

LTCCC Housing Workgroup

February 9, 2018; 10:00am to 12:00pm; Mercy Housing, 1360 Mission Street #300

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Jessica Lehman, Margo Antonetty, Vince Crisostomo, Karen Nemsick, Ann Romero, Victoria Tedder, Micaela Connery, Ann Dudley, Rick Appleby (DAAS Staff)

Welcome and Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements

City Budget: Rental Subsidies, Eviction Prevention and Home Modifications

The LTCCC Budget Recommendations going forward including legal assistance, housing subsidies, and ROAH 2 funds. Budget advocacy includes LTCCC visits to Board of Supervisors. Need to ensure that recommendations are aligned with other groups and organizations. The report is that Supervisor Sheehy is very supportive of housing subsidies and legal assistance. HAPN is in alignment with these recommendations and a new HIV Housing group meets on February 15. Dignity Fund Needs assessment finishing up; draft out early in March. The Needs Assessment includes housing issues. Mayor Farrell is committed to maintaining Ed Lee's commitment to housing and homelessness (often had housing issue reviews while he chaired the Finance Committee). Kovitzki and DSHS delegates subsidies to DAAS to focus on homelessness. Good idea to advocate with other organizations as DSHS can't do it all. Issue of SNF closures came up and it was noted that DSHS worked closely with DPH when Page Street SNF closed. Many of the Page Street residents moved into supportive housing. Advocacy should be targeted toward DAAS, others. Perhaps Housing Work group could meet with Shireen McSpadden. Vince will contact Shireen. There is also a Dignity Fund Mayor Candidates Forum on April 12.

Home Modifications

Karen Nemsick of Rebuilding Together reported that in initial conversation with Brian Chu (MOCHD) \$350,000 housing modification funds are being considered for earmark for 5 years. RT served 450 people (118 disabled), 379 home repairs. Work group may check with Steering Committee about a letter of support. Individual organizations can write letters. Karen will send sample letter for folks to use.

DAHLIA (Tabled)

Project Support

Agenda item tabled until next meeting so a housing pipeline spreadsheet can be supplied. Attendees discussed some projects (e.g. 1064 Mission, Mission Bay), the shifting role of HUD, RAD project, and modular housing design.

HUD letter

Victoria discussed the letter she sent to SF Housing Authority Director, Barbara Smith, about the replacement of independent contract hearing officers by SFHA employees. The letter expresses concern that SFHA hearing officers will not be diligent in assessing the medical expenses of people with disabilities in rent determination and recertification. As well, a general concern is expressed about SFHA employees making assumptions about resident disability status. The letter is dated December 15 and there has been no answer yet. Victoria will follow up. Other organizations may be

able to sign onto a follow-up letter if need be. Perhaps someone from SFHA could be invited to work group. Margot Antonetty is on the LTCCC in the Housing Slot, for DSHS.

MOCD 5-year Consolidated Plan

Ann reports that the current plan is from 2019 through 2020. Perhaps MOHCD is starting the process for the next plan. Gloria is working with Barry; perhaps Gloria could come to Work group? Ann will invite.

Housing Policy Statement

In a previous meeting the Work group thought having a “cheat sheet” on housing policy would be helpful especially for budget advocacy. The item today is to clarify that project. Policy statement could draw from multiple data sources, outline and summarize current stats and contain bullet points.

Micaela can pull together a 2 pager fact sheet, e.g. like DPH safe injection site fact sheet. Homework: send Micaela data and information sources, ideas, etc., by next meeting.

HCBS Waiver Settings Final Rule

HCBS Waivers allow states that participate in Medicaid, known as Medi-Cal in California, to develop creative alternatives for individuals who would otherwise require care in a nursing facility or hospital. Medi-Cal has an agreement with the Federal Government, which allows for waiver services to be offered in either a home or community setting. The services offered under the waiver must cost no more than the alternative institutional level of care. Recipients of HCBS Waivers must have full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility. Services available under these HCBS Waivers include case management, community transition services, private duty nursing, family training, home health aides, life-sustaining utility reimbursement, habilitation services, and respite care. The rule is to be implemented by 2020. CMS continues to sort this out, esp. which settings they will fund. Housing developers do not know about the waiver. Statewide implementation plan focuses on persons with developmental disability but mentions other disabilities. Regional Center Director may come to Work group in May; Micaela will invite. Micaela suggests work group can: 1) be aware, advocate for housing and 2) recognize that congregate living isn't always best for people with DD.

Work group Leadership: Thanks Jessica!

All agree, Jessica does a fine job and folks are willing to help. Vince can co-chair for 6 months. Rick will send out reminders and such.

Adjournment: 11:45am

Next Meeting: March 9, 2018, 10am to 12pm, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 300