

## **LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

*Guiding the development of an integrated system of home, community-based, and institutional long term care services for older adults and adults with disabilities\_*

### **HOUSING AND SERVICES WORKGROUP**

#### **Workgroup Meeting**

**September 25, 2006**

Present: Paul Isakson, Marie Jobling, Meg Cooch, Ken Stein, Norma Satten, Nancy Brundy, Laura Byrne, Belinda Lyons, Tricia Webb, Jennifer Walsh, Nancy Brundy

DAAS: Bill Haskell

Absent: Belinda Jeffries

#### **1. Announcements**

Hoarding and Cluttering Conference 2006. Belinda Lyons noted hoarding and cluttering is a major cause of eviction. How could this committee, DAAS, and MOH get involved in policy development? This would address the needs of a specific group to keep people in their own housing. A citywide task force with DAAS, City Attorney, non-profit organizations, and the Mental Health Association is needed. How can we collaborate & how can a task force happen?

#### **2. Subcommittee One: Services Connection Survey – Follow-up for pilot project at Housing Authority buildings For Seniors & Adults With Disabilities**

1. Language breakdown for the three building language mix.
2. Isolated people – there is a need for awareness of mental health issues. Could check in with Tom Mesa about mental health resources. FSA does training does training with Peer Counseling Program.
3. We may want to identify a person who live in these buildings who could take on the roll of a peer advocate in these buildings. People have a perception of HA buildings – they think they are not safe- and they are right.
4. A lot of people who have worked with the HA have had a difficult time getting things accomplished. Can the HA really participate in this model.
5. If the city is going to invest in bricks and mortar, the level of security and services is enormous. When you get in – there will be a lot of problems identified.
6. We should do this work in concert with the Mayor's Office – Nani Coloretti.
7. Monitoring is needed at the Housing Authority meetings.
8. There are people on the edge – for people who are nursing home eligible. This is people who are aging in place.
9. Whatever we do, we are focusing on people who need services. This is a sound bite so that they recognize this.

NOTE: LHH Senior Nutrition Program could expand by 15 people. The current mix includes people from the community. Could LHH pick up Housing Authority residents from Woodside and bring them to LHH for a meal? Could the \$150,000 for van services allocated to DAAS for transportation services. Group van services could bring these people to LHH. See what a group van would cost for this service. Two trips a day. Nancy Brundy will ask the Paratransit Broker what the cost would be for this service.

### **3. Subcommittee Two: Development of a Prevention Strategy to Keep Seniors & Adults With Disabilities in Their Existing Housing**

1. United Way – Call Data – Demand for Services. Bill Haskell reviewed the information from United Way about the quantification of the telephone calls that come in for specific services.
2. Raphaella Benin from ILRC did not provide the information of rehabilitation calls.
3. Patricia Webb talked about the need for housing for seniors and adults with disabilities. Accessible housing is all taken up. This is unfair and inequitable. This makes it very hard for people to live independently. The Mayor's Office of Housing has funds for homeowners for accessibility programs.
4. Home Modifications Information – Demand for Services. Meg Cooch distributed information about home modifications.
5. Legal Assistance for the Elderly – Housing attorney. A third of clients are self-referred.
6. Adult Protective Services Information – Demand for Services. Meg Cooch distributed information related to APS calls. 800 calls to APS. About 290 of the calls become incidents.
7. The Bar Association of San Francisco (982-1600) has a service for any person that gets an eviction notice. This facilitates the settlement conferences, which is where the deals are often struck. Also State Bar of California provides a volunteer legal assistance program (538-2000).

Bill Hirsh: It seems that some things could get started quickly and money could be gotten out. Attorney work at ALRP save people's housing. With combined resources, avoid nonpayment, mental health services. Money management. Some of these people are nursing home eligible.

If people have a crisis and go into the hospital and lose their housing, they could be nursing home eligible AND could benefit from the Community Living Fund.

Services Grid – for a housing project at 9<sup>th</sup> and Jessie – Marie and Norma will work on this. Bill Haskell will email this around to the group.

### **4. Next Steps**

Where do we go? Need for financial assistance, modifications for some housing. Where does this group go next? How do we talk all of this information and develop a prevention strategy?

Norma Satten: what is needed to support people to remain in their existing housing? A small group could get together to explore this topic.

Marc Trotz should be brought back into the process to get some reactions about what is realistic.