

# Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative



## Policy Board To End Homelessness

### Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2007

4-6 PM

#### Attendance:

Board Members Present: Mayor Heather Fargo, Malachi Smith, Paula Lomazzi, Tom Gagen, Paulino Duran, Sister Libby Fernandez, Mayor Jeff Slowey, Michelle Steeb, Reverend Scot Sorensen, Ann Edwards-Buckley, Cortez Quinn (for Supervisor Roger Dickinson).

Board Members Absent: Len McCandliss, Chief Albert Najera, Council member Robert McGarvey, Pat Fong-Kushida, Barbara Ross.

Staff Present: Diane Luther, Phil Alonso, Bruce Wagstaff, Toni Moore, Suzanne Hammer, Kathy Briem, Carol Fleming, Ruth Mackenzie, Katrina Middleton, Vincene Jones, Anne Moore.

Special Guests: Tracie Rice, Aaron Carruthers, Cynthia L. Abbott, Megan Kurteff Schatz, Bridget Dejong, Chris Glauzel.

#### Action Items:

- The Board approved the minutes from March's meeting.
- The Board elected Tom Gagen, CEO of Sutter Health, as Chair and Paulino Duran, the County's Chief Public Defender, as Co-Chair.
- The Continuum of Care Program Rankings were approved by the Board.
- The Board approved the goals stipulated in Chart N of the CoC Application.
- The Board approved the motion of adding two new slots (one for the Countywide Services Agency and one for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission) and approving Verne Gore's application to the Interagency Council.

#### Future Actions:

- Phil Alonso will email a copy of the Street Count one-page summary to the members of the Board once a final version is produced.
- Phil Alonso will arrange for Tom Gagen, as Chair of the Board, to sign the letter to the Governor supporting keeping AB 2034 funding in the next state budget, and then Phil will take them to the appropriate offices at the state Capitol building.
- Phil Alonso will create an acronym list and send it to all the Board members.

## Minutes:

Mayor Fargo began the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for their attendance and interest in addressing the issue of homelessness.

### 1. **Introductions**

Each person introduced themselves and their agency/organization.

### 2. Action: Adoption of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from March's meeting. Scot Sorensen moved that the minutes be approved and Malachi Smith seconded the motion. The Board voted (11 ayes, 0 nays) to approve the motion.

### 3. Action: Election of Chair and Co-Chair

The Board elected Tom Gagen, CEO of Sutter Health, as Chair and Paulino Duran, the County's Chief Public Defender, as Co-Chair. Mayor Fargo moved that Mr. Gagen and Mr. Duran be elected and Sister Libby seconded the motion. The Board voted (11 ayes, 0 nays) to approve the motion.

### 4. Action:

#### A. Continuum of Care Rankings Bridget Dejong, HomeBase

- Bridget Deyong led the Board through the packet she provided to explain the process of ranking programs and the resulting priority rankings.

- There are three sources of funding available to Sacramento: Samaritan Initiative Bonus, "Hold Harmless", and Shelter Plus Care renewals.

- Ms. Deyong explained who was on the panel, the scoring process that each panel member completed, and how the resulting scores determined the priority ranking given to the program.

- She announced that only one program, Breaking Barriers, did not meet the minimum 60 point score to be ranked. They were given the opportunity to appeal. They did not appeal and therefore the program will not receive funding.

- Diane Luther explained that the Policy Board was taking over the responsibility of the previous Board on Homelessness to discuss and approve these priority rankings.

- Diane also explained that the Interagency Council had received the same presentation at its meeting during the previous week (on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>).

- **Action Taken:** The Continuum of Care Program Rankings were approved by the Board. Paula Lomazzi moved to approve the rankings and Ann Edwards-Buckley seconded the motion. The Board voted (11 ayes, 0 nays) to approve the motion.

## B. Continuum of Care Goals Suzanne Hammer, DHA

- Suzanne Hammer led the Board through a draft version of *Chart N: CoC 10-Year Plan, Objectives, and Action Steps Chart* from the 2007 CoC Application to HUD. The chart also asks CoCs to set numeric goals for 1, 5, and 10 years into the future.
- **Action Taken:** The Board approved the goals stipulated in Chart N of the CoC Application. Sister Libby moved to approve the goals and Paulino Duran seconded the motion. The Board voted (11 ayes, 0 nays) to approve the motion.

