



# Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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## Interagency Council to End Homelessness Sacramento, California

**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 20, 2009**  
**2:30-4:30 pm**

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### **Attendance:**

**Council Members Present:** Margaret Ahern (for Maria Morfin), Carolyn Brodt, Joan Burke, John Foley, Chris Glaudel, Sandra Hamameh, Elizabeth Hudson, Cassandra Jennings, Patty Kleinknect, John Krintz, Sue Laliberte, Ryan Loofbourrow, Diane Luther, Patrick Mangan, Karen Maxwell, Tracie Rice-Bailey, Joshua Singer, Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Bruce Wagstaff,.

**Council Members Absent:** Alexis Bernard, Michael Dunne, Ann Edwards-Buckley, Verne Gore, Bruce Wagstaff, Joshua Singer.

**Staff:** Tim Brown, Susanna Curry, April Tally, Suzanne Hammer, Kathy Briem.

**Guests:** Patty Uplinger, Eric Brenmark, Esther Salazar, Lois Littlewolf, Jodi Nerell, Bill Knowlton, Nikki Stern.

### **ACTION Items:**

- The minutes from the April meeting were approved.
- The proposal to provide stipends to homeless/formerly homeless Interagency Council and Board members was approved.
- A special meeting to discuss mitigation of County cuts was proposed for June 3.

### **Minutes:**

- Welcome and Introductions-5 minutes**
- ACTION: Adopt March minutes- 5 minutes**  
-Motion to adopt minutes by Karen Maxwell, seconded by Sue Laliberte. Approved, all in favor.
- Director's Report-Tim Brown, ECHI Director, 20 minutes**
  - Update from the Policy Board**  
-Due to the Tent City issue, a lot of attention has been placed on campers. In response, the Mayor convened the "Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness." This task force created a finance subcommittee to discuss the creation of a homeless philanthropic fund through the Regional Foundation, The Policy Board and Executive Committee will meet at a retreat this summer and will work on integrating these ideas into the existing structure. The Mayor has also hired Anne Moore (former Executive Director of SHRA) as a part time consultant on homeless and housing issues.

**-John Foley:** I'm concerned about accountability in these efforts. Who's making sure that these meetings are open?

**-Trish Stanionis:** Aren't we duplicating the existing efforts? The Council requested that the message to the Mayor be that we need his engagement but he still needs to include accountability and respect for the current system in place.

**-Ryan Loofbourrow:** Things are messy right now, but I think that it's really great that the mayor is so passionate about this.

#### **b. Sacramento Homeless Connect**

-Thanks to the Salvation Army for its support. Sutter Medical Center is the presenting sponsor. The event will take place on Saturday, May 30 at Sacramento City College.

#### **c. Funding Update**

-There are currently 4-5 applications submitted from ECHI and the Grant Proposal Collaborative, including an appropriations request from Representative Doris Matsui, SAMHSA, Chase Bank, Wells Fargo, SHRA funding F&HFI.

#### **d. Faith & Homeless Families Initiative**

-We've housed 4 of 7 families so far. We will recruit new congregations once our strategies and methods to house people has been worked out.

#### **e. Evaluation**

-ECHI is working with TLCS, SSHH, and Turning Point to evaluate cost savings through housing.

#### **4. Employment Committee Update-Beth Maerten, Mather Community Programs- 5 minutes**

-The committee started in January and has met 5 times. It is still forming its goals and projects, including a needs assessment and training to case managers on assisting people with gaining employment.

#### **5. Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)-Cindy Cavanaugh, SHRA, 20 minutes**

-Kathy Briem presented for Cindy Cavanaugh. She gave a brief description of HPRP and provided an update on decisions made since the last report. Both SHRA and DHA are planning for the federal funding and have hosted 20 individual interviews with stakeholders and 5 focus groups with homeless people. Our jurisdiction's plan has been submitted to HUD and we should hear by the first week of June if we've been a successful applicant. The best part about this planning process has been that SHRA/DHA have been collaborating with other agencies (such as Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)) to coordinate use of stimulus monies.

#### **Questions:**

**-Patty Kleinknecht:** How are we utilizing/strengthening 2-1-1 and its resources through HPRP?

**-Kathy Briem:** We've been talking to people and asking questions to determine what can be done to utilize 2-1-1 with HPRP. Questions we've been asking include: What kind of housing database do we have? What are the relationships with landlords? How should we determine how much money should go towards prevention, rapid re-housing, and how should we define the most needy?

-We've also visited San Diego to look at their HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) to see how we can utilize our database more effectively.

-**Sue Laliberte:** Great job, wonderful work across silos.

-**John Foley:** HPRP is not focused on the chronically homeless population, so why is the Interagency Council and Policy Board involved?

-**Chris Glaudel:** Because the feds are broadening their scope, we've started to look at all homeless issues.

**6. Continuum of Care Update-Suzanne Hammer, DHA Homeless Programs, 5 minutes**

-Next week will be the first step of the application process through HUD.

-The Policy Board approved the proposed ranking criteria.

-The McKinney Vento Act has been reauthorized and renamed the HEARTH Act. This bill will:

-Increase funding for prevention activities

-Change the "Emergency Shelter" funding to the "Emergency Solutions" grant

-Require HUD to include rapid re-housing incentives

-Focus on chronic homelessness will continue, but will now allow families with children under the "chronic" category

-Modestly expands the definition of homelessness

**7. ACTION: Recommendation of Stipends for Homeless/Formerly Homeless Board and Council Members-Tim Brown, ECHI Director, 5 minutes**

-**Bruce Wagstaff: Who will pay for stipends?**

-**Tim: ECHI budget.**

-Motion to approve recommendation by Trish Stanionis, seconded by Petra Stanton. Approved, all in favor with abstentions from Tracie Rice-Bailey and John Krintz.

**8. Mayor's Task Force-Tim Brown**

-This item was discussed in agenda item 3.

**9. County Cuts-DHA Staff, 30 minutes**

-Toni Moore (Deputy Director of DHA) and Bruce Wagstaff (Director of DHA) presented the proposed cuts. Currently 328 shelter beds are slated to be cut and there are drastic cuts proposed to Mather's children's services and other homeless programs.

-There will be a budget hearing on June 11 at 9:30 and we encourage everyone to attend. - Thanks to the Human Services Coordinating Council who worked to make sure the Board members heard the impact to health and human services.

-Members requested that a special meeting be called to discuss the most updated cuts and any possible mitigation. The meeting was set for June 3 from 2:30-4:30pm at SETA.

**10. PSH Production Update-Diane Luther, SHRA, 15 minutes**

-MLK Village will have its grand opening tomorrow

-YMCA is under construction

-Keys to Hope II is ramping up and Keys to Hope III (response to Tent City) is in the leasing phase through various providers. Self Help Housing is working on finding services funding for the houses that are leased. TLCS is working on leasing housing by the end of the week. The Sacramento Bee plans to do a story on someone who's been placed in housing.