



Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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Interagency Council to End Homelessness Sacramento, California

Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2009
2:30-4:30 pm

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Attendance:

Council Members Present: Margaret Ahern (for Maria Morfin), Alexis Bernard, Carolyn Brodt, Joan Burke, Chris Glauzel, Sandra Hamameh, Elizabeth Hudson, Bruce Jackson, Patty Kleinknecht, John Krintz, Sue Laliberte, Michael Lazar, Ryan Loofbourrow, Patrick Mangan, Tracie Rice-Bailey, Rita Spillane (for Karen Maxwell), Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Bruce Wagstaff.

Council Members Absent: Michael Dunne, Ann Edwards-Buckley, John Foley, Lynn Frank, Verne Gore, Cassandra Jennings, Diane Luther.

Staff: Tim Brown, Phil Alonso, Susanna Curry, Merril Lavezzo, Julia Acuña, April Tally, Suzanne Hammer.

Guests: Dawn Heywood, JD Rudometkin, Ellyne Bell, Devon Good, Bob Erlenbusch, Trent Sunahara, Amber Salazar.

ACTION Items:

- The minutes from the December ICEH meeting were approved.
- Diane Luther was approved for appointment to the Executive Committee.

Minutes:

1. Introductions and Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. ACTION: Adopt Minutes from December

Motion to adopt minutes by Carolyn Brodt, seconded by Patty Kleinknecht. Approved, all in favor.

3. ACTION: Appoint Diane Luther to the Executive Committee

Motion to appoint Diane Luther to the Executive Committee by Patty Kleinknecht, seconded by Sue Laliberte. Approved, all in favor.

4. Welcome Packet and Leadership Luncheon/Advanced Training on February 4, 11:30am-1pm

A packet of materials on the Continuum of Care and the 10-Year Plan was given to each member. Members were also invited to attend a session on February 4 to review the materials and discuss the overall strategy of the 10-Year Plan.

5. Report from Policy Board meeting-Ann Edwards-Buckley, ICEH Representative on the Policy Board

Ann was unable to give this report, and so Tim Brown and Chris Glaudel reported that Philip Mangano, Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, attended the January 12 Policy Board meeting. Mr. Mangano gave a speech emphasizing the importance of political leadership in the 10-Year Plan and the need to address upcoming fiscal challenges. Mr. Mangano's presentation was especially useful for new members on the Board. Mayor Johnson also attended part of the meeting.

6. Director's Updates: New HUD Secretary, Grant Proposal Collaboration, Employment Committee, Evaluation, SSI Benefits Advocacy, Connect event, funding report-Tim Brown, ECHI Director

- Tim reported that Shaun Donovan was appointed to the new position of HUD Secretary. He has received a strong endorsement from the National Low Income Housing Coalition.
- The first Employment Committee meeting took place on January 14. Beth Maerten of Mather Community Campus is chairing the committee.
- The evaluation plan has begun. Thanks to Petra Stanton for her assistance in working with representatives from the hospitals for collecting data on the use of health services. The plan is to track the use of various services 12 months before and 12 months after housing. The focus at first will be on people who have been housed for at least 12 months. SIP clients will also be tracked. In the future, residents at MLK and Turning Point will be tracked as well.
 - Patty Kleinknecht asked whether or not HMIS data will be used for the evaluation.
 - Phil said that yes, HMIS data will be used to track service utilization and general demographic information. HMIS will not be used to track hospital use, jail use, etc. because that information is not tracked in HMIS.
- The SSI Task Force is still moving along well. The program, which includes 3.5 case managers devoted to the new approach, estimates that it can get through the backlog of SSI applications within a year.
- Sacramento Homeless Connect is tentatively scheduled for May 30 2009 at Sacramento City College.
- Funding report: a number of organizations have applied to the Sierra Health Foundation's Responsive Grants Program. No word yet on the decisions by the Foundation.

7. T3 Program-Dr. Jonathan Porteus, The Effort

- The "T3 Program" stands for Triage, Transport and Treatment. This is a partnership between Sutter Health and The Effort and began in July 2007.
- Slides from Dr. Porteus' presentation are available from ECHI staff.

8. Top Recommendations from ICEH Survey-Phil Alonso, ECHI Program Manager

- Phil directed members to the handout showing the top recommendations by ICEH members from the survey conducted in October 2008. Top recommendations included an annual planning retreat, more consumer representation, the need for an "elevator speech." The full list of recommendations is available from ECHI staff.

9. Committee Reports (Front Door and Criminal Justice)

- The Front Door and Criminal Justice committees are discussing the possibility of implementing a Vulnerability Index in Sacramento. Tim mentioned that Common Ground, an organization out of New York City, has approached Sacramento about bringing their model here.
- The Mobile Homeless Connect will be going to the Badlands/Snake Pit area on January 29th. Currently there are approximately 200 people camping there.

10. Continuum of Care Update-Suzanne Hammer, DHA

a. Priority Setting plan at the Feb 18th ICEH meeting

At the next Interagency Council meeting (Feb 18), HomeBase will facilitate discussion about priorities around funding. Our community has not had this discussion for a number of years, and it is important that we discuss gaps in needs, the local housing element, unmet HUD needs, and sources of funding available.

b. Important dates for the HUD application

There has not yet been an award notification from HUD.

c. Homeless Count-January 27th, 9pm-midnight

Homeless Count organizers are working with the City to delay any “rousting” of homeless camps until after the Count on the 27th. The City is also getting a lot of pressure to move homeless camps before the Tour of California Bike Race on February 14th.

11.PSH Production Update-Alan Saunders, SHRA

- MLK Village has opened and residents are starting to move in.
- Mutual at the Highlands and the Budget Inn are still looking for tax credit investors.
- The Berry Hotel project was lost because of the lack of investors able to fund it.
- SHRA released its RFP for Keys to Hope II.

12.Faith & Homeless Families Initiative- Tim Brown, ECHI Director

- The curriculum for the mentoring trainings for the Faith & Homeless Families Initiative are being developed and trainings will begin in the last week of February.
- A fundraiser for this project will take place on February 18th from 6-8 pm at the Crest Theatre.