



## Housing Council Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2020 | 3851 Rosecrans St. – Coronado Room | 11:30am – 1:00pm

**Attending member:** Taylor Amdal-Barela (JFS), Ronda Brown (CRF), Renee Cookson (Co-Chair), Ruth Covell (Older Adult MHSOC Council), Liz Kruidenier (NAMI), Jeffrey Najarian (Wakeland), Tom Theisen, Whitney Wilson (JFS) **Attending non-members:** Dexter Egleston (CSH), Brian Heins (NAMI), Robert Labelle (RI INTL), Lana Lo (CHIP), Jason Miller (BHS), Donna Moore (BHS), Kimberly Pettiford (BHS), Angela Rowe (Vista Hill), Simonne Ruff (CSH), Rosario Salangsang (HHSA), Elana Soltz (CHIP), Angela Warneke (HHSA)

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Lisa Huff &amp; Renee Cookson (Co-Chairs)</i> <b>11:30-11:35am</b>	Called to order at 11:40 AM
<b>II. Review and Approval</b> Draft January 2020 Minutes <b>11:35-11:40am</b>	Quorum not present- review of January minutes tabled until March 5, 2020
<b>III. Public Input</b> <b>11:40-11:45am</b>	Angela Rowe Senior Operations Director, Vista Hill ParentCare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spoke about the importance of housing, specifically for families involved in Perinatal/ Substance Use Disorder programs</li> <li>Noted that the County has increased Recovery Residence funding, but said that additional funding is still needed</li> </ul>
<b>IV. Co-Chair Updates</b> <b>11:45-11:50am</b>	Discussion of priorities regarding funding streams. Council discussed sending an email to the three entities applying for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding, but did not have a quorum to vote on this.
<b>V. SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)</b> <i>Dan Coladonato, Project Associate</i> <i>SAMHSA SOAR TA Center</i> <i>Policy Research Associates, Inc.</i> <b>11:50-12:20pm</b>	What is SOAR? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model for assisting eligible individuals to apply for Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits</li> <li>For individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorder, or other physical disabilities</li> <li>Sponsored by SAMHSA in collaboration with the SSA since 2005</li> <li>All 50 states and Washington, DC currently participate</li> </ul> What makes SOAR unique? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the SSA-1696 Appointment of Representative form</li> <li>Collecting and submitting medical records</li> <li>Writing and submitting a Medical Summary Report</li> <li>Obtaining Co-signature on a Medical Summary Report</li> <li>Completing a quality review of applications before submission</li> </ul> National SOAR outcomes as of June 30, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>43,486 cumulative initial approvals</li> <li>6,591 cumulative appeal approvals</li> <li>50,077 people receiving benefits because of SOAR</li> <li>65% cumulative initial approval rate</li> </ul>



	<p>SOAR in San Diego</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local SOAR initiative known as HOPE started in 2012</li> <li>Lead by Father Joe's and CSH</li> <li>Formal SOAR process established with SSA/DDS</li> <li>Case managers trained at in person training to utilize the model to submit SSI/SSDI applications</li> <li>Participating agencies include: Father Joes, Interfaith Community Services, Community Research Foundation, VVSD, Rescue Mission, UPAC, Providence Community Services</li> </ul> <p><i>PowerPoint presentation available upon request</i></p>
<p><b>VI. BHS Director's Update</b> <i>Luke Bergmann &amp; Piedad Garcia</i> <b>12:20-12:25pm</b></p>	<p>No Update</p>
<p><b>VII. Membership</b> <b>12:25-12:30pm</b></p>	<p>Looking at the following priority groups to recruit members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)</li> <li>Integrative Services (IS)</li> <li>Children Youth and Families (CYF)</li> <li>Substance Use (SU) representation</li> <li>Justice Housing</li> <li>Consumers and Peers</li> <li>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT)</li> <li>Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH)</li> <li>Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Council</li> </ul>
<p><b>VIII. MHSA Update</b> <i>Kimberly Pettiford</i> <b>12:30-12:35pm</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now in the final stretch of community engagement</li> <li>250 people attended the forums</li> <li>Focus groups and interviews are being finalized</li> <li>Preliminary report due next month from contractors</li> </ul>
<p><b>IX. Stakeholder Updates</b> <b>MHSA Housing Program</b> <i>Simonne Ruff</i> <b>Housing &amp; Community Development Services</b> <i>Jessica Henderson</i> <b>Board and Care Committee</b> <i>Whitney Wilson</i> <b>Employment Update</b> <i>Vianey del Real Ochoa</i> <b>12:35-12:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>MHSA Housing Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>San Ysidro Senior Village expects to have people move in March 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 MHSA units in San Ysidro with services-only commitment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Benson Place, also in the South Region, had a groundbreaking event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 MHSA units, leasing up in June/July 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NPLH Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most recent approval- Anita Street: 24 NPLH units</li> <li>133 total NPLH units conditionally approved through the first NOFA</li> </ul> <p>Monthly FSP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually between 92-95% lease-up rate</li> </ul> <p><b>Housing &amp; Community Development Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovative Housing Trust Fund (IHTF)- Round 3 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCDS is finalizing financial feasibility review of the proposals</li> </ul> </li> <li>4 County sites are in the predevelopment stage of the creation of affordable housing</li> </ul>



<p><b>X. BHS Housing Council Workgroup</b>  <i>Simonne Ruff (CSH)</i>  <b>12:45-1:00pm</b></p>	<p>Annual Strategic Housing Plan meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/25/2020 at 3 PM, location TBD</li> </ul> <p>New, increased payment standards from San Diego Housing Commission were released</p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Homeless Connect: February 26, 2020</li> <li>• NAMI Walks: April 25, 2020</li> <li>• Housing First Conference in Seattle, WA: March 16-19, 2020</li> <li>• Housing California Annual Conference: April 14-16, 2020</li> <li>• CSH Summit in Philadelphia, PA: May 27-29, 2020</li> <li>• TinyFest California at Del Mar Fairgrounds: February 29 to March 1, 2020</li> </ul>
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**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020**  
**11:30am–1:00pm, 3851 Rosecrans St. San Diego, CA 92123**