

Long Term Care Coordinating Council
Housing and Services Workgroup
May 7, 2007

Present: Bill Hirsh (Chair), Marie Jobling, Norma Satten, Nancy Brundy, Abby Kovalski, Steven Shum, Mark Bodenhamer (West Bay Housing), Jennifer Walsh, Luis Calderon, Tony Nicco, Nancy Brunn (Arc), Victoria Tedder (ILRC)

Absent: Meg Cooch, Beverly Aabjerg, Paul Isakson, Belinda Jeffries

DAAS: Bill Haskell

MEETING MINUTES

1. Announcements

Communities of Opportunity project: Connecting Seniors and Adults with Disabilities with Services Provided in the Community - in mid to late May. DAAS is organizing a Service Team that will be present at four SF Public Housing sites in the Bayview Hunters Point and Visitation Valley neighborhoods.

2. Reactions to LHH Assisted Living Project

Meeting with Mitch Katz on LHH Assisted Living. Norma Satten, Vera Haile, and Marie Jobling met with Dr. Katz, who said that his staff were caught unaware by the reactions of the LHH neighborhood residents to the plans for assisted living on the LHH site. The term “medical assisted living” used at the neighborhood meeting has not been defined. He sees the assisted living housing as a transition between independent living and nursing facility living.

Mitch Katz would like to have different levels of care so people can move from one level of care to another. DPH is waiting to see what the architectural team is developing and the plans that are being completed before proceeding. The next community meeting will be arranged soon when the architectural plans are released.

Discussion about Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Facilities:

- Independent living: people are in control over their lives.
- Many places that provide assisted living are licensed. Meals are provided and home meal prep is optional.
- Common Understanding of Assisted Living was discussed
 - Can we create something on the difference between the medical & social models?
 - RCFEs and nursing homes are different. Nursing facilities can make you take your meds; RCFEs can only queue you to take the meds. Licensed facilities are considered as part of the assisted living definitions. An array of independent living and housing with services are alternatives. Some assisted living facilities are licensed, and some more innovative models are not licensed.

A Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) is licensed, there is independent living, and assisted living. There is also a nursing home. All services are available on site.

SUGGESTION: We need to develop guiding principles.

Initial Guiding Principles related to Assisted Living at LHH:

1. There need to be a range of options including: (1) assisted living models that are licensed (as Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly). For example, assisted living facilities like Rhoda Goldman Plaza or Alma Via in San Francisco*; and (2) innovative models that link housing and services. For example, day health housing (which has housing above with adult day health care below) like Mission Creek and Presentation Community in San Francisco.

*both have dementia care units.

2. There need to be some housing on-site with optional services.
3. There need to be specialized services available depending on people's needs.

QUESTION: Are we talking about housing with attendant fair housing laws are something else?

NOTE: Norma Satten and Tricia Webb will take these thoughts and come back with principles.

3. Draft Annual Goals Including Assisted Living At LHH

Suggestion: return to the CHAS and develop some number that demonstrate demand for new construction for the different target groups.

Some new housing needs to be made accessible or adaptable.

Some new housing needs to be made affordable.

Some housing needs to take vouchers. The only buildings that take vouchers are those that have tax credits. It would be wonderful if some new buildings could be induced to take vouchers. If they could go to people with 60 to 80% of median income, then some people who need accessible housing with vouchers could benefit from them.

4. Next Steps

1. Norma Satten and Tricia Webb will work on the LHH assisted living guiding principles and definitions.
2. Bill Hirsh and Marie Jobling will come up with housing development targets for the subpopulations. The CHAS will be considered in this process, which may or not be useful. This will be brought back to the full group.
3. Ken Stein will get an update on the ordinance – local legislation to increase requirements for universal design – accessible or adaptable.

5. Next Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, June 6th
TIME: 3:30 to 5:00 pm.
LOCATION: DAAS – Golden Gate CR