## 5. Homeless Point-In-Time Count Results and DVD Suzanne Hammer, DHA – 30 minutes

- Suzanne Hammer introduced the Count Planning Team: Carol Fleming, Kathy Briem, and Ruth MacKenzie of DHA, and Megan Kurteff Schatz and Phil Alonso as consultants on the project.
- She led the Board through the one page summary presenting the results of the count.
- The Board then watched an 8 minute DVD that presented some specific statistics of the homeless population from the count results and photographs of various homeless residents of Sacramento.
- After the DVD presentation, Ms. Hammer opened the floor for questions. A few questions/comments were made:
  - Can we report the numbers by geographic region? The numbers cannot be reported by geographic region due to the fact that areas that were counted were part of a random sampling process, and not all areas could be counted due to limited resources. Furthermore, there were areas of the County that were not part of the Count effort.
  - It was suggested that how the funding breaks down by shelters, transitional housing, etc. should be shown in the report.
  - It was suggested that a bullet point be added to the one-page summary that shows statistics for mental health and substance abuse.
  - Suzanne Hammer invited the members of the Board to give suggestions of topic areas that should be covered on the survey during future counts.
  - It was asked that Phil Alonso email a copy of the one-page summary to the members of the Board once a final version is produced.

## 6. Action: ICEH Business:

- A. Add two new slots – County CSA and SHRC
- B. Approve application of Verne Gore, SHRC

- **Action Taken:** The Board approved the motion of adding two new slots and approving Verne Gore's application to the Interagency Council. Paulino Duran moved to approve the goals and Cortez Quinn seconded the motion. The Board voted (11 ayes, 0 nays) to approve the motion.

- It was suggested that the Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative reach out to the local Native American tribes for representation of the "Foundation" slot of the Interagency Council.

## **7. Action: Governor's Mental Health Services Cuts** **Ann Edwards-Buckley – 10 Minutes**

- Ann Edwards-Buckley introduced issue of AB 2034 funding being left out of the Governor's next budget.
- She told the Board that, in the May revised budget, the Governor left out the funding for AB 2034 programs (these programs currently serve and house 4,900 mentally ill, homeless adults statewide, 300 locally).
- She requested that the Policy Board send a letter to the Governor's office in support of keeping this funding in his next budget.
- It was suggested that the letter also be sent to the budget committees of the state legislature.
- Phil Alonso will arrange for Tom Gagen, as Chair of the Board, to sign the letters, and then Phil will take them to the appropriate offices at the state Capitol building.

## **8. Portland Field Trip Debrief** **Diane Luther - 5 minutes**

- Diane Luther introduced who went on the trip, and gave a brief description of each site visit and the topic areas that were discussed.
- Central City Concern is Portland's lead organization that is implementing their Ten Year Plan. A power point presentation describing CCC and its programs was given to each Board member.

## **9. Permanent Supportive Housing Update** **Anne Moore and Chris Glaudel - 5 minutes**

- Anne Moore led the Board through a one-page chart showing PSH projects and the number of units coming online.
- First, she discussed the following development projects: Ardenaire Apartments and MLK Village, which will total 99 units ready by summer of 2008. This meets the 80-unit goal set out in the Plan for the first year.
- Second, she discussed the following leasing projects: Freedom Park and Keys to Hope, which will total 88 units.
- Anne also mentioned that funding for the service components of PSH projects is greatly lacking and that the Board will have many challenges in the future to find long-term service funding.
- Lastly, Anne described how she was very excited to see all the great partnerships that were forming to get these projects underway.

## 10. ICEH's 2007 Working Committees and Activities Diane Luther and others – 15 minutes

- Diane Luther led the Board through the ICEH Activities document, which gives a brief description of each Committee of the Interagency Council and gives the name(s) of the leads for each Committee.
- Kathy Briem mentioned that the Central Intake system pilot project will be starting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Announcements and Other Business

- Diane Luther directed the Board's attention to the Fact Checker document produced by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. This doc is a good source of info on chronic homelessness.
- Phil Alonso mentioned that the Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative would be recruiting for two Americorps VISTA positions. He invited the members of the Board to spread the word to any who they might think would be interested in giving a year of service through the VISTA program.
- Paula Lomazzi shared information with Board regarding a fundraiser and dinner that the Sacramento Housing Alliance is putting on.
- The next Northern California Continuum of Care Homeless Roundtable, hosted by the Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce and Butte County, will be held on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Elks Lodge in Sacramento, CA.
- July 9-11 National Ending Homelessness Conference in Washington DC – worth attending! Phil and Diane will provide more information as it becomes available.
- It was requested that an acronym list be produced and sent to all the Board members. Phil Alonso committed to completing this task.