

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC)

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

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE / MARKET
2ND FLOOR, ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Anne Quaintance, Anne Romero, Benson Nadell, Bernadette Navarro-Simeon, Bill Hirsh, Cathy Spensley, Dan Kaplan, Eileen Kunz, Jacy Cohen, Jennifer Walsh, Jeremy Wallenberg, Jessica Lehman, Joanna Fraguli, Kelly Dearman, Kelly Hiramoto, Kristen Mazur, Marie Jobling, Margaret Baran, Mivic Hirose, Patty Clement-Cihak, Ramona Davies, Traci Dobronravova, Sandy Mori, Samantha Hogg, Cindy Kauffman (for Shireen McSpadden), Valorie Villela, Vince Crisostomo

Absent: Abbie Yant, Amie Haltman-Carson Akiko Takeshita, Austin Ord, Cathy Davis, Chip Supanich, Mark Burns, Marlene Hunn, Tom Ryan, Victoria Tedder

Guests: Cassandra Chan, Tom Nolan, Melissa McGee, Laura, Rick Appleby, Laura Liesem, Rebecca Erenrich, Bobby Fisher, Serena Ngo, Tommi Avicelli Mecca, Mike Wylie, Rani Eversley

DAAS: Valerie Coleman

AGENDA

WELCOME

ROLL CALL, MINUTES & INTRODUCTIONS

UPDATE: Meeting with Mayor's Office

Traci Dobronravova gave a brief update RE: the meeting with Aneeka, in the Mayor's Office.

ACTION: LTCCC Membership

Marie Jobling gave an update, including:

- That Twima Early, TJ Lee-Miyaki, and Noah Lopez are no longer members
- A proposal was presented to transition the Public Housing Authority seat to the new Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing, of which Margot Antonetty would be the representative starting in March (motion passed)
- A proposal was presented to switch Patty Clement-Cihak to the Well Elder Service Provider seat, rather than the Long Term Care and Supportive Service Provider seat that she currently occupies (motion passed)
- A proposal was presented to nominate Laura Liesem from the Institute on Aging to the (now) vacant Long Term Care and Supportive Service Provider seat (motion passed)
- There is one remaining open seat, for the “Consumers and Advocates: Adults with Disabilities”

ACTION: Legislative Update

Rick Appleby gave an update, see attached.

UPDATE: Workgroup Updates (Palliative Care)

Cindy gave update on the Palliative Care’s policy agenda – see attached.

UPDATE: Age & Disability Friendly Task Force

Kelly Dearman gave an update on last week’s meeting: there was a very robust conversation about health services in San Francisco – looking at assets, gaps, and recommendations. Next meeting is March 8th; further details will be available in the minutes which will be emailed out and available on the website (which should be live by February 24th). To get on the email list or a copy of the minutes until the website is live, please email Valerie at Valerie.j.coleman@sfgov.org

UPDATE: Dignity Fund Update

Melissa McGee gave an update, including:

All the seats are now full, and current members are:

- Ramona Davies
- Chip Supanich
- Margy Baran
- Marcy Adelman
- Beverly Taylor
- Eleanor Lurie
- Gustavo Serina
- Edna James
- Sandy Mori
- Monique Zmuda

- Allen Ng

These are two year appointment for members, assuming they are still associated with the body from which they were nominated from. First meeting will be posted 10 days in advance and will be held Fri Feb 24th 2-4pm at 1650 Mission St, in the Golden Gate room.

The first meeting will include: an introduction of members including a brief bio of each, discussion about the role of the OAC, suggested initial service allocation plan, selection of the co-chairs, and setting of the meeting schedule (need to meet at least every 6 months but will meet more frequently to begin with).

Implementation legislation still needs to be approved by the board – it was introduced to BOS rules committee Jan 26th, is sent to the Board of Supervisors for two readings, and is anticipated that the mayor will sign by Feb 24^h and ready to share that day.

There will also be a service provider working group, so please contact Melissa McGee to sign up if you/your organization is interested in serving on that group. There is also another group of CBOS and community advocates that are currently having discussions with DAAS and budget department specifically about financial and logistical such as add-backs, cost of living increases, etc.

