Housing Council Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2020 | WebEx Meeting | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Attending member: Ronda Brown (CRF), Renee Cookson (Co-Chair), Ruth Covell (Older Adult Council), Vianey Del Real Ochoa (MHS), Jeffrey Najarian (Wakeland), Laura Nunn (SDHF), Megan O'Dowd (HCDS), Tom Theisen, Nancy Vera (Access to Independence), Jon Walters (HIP), Whitney Wilson (JFS), Dwain Woodley (SDCDA) **Attending non-members:** Doug Becht (CSH), Dexter Egleston (CSH), Danielle Eguiza (BHS), Debbie Fountain (CSH), Tareq Haidari (HCDS), Michael Haigis (HIP), Lana Lo (CHIP), Jason Miller (BHS), Donna Moore (BHS), Rich Penksa (MHS), Kimberly Pettiford (BHS), Hazel Quinones (HHSA), Simonne Ruff (CSH), Amaris Sanchez (IS), Elana Soltz (CHIP), Christian Tirado (SDHC), Vanessa Varteaga (SDYS), Jana Zawadzki (CHW)

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY
I. Welcome and Introductions *Renee Cookson* (Co-Chair) *11:30-11:35am*	Called to order at 11:35 AM
II. Review and Approval Draft April 2020 Minutes *11:35-11:40am*	April minutes- Approved
III. Public Input *11:40-11:45am*	No public input
IV. Co-Chair Updates *11:45-11:50am*	No co-chair updates
V. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Exceptions *Christian Tirado, Housing Programs Manager* *San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)* *11:50-12:20pm*	PSH exceptions implemented by SDHC in response to COVID-19 • Waive requirement of in-person tenant briefings • Suspend the requirement of tenant briefings before voucher issuance or move-in • Suspend the requirement of "wet" signatures on eligibility and leasing documents • Waive the requirement to view original Social Security verification document and picture ID • Review existing requirements to submit eligibility documents • Waive requirement for criminal background check results until 5/1/2020 (and will extend if necessary) • All non-emergency Physical HQS inspections have ceased Hardship Policies and Programs • Terminations are currently suspended • Alternative Rental Assistance Interim Policy for income loss related to COVID-19 has been implemented *PowerPoint presentation available upon request*
VI. BHS Director's Update *Jason Miller for Piedad Garcia* *12:20-12:25pm*	Behavioral Health Services (BHS) and SDHC joint efforts at the San Diego Convention Center • Home Finder had approximately 40 subsidies that were still available out of their 100 total subsidies • BHS has been working with SDHC and Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) to data match the list of individuals at the Convention Center

	- Most recent list had more than 1,130 total individuals at the Convention Center - BHS was checking to see which individuals were already connected to programs and who was potentially eligible but not connected - Home Finder was able to enroll and submit 26 sponsor-based subsidy applications in one week - Some ACT programs have sponsor-based subsidies available, but they do not have treatment slots available - BHS amended one of the new Telecare ACT programs in order to include 25 general ACT treatment slots San Ysidro Senior Village (SYSV) is in the lease-up process 12 MHSA-dedicated units in San Ysidro - Project-based vouchers through SDHC for all PSH units - First development to lease up during the COVID-19 pandemic - Aging and Independence Services and Serving Seniors are offering two free meals a day to the tenants
VII. Membership *12:25-12:30pm*	Co-chairs are continuing to accept recommendations and voting will take place at the next in-person meeting
VIII. MHSA Update *Kimberly Pettiford* *12:30-12:35pm*	RFP 10258 is on BuyNet for a BHS Community Engagement Program - RFP due 6/22/2020 - Start date of 9/1/2020
IX. Stakeholder Updates **MHSA Housing Program** *Debbie Fountain* **Housing & Community Development Services** *Sonya Yu for Megan O'Dowd* ***Board and Care Committee*** *Whitney Wilson* **Employment Update** *Vianey del Real Ochoa* *12:35-12:45pm*	**MHSA Housing Program** - SYSV was mentioned prior and is moving towards lease-up - Quality Inn and West Park are continuing to lease up - The Beacon is fully leased up - Benson Place will undergo a new pilot process, in order to be Housing First compliant - Will include three different CRF programs and Alpha Project Tenant Peer Support Services (TPSS) - People receiving a qualifying diagnosis, but not interested in connecting to ongoing treatment services, will still be eligible for referral to those units - Will include non-clinical peer support services to those units **Housing & Community Development Services** - Receiving CARES act funds to increase Emergency Solutions Grants, CDBG and HOPWA programs **Board and Care** - No update from BHS **Employment Update** - Quarterly Employment Services meeting was held on 5/1/2020 - Employment services are not being provided virtually - Virtual hiring fairs are happening

	• Employment First Conference will be a virtual conference on 6/16/2020
X. BHS Housing Council Workgroup *Debbie Fountain* *12:45-1:00pm*	COVID-19 Updates, Information and Sharing • If the Medi-Cal Waiver Request for Vulnerable Populations in Board and Care Homes is approved, it would provide an additional $1597 per month for Medi-Cal beneficiaries • Project Roomkey FAQ available upon request • Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Community Platform available upon request Funding Opportunities • Innovation Housing Trust Fund (IHTF) applications due 5/8/2020 Speakers and Topics for Housing Council • CARES funding • BHS Housing Plan • Strategies for moving residents out of the Convention Center Upcoming Events • Fair Housing Webinar on 5/19/2020 from 1-4 PM San Diego Housing Commission • SDHC is proposing $29 million in its FY 20-21 budget to purchase hotels and convert to homes, and to provide rental assistance for those homes Evictions • California Judicial Council rule is in effect that prevents evictions of any kind, for any reason, except for health and safety • The rule will be in place until 90 days after the Governor declares the end of the emergency • Courts are closed until at least 5/26/2020

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020
11:30am–1:00pm, Location TBD