



Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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Policy Board to End Homelessness

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2009, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

City Hall, 915 I Street, 5th Floor

Mayor/Council Conference Room

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Jacqueline Dowden, Roger Dickinson, Paulino Duran, Ann Edwards-Buckley, Sister Libby Fernandez, Steve Heath, Mayor Kevin Johnson, Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Paula Lomazzi, Matt Mahood, Malachi Smith, Scot Sorensen, Fred Teichert, Michele Steeb.

Board Members Absent: Steve Ayers, Susan DeMarois, Tom Gagen, Robert McGarvey.

Guests: Eduardo Cabrera, Philip Mangano, Suzanne Hammer, Bruce Wagstaff, Debra Morrow, Kathy Briem, Patty Kleinknecht, Diane Luther, Chris Glauzel, Trent Sunahara, Lisa Nava.

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

Action Items:

- The Minutes from the November Policy Board meeting were approved.
- The appointments to the Interagency Council and Policy Board as recommended by the Executive Committee were approved.

Minutes:

- 1. Introductions and Public Comment**
- 2. Address by Philip F. Mangano, Executive Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness**
 - Please see ECHI staff for a copy of Mr. Mangano's powerpoint
- 3. ACTION: Adopt Minutes from November**
 - Motion to adopt minutes by Jayna Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Steve Heath. Approved, all in favor.
- 4. ACTION: Appointments to Interagency Council and Policy Board as recommended by the Executive Committee (see handout)**
 - Motion to appoint Michael Lazar, Sandra Hamameh, Diane Luther, John Krintz, and Tracie Rice-Bailey to the Interagency Council and Rebecca Hahn to the Policy Board by Scot Sorensen, seconded by Paula Lomazzi. Approved, all in favor.
- 5. Welcome Packet and Leadership Luncheon/Advanced Training in February-Tim Brown, ECHI Director**
 - Tim explained that the Welcome Packets are intended to assist members in understanding the scope of homelessness in Sacramento, the goals of the 10-Year Plan, and the Continuum of Care.
- 6. Consolidation of Departments of DHHS in Sacramento County-Ann Edwards-Buckley, Countywide Services Agency**
 - Ann explained the creation of a new Department of Behavioral Health within the Division of Health and Human Services. This new department will include mental health, AOD, and the public guardian conservator's office. DHHS has been talking about this split for quite a while now.
- 7. Continuum of Care Update-Suzanne Hammer, DHA**
 - a. Priority Setting Plan**

-At the February 21st Interagency Council meeting, there will be a long discussion of our Continuum's priorities.

b. Important Dates for the HUD application

-There are no known dates for the HUD application.

8. Homeless Count-Kathy Briem, DHA- 15 minutes

-The 2009 Homeless Count will take place on January 29 from 9 pm-midnight. There will be an official count of street homeless and sheltered homeless, which will be reported to HUD. -This year there will be a count of homeless individuals in hospitals, jails, and detox, but these numbers cannot be reported to HUD.

-This year there will be about 400 volunteers, including about 50 "homeless liaisons." Security will be heightened this year, most teams will have law enforcement with the.

Question: Fred Teichert- Are homeless people notified that there is a count?

Kathy Briem: Yes, DHA and service providers have been putting up fliers and getting the word out through word-of mouth.

Question: Jayna Karpinski-Costa- Why is the Count in January?

Kathy Briem: The Count is conducted across the nation in January because that is when the most people are in shelters, making them easier to count.

Question: Michele Steeb-Have you asked churches, etc. if they're housing people on their premises?

Kathy Briem: There has been some outreach, but that is something we'd like to improve next time.

9. Director's Updates: New HUD Secretary, Grant Proposal Collaboration, Employment Committee, SSI Benefits Advocacy Program, Homeless Count event, evaluation, funding report, staffing updates- Tim Brown, ECHI Director-20 minutes

-Tim referred to the handouts for the new HUD Secretary, Shawn Donovan, and the Grant Proposal Collaboration.

-Employment Committee: If you know anyone involved in pre-employment or employment activities who may be interested in joining the effort to improve employment opportunities for homeless and formerly homeless individuals, let us know.

-Mr. Mangano said that there is an excellent employment initiative in Connecticut led by Mayor Stewart. Sacramento should look at their model.

-Grant Proposal Collaboration: This collaboration is working to create partnerships in seeking funding from the federal level and foundations. One of the largest gaps in funding in Sacramento is for services. Some programs are facing difficulties in finding enough service funding to match the operations funding. MLK Village, for example, may not have opened without the services funding for The Effort and Sutter Health's T3 clients. Thank you to Tom Gagen for his support of the T3 program and other similar programs.

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

-99 units were added through development recently, at MLK Village and Ardenaire (both Mercy Housing programs).

-The Budget Inn and the Mutual at Highlands projects are having difficulty finding tax credit investors. However, the land is still locked and the local commitment still exists to make these projects work.

-The 7th and H Project is an SRO-style project. The developer will be Mercy Housing and there could be up to 200 units.

The Hotel Berry lost its tax credits and the credits were returned to the state. SHRA will be relocating the current tenants and closing this hotel.

11. Faith & Homeless Families Initiative-Tim Brown, ECHI Director-10 minutes

-Tim gave an update on the Initiative. There will be a fundraiser on February 18th at The Crest Theatre.