

HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

11:30am - 1:00pm, 3851 Rosecrans St – CORONADO ROOM C



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ITEM	SUMMARY
I. Welcome and Introductions - Adrienne Berlin & Lisa Huff (Co-Chairs)	Meeting called to order at 11:34 AM by Adrienne Berlin.
II. Review and Approval of Summary Notes for December 2016	Approved with no corrections.
III. Public Input	Observations from Project Homeless Connect and general discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even with programs, support services and vouchers, lack of available housing is still an issue. • Need help to implement higher rent payment standards and incentives to get front doors open. • Ronda Gibbs (CRF) suggested that County and City create a unit to specifically recruit and track landlords to access vacant/available housing. This is currently spread out to different agencies. • Simonne Ruff (CSH) explained the components of the Mayor’s current plan for the housing crisis: Shelter beds; Potential Tourist Occupancy Tax to fund services; Reunification of families; Intake system; and Real-time bed availability for shelters. • Piedad Garcia (BHS) recommended Board & Care deep dive needed to canvas beds available in San Diego, costs, additional funding, and to submit recommendations to Alfredo based on findings.
IV. Co-Chair Updates	No updates.
V. MHS Update - Adrienne Yancey/Marty Dare	<u>Adrienne Yancey</u> : (2 handouts) – Basic highlights of findings from community engagement forums. Shows essential themes Countywide, across regions, and within regions. Full report can be found online: http://sandiego.camhsa.org/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ruth Covell/Council will draft a letter to BHS Director regarding concern that housing is not highlighted in one-pager; recommendation to have housing brought up as a topic at future community engagement forums. • 30 day public comment period has begun for Innovation Project Proposals. Project summaries have been sent out to councils and are also available online: http://sandiego.camhsa.org/ • <u>Innovation 21: REST Recuperative Housing</u> proposal pertains to housing.
VI. BHS Director’s Update - Alfredo Aguirre & Piedad Garcia	No updates.
VII. Presentation (12:30 PM) Whole Person Wellness Susan Bower, Assistant Director, County of San Diego, HHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Goal</u>: Help high utilizers by providing access to services and housing. • <u>Target population</u>: high utilizers of health services and are homeless/ at-risk of being homeless and have 1 or more of the following: serious mental illness, substance use disorder, chronic physical health conditions.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County will be contracting with an organization to hire 12 System Integration teams consisting of social workers and peer support specialists. Teams will work with pre-identified individuals for up to 2 years to address all needs, from housing to healthcare to other services. <u>Outcomes:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improve data collection and sharing System coordination to improve access Access to housing and supportive services Reduce inappropriate ED use and hospitalizations and incarceration <u>Criteria:</u> 1) Clients must all be on Medi-Cal (WPW is funded by Medicaid waiver); 2) WPW can only fund services not reimbursable by Medi-Cal - cannot fund mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, or housing. Can fund care management and tenant support. Challenges include treatment capacity, availability of housing and establishment of a housing pool. Period of waiver is through Dec 31st of 2020. Currently working on data matches and identifying target population. Will be releasing RFP in near future. Estimated timeframe for implementation: late summer 2017-early fall 2017.
VIII. Membership	No updates.
IX. Stakeholder Updates MHSA Housing Program - Simonne Ruff Residential Care Committee - Liz Kruidenier Employment Update - Vianey Del Real Ochoa	<u>Residential Care Committee (Liz):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brendon Butler, Fair Housing Act expert, had been slated to speak at January RCC meeting but could not attend. Topics to be addressed included: renting to people with a criminal record, implementation of new “Granny Flats,” and potential changes in HUD (ILH’s can take Section 8). Upcoming Disaster Preparedness Lunch & Learn on March 16th, 9am-1pm in National City. The luncheon is aimed at owners of RC homes for disaster planning purposes. February 13th Panel discussion on Homelessness at Oceanside Public Library will be moderated by Alison St. John, North County KPBS reporter. ILF work team to focus on expanding the use of Independent Living Homes for housing.
X. BHS Housing Council Workgroup - Simonne Ruff (CSH)	<u>No Place Like Home (Simonne):</u> Still in process of planning site tour of MHSA developments. Will be visiting 3 sites, starting with Hotel Churchill (March/April/May) to Celadon. Possible North County tour in 2018, as well as smaller tour for the 2 new Lemon Grove developments. Dates to come.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, March 2, 2017
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ACTION ITEMS:

**Jason to invite County of SD Housing & Community Development Services to speak at an upcoming meeting
Adrienne and Lisa to set up Houston Group webinar**