

Housing and Services Workgroup  
April 12, 2010

Present: Bill Hirsh, Abby Kobalsky, Marie Jobling, Jennifer Walsh, Steve Crabiel, Barbara Blong,  
Ken Stein, Anne Romero

Announcements:

SAN going to Sacramento to advocate for education for youth. An ADA accessible bus will leave from St. Mary's at 12 noon, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Review of Consolidated Plan

Affordable Housing Developments – new affordable housing should be able to include people on SSI.

Rent affordability is related to the financing. Anne Romero will investigate the Civic Center Residence being developed. This is supportive housing with services supported by DPH and HAS.

Is there another way to pdevelopments that now start with income requirements about SSI levels?

The issue of using a lottery versus first come-first served. Ongoing vacancies should be met by opening up the waitlist again and not moving to first come-first served. (Ken and Abby Kovalsky will provide a policy statement on this issue to Bill Hirsh.

NOTE: A meeting with TNDC should be organized by MOH as the funder.

NOTE: MOH should review the marketing plan requirements for housing developers MOH may not now have the expertise to understand these issues. MOD could do training for MOH marketing plan review staff regarding this matter.

ADD: Provide an email to LTCCC the Five Year consolidated plan, focusing on page 71 to 73, and the need for public comment by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Public Hearing on April 20<sup>th</sup>. BILL HASKELL TO DO.

ADD: Be sure that disability data is added into the Five Year Consolidated Plan – add. BILL HASKELL TO DO.

CLC INFORMATION ON IHSS CUTS – the state cuts have been postponed, but these cuts may return. The list provided has 50 or more people on IHSS. To reach new people and enlist new people, we should meet with the housing operators to come together with the IHSS people to plan for the possibility of future cuts. Possibly, this workgroup could sponsor a meeting between these two groups.

The housing provider could fight these changes. Advocacy around service cuts. Looking at other ways to fund the services if the IHSS funds are reduced or cut. Bill Hirsh will follow up with Donna Calame and Marie Jobling to plan next steps on this matter. He can also connect with the housing operators.

ADD: Housing Impediments report for HUD should be added re people with disabilities. Ken Stein will send this to Bill Hirsh.

## HUD NOFA FOR SECTION 8 VOUCHERS FOR NON SENIORS With DISABLED.

This needs to be applied with a service provider like HAS and DAAS. Proposal are due in a couple of months. These vouchers are not attached to units but could be used in the private market. Ken will send this information to Barbara Smith.

NOTE: Ask DAAS – Anne to inquire with the ED.

There is an additional need for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Bill Haskell will communicate with MOH about this matter and provide information about the need to expand the models to meet the needs of older adults including people with dementia.