnight. See handout for more information.

9. PSH Production Update-Jim Hare, SHRA-15 minutes

The Hotel Berry project is not moving forward. There are two projects remaining to move forward-the Budget Inn and the Mutual at the Highlands. Both of these projects need tax credits-there may be an extension of the deadline for which to start construction so that agencies can have more time to find an investor.

Sue LaLiberte-How many projects in the state have been unable to get investors?

Jim-Up until now, there have been 14 projects that have returned credits (the Hotel Berry in Sacramento is one of those such projects). Mostly the “plain-vanilla” projects are getting tax credits, and investors are shying away from homeless projects.

a. 7th and H Street-Diane Luther, SHRA

-SHRA released an RFQ for the SRO at the corner of 7th and H, which is owned by SHRA. There were four submittals and a 13-member selection committee chose Mercy Housing. The Effort may provide the FQHC portion of this project.

-Mercy has proposed 200 units for this site and the population will be at least ½ homeless.

b. SHRA Present on Siting Policy

Jim Hare-SHRA is revamping its multifamily lending guidelines. A workshop was held to discuss the location policy. The proposal includes restricting lending in census tracts with a poverty rate of 30% or higher. This is in response to concern by some (including City Councilmember Lauren Hammond and Supervisor Roger Dickinson) that SHRA is concentrating low-income people in low-income neighborhoods. This proposal has received some criticism by some who say that this proposal suggests a redlining of 30% census tracts. In response to this concern, SHRA will be re-working the proposed policy and modifications will be sent to those who attended the workshop. The proposal will then go to the City and County boards likely in January/February.

c. Release of the New RFQ for Keys to Hope II-10 minutes-Alan Saunders, SHRA

SHRA is now releasing the RFQ for Keys to Hope to manage/lease housing. Applicants can propose to partner with case management services. \$300,000 is available annually. There will be a workshop for interested applicants on January 14th at SHRA. The applications are due on January 23 at 3 pm. Contact Alan Saunders if you're interested.

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

Tim gave an update on the Faith & Families Initiative. The pilot project will hopefully ramp up in mid-spring. Please save the date for February 18th for the project fundraiser at the Crest Theatre.

11. ICEH Members Term Renewals-Phil Alonso-2 minutes

If you are in category “A” (see handout), you will need to renew your membership or suggest an alternate by the January meeting.

Announcements

Robert Tobin of Cottage Housing, Inc. announced that an anonymous donation of \$500,000 was received this month. The organization will be using the funds and other donations to increase its units from its current 241 to 500 in the next four years.