HOUSING COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

11:30am-1:00pm | 3851 Rosecrans St – SAN DIEGO ROOM





	ITEM	SUMMARY
I.	Welcome and Introductions Adrienne Berlin & Lisa Huff (Co-Chairs)	Meeting called to order at 11:32am by Adrienne Berlin.
II.	Review and Approval of Summary Notes for February 2017	Approved with no corrections.
III.	Public Input	No public input.
IV.	Co-Chair Updates	No updates.
v.	MHSA Update - Adrienne Yancey/Marty Dare	 Adrienne Yancey: Public comment period for INN proposals Cycle 3 and Cycle 4 has ended. Two Councils (CYF and Adult Council) voted and 46 replies were received from the survey. Majority of surveys indicated all 10 proposals should move on for approval. Cycle 3 proposals will be presented on March 23rd in San Diego. Cycle 4 will be presented in May in Sacramento. INN proposals are requesting \$11 million for expansion of current programs; \$30 million for new programs. Focus Groups: Adrienne Berlin sent an email to Alfredo regarding creation of housing focus groups. Requested to have current housing work plan to be uploaded to MHSA website. Motion introduced by Adrienne Berlin to have Adrienne Yancey discuss MHSA focus group regarding homelessness and housing for clients with SMI with Piedad Garcia and Alfredo Aguirre. Motion seconded by Tom Theisen. Action Item: April Agenda Item: Council will draft exact verbiage for motion and send to Piedad, Alfredo and Adrienne Yancey. Next round of community engagement forums begins July 2017 - no topics yet.
VI.	BHS Director's Update - Alfredo Aguirre & Piedad Garcia	 Alfredo Aguirre: Alfredo has been appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the No Place Like Home Advisory Committee. He recently attended the National Association of County Behavioral Health Directors' (NACBHD) Legislative Policy Meeting in Washington D.C. concerning the future of Medicaid and ACA. If federal dollars decrease under Medi-Cal, more MHSA funding will be used to cover cost of programs and services. No Place like Home: Guidelines and technical assistance will be developed soon. San Diego can opt in as Alternative County; opting in would allow funds invested into the bond to return to the County and be administered for distribution for various projects. The risks in opting into Medicaid funding/waivers if Medicaid funding disappears is still being weighed. Decision on whether the County will opt in is expected to be made in May-July.

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		Alfredo will present spend down plans to the Housing Council after it is presented to the Board.
VII.	Presentation Housing Our Heroes Melissa Peterman, Vice President Homeless Housing Innovations Department, San Diego Housing Commission	 Housing Our Heroes is a subcomponent of the 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative. It uses the Housing First model: Finding permanent housing + support. Incentives offered to landlords include: signing bonus, cash incentive, and cash bonus for every additional unit rented to homeless veteran. Benefits: 24-hour landlord assistance, security deposit and utility assistance, contingency fund, supportive services, credit check and application fee assistance, pre-inspections to shorten waiting time for veteran, online listing service/added outreach support. Goal is to decrease lease-up time to 60 days. VASH was originally 133 days; now 63 days. Rapid Re-Housing goal is to decrease to 30 days. The original average was 120 days; now approx. 35 days. 901 total units committed thus far, with 316 unique landlords and 158 active units. The goal is to have 1,000 secured housing placements. There are currently 554 secured placements and 311 in process. Desired outcome of 80% housing stability (minimum). HoH has had 98% housing stability since March 2016 (meaning no one has returned to homelessness). Housing website is open to public with listings checked weekly.
VIII.	Membership	No updates.
IX.	Stakeholder Updates MHSA Housing Program / MHSA Housing Plan Update - Simonne Ruff Residential Care Committee - Liz Kruidenier Employment Update - Vianey Del Real Ochoa	No updates.
X.	BHS Housing Council Workgroup - Simonne Ruff (CSH)	 Shared report on Housing Affordability from CA Housing Partnership Corporation. Report from Independent Living Association – assessment site. MHSA downtown site tour prospective dates: April 19 and April 21. ILA/Available Beds: Melanie Briones (SD CHIP) - No metric to currently capture empty beds. Working to secure the number with a plan to have monthly updates. Melanie and Melissa Peterman to meet concerning empty beds issue (ILF committee), and report back to committee in April.