ACTION: Housing for Seniors & People with Disabilities Speakers Panel

The following presenters discussed housing for seniors and adults with disabilities:

- Jennifer Friedenbach, Executive Director, Coalition on Homelessness (see attached slides)
- Josh Bamberger, Associate Clinical Professor, Family & Community Medicine, UCSF & Mercy Housing (see attached slides)
- Tommi Avicolti Mecca, Director of Counseling Programs, Housing Rights Committee

Jennifer walked through and discussed San Francisco's homeless population – the growth, increase of seniors and adults with disabilities within that population, and the health challenges homeless people struggle with.

Josh discussed looked outside of San Francisco for best practices, with regards to connecting housing and health, especially as a mechanism to pay for housing, including:

- Health Plan of San Mateo
- The funding dedicated to house people with developmental disabilities, that was a result of closing institutional facilities such as Agnews Developmental

Center, and shifting that funding to allow the former residents to live within the community

- The efforts of Los Angeles to house a tremendous number of formerly homeless

The homeless population is aging every year by one year – don't have a shift of young folks aging, average age is 50

Tommi began with the fact that there are no real numbers around evictions; the statistics from rent board are only from landlords that are reporting numbers, acknowledging that not all landlords report, and therefore these numbers don't actually reflect how many people are being evicted. A lot of clients also don't know that the eviction process is lengthy, landlords that want them out can intimidate them either with immigration or other fear tactics, and therefore these renters are never reflected in the numbers. He agreed that we need to continue to keep building, but similar to what Jennifer said, what's currently in the pipeline (ie housing that is approved to be built) is depressingly low and will in no way address the current need. Talked about the need to preserve what we have and keep people in their homes, such as investing in the community land trust, which would allow renters to develop a coop, buy their buildings, and therefore preserve affordable housing. Tommi mentioned needing more legal services, more mental health services, and a ban on evicting seniors and adults with disabilities.

Questions:

The city has spent a lot of money on this and we're still in bad shape, what's happening? 2.7% out of total city budget goes to homeless services and about 50% of that goes to housing. SF is currently housing about 6,000 people. Social Security Income (SSI) is not enough for people to live on, even in an SRO.

Tommi and the Housing Rights Committee is advocating for and working on legalizing the dangerous and illegal spaces, and if can't legalize, at least bring it to a level of safety until affordable housing is available. Guesses that there could be as many as 1,000 illegal living spaces.

Are there any efforts to persuade/force landlords to accept section 8? The voucher is not a competitive market, due to the nature of SF's housing market, but it can be used by affordable housing developers to build. There is also the possibility of using the 19159 (c) Home and Community Based Waivers may also be an option down the road. Re: illegal spaces, also a recognition that "less good housing" has three times the mortality rate, that adequate or "barely good enough" housing greatly impacts seniors and adults with disabilities, that we should be pushing for better housing.

An LTCCC member noted that this group really needs to think of solutions beyond just the direct services, recognizing how this housing crisis is impacting our clients, and need to start thinking about other approaches, such as supporting the Community Land Trusts or pushing to make housing a healthcare issue.

Finally, recognition that advocates need to be careful about pitting people (ie certain vulnerable groups) against each other, the health care system should be responsible for folks that are sick and need housing.

UPDATE: LTCCC budget & policy proposals

Dan Kaplan, chair of the Finance & Policy (F&P) Workgroup gave a quick update regarding the workgroup's budget & policy proposals, including:

- Workgroup budget and policy proposals are due to Valerie by Friday, February 10
- The F&P workgroup will review at their Feb 15th meeting, following up with any workgroups that they need additional information from by Feb 16th
- Email a compiled packet of all proposals to LTCCC members by March 1st
- LTCCC members should come to March 9th LTCCC meeting having read all proposals and be prepared to ask any questions and vote on proposals

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9th 1-3pm

Location (for all of 2017): 1 S. Van Ness, 2nd floor Atrium conference room