

Advisory Council for Aging & Independence Services

**Housing Subcommittee**

December 2, 2021 12 PM

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**MINUTES**

Members		Absent Members	Guests
Attendance:	Paul Ling Faye Detsky-Weil Lorelei Taylor Shirley King	Molly Nocon	Christina Selder, Serving Seniors
<b>Staff</b>			
Item	Outcome		
1. Call to Order	Paul Ling, <b>Chair, 12:07 pm</b> Welcome & Guest/Member Introductions a. Confirmation of Quorum: Four members present for a quorum		
	a. Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e): Motioned by Shirley King; Seconded by Faye Detsky-Weil; Approved by all.		
3. Standard Business	a. Public Comments/Announcements: Members or non-members: Shirley King announced the 2022 Point In Time Count is scheduled for January 27. b. Approval of November 4, 2021 Minutes: Motioned by Shirley King; Seconded by Faye Detsky-Weil; Approved with abstention by Lorelei Taylor.		
4. Guest Speaker	a. <u>Christina Selder, Director of Community Engagement and Governmental Relations, Serving Seniors</u> spoke about her agency's newly released 'Serving Seniors Needs Assessment Report'. b. This report surveyed 400 seniors in San Diego and interviewed 40 service providers. The report examined delivery systems, gaps and barriers, policies and best practices. c. The report's findings include: an economic safety net is lacking for seniors; most respondents are new to homelessness and are not chronic; 56% report that an extra \$300 per month would increase their housing security; less than 45% of service providers receive gerontological training; seniors have significant challenges with accessing services and resources; the assessment tools such as VI-SPDAT do not reflect a senior's needs as a priority. Over all seniors are not treated as a specific subset as Veterans and Transitional Youth have been. d. The report's recommendations are: leverage diversion programs for prevention purposes such as the City of Los Angeles subsidy program that weighs rent as 35% of income. A subsidy program is best intended to be permanent; reconnect with family/friends; shared housing opportunities - only 18% find shared housing acceptable; dedicated spaces in shelters with more storage; provide gerontological training; remove technological barriers; address transportation and mobility; prioritize older adults in planning; revise assessment tools; invest in affordable housing. e. In response to questions Christina notes that call centers such as 2-1-1 should have operator training in handling seniors with their communication needs and requirements for completing		

	complex paperwork. Christina suggests that making matches for shared housing could be aided by profile-matching tools.
5. Subcommittee Goal Discussion	a. Paul Ling proposes how to develop a model of shared housing that is usable by the small number (18%) identified in the Serving Seniors sample who view that form of housing as desirable. He points out that pleasing the 18% may be a good short term accomplishment. He poses to the committee that there could be five sections of the White paper - each representing committee members' interest areas. Faye suggests that these sections can include short and long term goals. Lorelei offers that there are many different models of Shared Housing that can be tailored to a larger population. She also suggests to keep the process of writing the White Paper practical and that each committee member could develop four or five points that embody expectations for action. Then all points can be folded into one paper. She cautions that the paper does not have to include 'already known' information.
6. Next Meeting	<u>January 6, 2022 at 12 noon</u> (2022 meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month)
7. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Shirley King