

Housing and Services Workgroup November 1, 2007

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DAAS: Bill Haskell

1. Laguna Honda Hospital Assisted Living

There will be a presentation at the LTCCC on October 11th. The proposal will be going to the Health Commission, and then to the Board of Supervisors.

NOTE: Victoria Cowan from DSS Community Care Licensing could talk about licensing requirements for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly. What can you have in terms of IHSS, what is voluntary and mandatory, how many people with disabilities? What do you have to do to have more people with disabilities? What are the choice options in an RCFE?

2. Proposed New Affordable Housing Ballot Initiative

There needs to be more funding for affordable housing. A new affordable housing ballot measure is being designed in two parts: (1) a set aside within the city budget; and (2) a new revenue source for affordable housing. This could be rehabilitation as well as new construction. Housing Justice is working on this matter, which includes a coalition of community groups. This will probably appear on the November 08 ballot.

This would address an expansive view of families. People with disabilities could be served by this housing, especially those units that have more than one bedroom – due to the need for an in home worker. At least 50% of the units will be for two or more people. This is the greatest demand. Accessibility for the units will be addressed in this measure.

This ballot measure would require a 51% majority rather than a two thirds majority. This is possible because, If there is a revenue measure that targets a specific use, it can be passed by the voters with a simple majority.

This measure has very low affordability built into it. This makes the units affordable for low income clients. The draft is still being developed. There will be an outreach campaign and support effort to endorse this measure. The campaign is starting the beginning of 2008.

3. Housing Database

ILRC is not interested in developing and operating this database. The Senior Action Network may be working on something like this.

There is an organization does develop Housing Databases across the country. This is being explored. We need a group specialized in doing this. MOH did try to do this but was not able to get it off the ground. Nancy and Victoria were impressed with the operator of the housing database. Unit size, Section 8, unit cost, accessibility all are addressed. Included by affordable housing and for profit landlords.

NOTE: Many housing rental agencies do not know about accessibility in the units they rent. There are several lists and no single list is complete.

Now there seems to be an effort to find a local group to do this. Bill Hirsh will call Mary Hennessey and Anne Romero at MOH to see what is progressing about this database.

NOTE: There needs to be greater communication between the disability community and MOH, the Redevelopment Agency, and the Health Department – all of whom deal with housing. This committee could explore this matter. Could invite participation from the SF Housing Authority to this meeting, but they are difficult to get to meetings..

4. Follow Up on LTCCC Recommendations to the Mayor

A number of items did not receive any funding. But a number of things did get funding. Money for a housing modification program for rental units did not get funded. Norma Satten thinks we need to focus on the LTCCC recommendation for a \$1 million dollar rent subsidy proposal.

At least four of these proposals did not move forward. Norma suggested raising these topics at the advocacy discussion at the next LTCCC meeting on November 8th. She recommends that this group bring to the LTCCC its recommendations the things that go into the budget process for the following year. Ask about the four items that were not funded AND how the items that were funded could be continued in the coming year.

NOTE: Maybe there is a presentation on the CLF to the LTCCC so that a larger audience will understand how it is working AND how to access the CLF.