



## **Housing Council Meeting Minutes**

March 5, 2020 | 3851 Rosecrans St. San Diego, CA 92110 | 11:30am – 1:00pm

	AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY
I.	Welcome and Introductions Renee Cookson (Co-Chair) 11:30-11:35am	Called to order at 11:45 AM
II.	Review and Approval Draft February 2020 Minutes 11:35-11:40am	Jan 2020 minutes – Tabled for the April meeting Feb 2020 minutes – Approved
III.	Public Input 11:40-11:45am	<ul> <li>START Programs</li> <li>Jeffrey Najarian mentioned that insulin dependent individuals do not currently qualify for START programs and indicated a need for these clients to be served.</li> </ul>
IV.	Co-Chair Updates 11:45-11:50am	New location for BHS Housing Council meetings and Workgroup:  County Operations Center  5530 Overland Ave. Room 124  San Diego, CA 92123
V.	Coordinated Entry System (CES) Cynthia Garza, CES Manager Sofia Cardenas, CES Specialist Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) 11:50-12:20pm	<ul> <li>The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is designed to monitor and manage:         <ul> <li>Inflow of clients into the system</li> <li>Outflow of clients to housing</li> </ul> </li> <li>CES is:         <ul> <li>A pool of households in the region who are experiencing homelessness</li> <li>Based on an evolving, community-driven body of work</li> </ul> </li> <li>CES utilizes a collaborative process that prioritizes clients for referral to housing resources based on community priorities:         <ul> <li>Chronicity</li> <li>Length of Time Homeless</li> <li>Living Situation</li> <li>Sub-Population</li> <li>Level of Needs</li> <li>Common Assessment Tool</li> </ul> </li> <li>CES employs four standardized components:         <ul> <li>Access</li> <li>Assessment</li> <li>Prioritization</li> <li>Referral</li> </ul> </li> <li>Clients are entered into CES through Access Sites (displayed a map with all the sites)</li> </ul>
VI.	BHS Director's Update Piedad Garcia 12:20-12:25pm	<ul> <li>Board of Supervisors put out a Board Letter with some recommendations:</li> <li>The County is looking into homeless shelters/campuses in the unincorporated areas of Lakeside, Fallbrook, and Spring Valley</li> </ul>

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		<ul> <li>The Rosecrans Health Services Complex will have some updates in the next three to five years</li> <li>The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is starting to orchestrate a response to COVID-19</li> <li>Behavioral Health Services (BHS) will soon identify a lead person</li> <li>There will be guidelines and rules, particularly for those who have housing</li> <li>Disaster response protocols should be in place</li> <li>It is important to begin to think of where to relocate clients, if the need arises</li> </ul>
VII.	Membership 12:25-12:30pm	Recruiting new members for the BHS Housing Council     Members can email Simonne Ruff with recommendations or suggestions
VIII.	MHSA Update Kimberly Pettiford 12:30-12:35pm	<ul> <li>Community engagement activities were completed in February</li> <li>The report is in the process of being written</li> </ul>
IX.	Stakeholder Updates MHSA Housing Program Simonne Ruff Housing & Community Development Services Megan O'Dowd Employment Update Vianey del Real Ochoa 12:35-12:45pm	<ul> <li>MHSA Housing Program *Development pipeline available upon request</li> <li>Anita Street in Chula Vista has received a No Place Like Home (NPLH) conditional funding commitment</li> <li>Benson Place is currently the pilot development for implementing Housing First- Individuals need to access clinics to be assessed, but ongoing services are not required to access an MHSA unit at the development</li> <li>Alpha Project Tenant Peer Support Services (TPSS) will be the lead service provider</li> <li>Client support services need to be available for clients who do not want to be connected to treatment</li> <li>Dexter Egleston with CSH is facilitating 16 Focus Groups around MHSA housing</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Housing &amp; Community Development Services</li> <li>There are two new Project-Based Voucher waitlists</li> <li>Poway waitlist opened in February for 53 vouchers</li> <li>Vista waitlist opened in March for 24 vouchers (for people 64 years of age or older)</li> <li>Innovative Housing Trust Fund (IHTF)</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> NOFA- most recent NOFA had six conditional approvals for 375 units</li> <li>16 total developments since 2017</li> <li>Bridge Housing Program in the North and East County</li> <li>70 people housed in bridge housing</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Employment Update</li> <li>Work Well Committee meets next Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at San Diego Workforce Partnership</li> </ul>

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X. BHS Housing Council Workgroup Simonne Ruff (CSH) 12:45-1:00pm

- Strategic Housing Plan Update
  - Meeting to discuss updates and changes will be held on 3/26/20
  - Email was sent with a questionnaire for input
  - Draft will be presented to the BHS Housing Council in May or June
- Renting 101
  - CSH developed a Renting 101 guide as a resource for tenants
- Housing California will be from 4/14/20 4/16/20 in San Diego

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020** 

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