

## **Behavioral Health Services Housing Council Meeting Minutes**

January 7, 2021 | 11:30-1:00pm

Zoom Meeting

**Attending member:** Ronda Brown (CRF), Renee Cookson (NAMI), Vianey Del Real Ochoa (MHS), Lisa Huff (CHW), Jeffrey Najarian (Wakeland), Laura Nunn (SDHF), Megan O’Dowd (HCDS), Angela Rowe (Vista Hill), Sarah Swain (CHIP), Jon Walters (HIP), Whitney Wilson (JFS)

**Attending non-members:** Nicole Aguilar (County), Marshall Anderson (Downtown San Diego Partnership), Cara Chesney (NAMI), Martin Dare (BHS), Amanda Downing (MHS), Dexter Egleston (CSH), Danielle Eguiza (BHS), Debbie Fountain (CSH), Ben Grube, Michael Haigis (HIP), Jackie Hurtado (BHS), Lana Lo (RRA), Jason Miller (BHS), Donna Moore (BHS), Sandy Opsal (Recovery Innovations), Hazel Quinones (HHSA), Simonne Ruff (CSH), Amaris Sanchez (IS), Nancy Vera (Access to Independence), Riley Wallerstein (HIP), Sonya Yu (BHS), Jana Zawadzki (CHW)

| ITEM   | SUMMARY  | ACTION ITEM  |
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| <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Lisa Huff and Renee Cookson (Co-Chairs)</i>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Called to order at 11:35 AM</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>2. Review and Approval of December 2020 Minutes</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec 2020 minutes approved</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>3. Public Input</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marshall Anderson from Downtown San Diego Partnership was introduced</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>4. Co-Chair Updates</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Co-Chair updates were made</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>5. Connections 2 Care</b><br><i>Cara Chesney, Lead Health Educator</i><br><i>NAMI San Diego</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PowerPoint presentation available upon request</li> </ul> |
| <b>6. BHS Director’s Update</b><br><i>Luke Bergmann and Piedad Garcia</i>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Given by Jason Miller] Updates on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BHS Emergency Rental Assistance Program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>7. Membership</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela Rowe with Vista Hill received her membership appointment letter</li> <li>• Sarah Swain with CHIP received her membership appointment letter</li> <li>• Nancy Vera with Access to Independence unanimously approved by Council</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Obtain BHS Director’s approval for Nancy Vera</li> </ul>  |
| <b>8. MHSA Update</b><br><i>Martin Dare</i>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No MHSA updates were made</li> </ul>  |  |

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| <p><b>9. Stakeholder Updates</b><br/> <b>MHSA Housing Program</b><br/> <i>Debbie Fountain</i><br/> <b>Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS)</b><br/> <i>Megan O'Dowd</i><br/> <b>Board and Care</b><br/> <i>Whitney Wilson</i><br/> <b>Employment Update</b><br/> <i>Vianey del Real Ochoa</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHSA developments- pipeline report discussed</li> <li>• HCDS procurement will be released soon with Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) COVID funds</li> <li>• No Board and Care updates</li> <li>• Work Well Committee will meet on Tuesday, 1/12/2021</li> <li>• Higher Minds Coalition will be on Thursday, 1/21/2021</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>10. BHS Housing Council Workgroup</b><br/> <i>Debbie Fountain</i></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSH new staff updates</li> <li>• First annual No Place Like Home (NPLH) report discussed</li> <li>• Upcoming Housing Council Retreat</li> <li>• 16 MHSA Housing Focus Groups happening this year</li> <li>• New 5-Year Behavioral Health Strategic Housing Plan discussed</li> </ul>  |  |

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 4, 2021- Virtual Housing Council Retreat