



Housing Council Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020 | WebEx Meeting | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Attending member: Ronda Brown (CRF), Ruth Covell (Older Adult MHSOC Council), Vianey Del Real Ochoa (MHS), Lisa Huff (CHW), Liz Kruidenier (NAMI), Jeffrey Najarian (Wakeland), Megan O’Dowd (HCDS), Tom Theisen, Nancy Vera (Access to Independence), Jon Walters (HIP), Whitney Wilson (JFS)

Attending non-members: Martin Dare (BHS), Brendan Dentino (SDHF), Amanda Downing (MHS), Kevin Duffy (RI Intl’), Dexter Egleston (CSH), Danielle Eguiza (BHS), Debbie Fountain (CSH), Tareq Haidari (HCDS), Brian Heins (NAMI), Lana Lo (CHIP), Deni McLagan (MHS), Jason Miller (BHS), Donna Moore (BHS), Vanessa Onstad (NAMI), Sandra Opsal (RI Intl’), Simonne Ruff (CSH), Steve Russell (SDHF), Amaris Sanchez (IS), Elana Soltz (CHIP), Sarah Swain (CHIP), Sonya Yu (BHS)

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY
I. Welcome and Introductions <i>Lisa Huff (Co-Chair)</i> 11:30-11:35am	Called to order at 11:35 AM
II. Review and Approval Draft July 2020 Minutes 11:35-11:40am	Approved July 2020 minutes
III. Public Input 11:40-11:45am	Jeffrey Najarian mentioned the need to support people during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically with technical assistance and learning to use online platforms.
IV. Co-Chair Updates 11:45-11:50am	No Co-Chair Updates
V. Measure A- Affordable Housing Bond <i>Stephen Russell, Executive Director</i> <i>San Diego Housing Federation</i> 11:50-12:20pm	Yes on Measure A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Action Plan on Homelessness calls for permanent housing as one of the five key strategies to resolving homelessness in San Diego- including 2,800 new permanent supportive housing units • Goals by 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decrease unsheltered population by 50% ○ End Veteran homelessness ○ Prevent and end youth homelessness • Bond Measures being considered are a critical component to meet the needs and projected costs for this plan Bond Details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$900 million general obligation bond for affordable housing (AH) and permanent supportive housing (PSH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2,800 PSH units ○ 4,700 AH units • Serving “vulnerable populations” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0-80% average median income ○ Families, veterans, youth, seniors, the disabled, the homeless or chronically homeless, those at serious risk of becoming homeless, and individuals suffering from mental health or substance use illnesses



- Ad valorem levy on all real property in City of San Diego
 - Estimated minimum tax rate: \$3.14 per \$100k
 - Estimated maximum tax rate: \$20.85 per \$100k
- Median homeowner (\$600,000) pays between \$1.57 and \$10.43 per month
- Administered by San Diego Housing Commission, reporting to the Housing Authority (City Council)

PowerPoint presentation available upon request

VI. BHS Director's Update

Jason Miller for Luke Bergmann & Piedad Garcia
12:20-12:25pm

BHS Director's Report

- International Overdose Awareness Day- August 31, 2020
 - The COVID pandemic has led to disconnection from care, greater likelihood of solitary drug use, and changes in illicit drug supply chains
 - Drug use is particularly dangerous right now, and is made more dangerous when use is solitary and users are not certain that the drugs they are taking do not contain fentanyl
- The County Board of Supervisors passed the Fiscal Year 20-21 Budget
 - Ongoing BHS budget of approximately \$778 million
 - New investments in behavioral health include \$5.4 million to develop services that will be sited in permanent supportive housing units through the Homekey program

San Diego Convention Center

- A significant number of individuals at the Convention Center have a mental health diagnosis and/or substance use issue
- Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is working closely with San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) and Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) to identify and connect clients that may be eligible for dedicated housing resources

Telehealth Update

- BHS is requesting an increase in efforts for in-person intervention in the delivery of care, when appropriate
- Approximately 30% of BHS clients are having challenges with telehealth due to lack of equipment and privacy or comfort issues
- BHS continues to develop the CARES Act funding options specifically around work force development, prevention, tenant improvement, and information technology (IT)
- IT funding would be for equipment for staff or clients for telehealth and teleworking related use

Racial Injustice and Health Equity

- BHS is addressing next steps on racial injustice and health equity for diverse communities; specifically, strategies around disproportionality and overrepresentation in justice involved settings and acute care



<p>VII. Membership <i>12:25-12:30pm</i></p>	<p>No Membership Updates</p>
<p>VIII. MHSA Update <i>Martin Dare</i> <i>12:30-12:35pm</i></p>	<p>Multi-Community Engagement Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement for Multi-Community Engagement was cancelled • Current contract with SDSU will be extended for a year • Community Engagement reports are in process • Forums will happen virtually during October- January <p>Recovery Happens will be on September 12, 2020 from 10AM-11:30AM on Zoom</p>
<p>IX. Stakeholder Updates MHSA Housing Program <i>Debbie Fountain</i> Housing & Community Development Services <i>Megan O'Dowd</i> Board and Care Committee <i>Whitney Wilson</i> Employment Update <i>Vianey del Real Ochoa</i> <i>12:35-12:45pm</i></p>	<p>MHSA Housing Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benson Place is currently leasing up • San Ysidro Senior Village is fully leased up • The Ivy Apartments and Trinity Place will be the upcoming developments to lease up • Hitzke Development Corporation received Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) funds for their upcoming Post 310 development <p>Housing & Community Development Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hotel/Motel Program was approved back in January 2020 for the unincorporated communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 620 people engaged ○ 483 hotel placements ○ 333 currently in hotels ○ Spring Valley is the largest utilization area ○ ResCare is working with individuals on permanent housing ○ Incentives provided to the landlords • Inclement Weather Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 800 duplicated persons have been served • No Place Like Home NOFA is currently open and there is \$27 million available • Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds will be put out in a NOFA soon for \$6 million • Innovative Housing Trust Fund (IHTF) currently reviewing proposals for the available \$9 million in funding <p>Board and Care Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Update <p>Employment Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Well meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 • Jobtoberfest happening virtually on October 13, 2020 at 9AM



X. BHS Housing Council Workgroup

Debbie Fountain

12:45-1:00pm

COVID-19 Updates

- Eviction Protection Orders/Ordinances
 - On August 31, 2020, Governor Newsom signed legislation to protect tenants from eviction
 - Debt accrued for unpaid rent will be converted into civil debt as part of the protection plan
 - Eviction moratorium was extended until January 2021

Race Inequity

- Data links available on the Housing Council Work Group binder

Funding Opportunities

- Governor’s adopted budget
- Bond Measure A
- Homekey Program
- Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) applications are due soon

Future Events

- San Diego Housing Federation (SDHF) Conference: October 5-9, 2020

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

11:30am–1:00pm, Location TBD