



# Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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## Interagency Council to End Homelessness Sacramento, California

**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2009**  
**2:30-4:30 pm**

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### **Attendance:**

**Council Members Present:** Margaret Ahern (for Maria Morfin), Alexis Bernard, Carolyn Brodt, Joan Burke, Ann Edwards-Buckley, Chris Glaudel, Sandra Hamameh, Major Mark Sparks for Elizabeth Hudson, Bruce Jackson, Patty Kleinknecht, John Krintz, Sue Laliberte, Michael Lazar, Ryan Loofbourrow, Patrick Mangan, Tracie Rice-Bailey, Alan Saunders (for Diane Luther), Joshua Singer, Rita Spillane (for Karen Maxwell), Trisha Stanionis, Petra Stanton, Terri Sullivan, Bruce Wagstaff.

**Council Members Absent:** Michael Dunne, Lynn Frank, Verne Gore, Cassandra Jennings, Bruce Wagstaff.

**Staff:** Tim Brown, Susanna Curry, Merril Lavezzo, Julia Acuña, April Tally, Suzanne Hammer, Debra Morrow, Kathy Briem.

**Guests:** Michael Sale, Bridget Kurtt-DeJong, Jason Saherfiend, Nikki Stern, David Husid, Dawn Heywood, Alex Briones, Melody Antillon Hazzard, Angelica Duran, Bob Erlenbusch.

### **ACTION Items:**

- The minutes from the January and February minutes were approved.
- The changes to the Ranking Panel Criteria, as proposed by the CoC Committee were approved.

### **Minutes:**

#### **1. Introductions and Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **2. Welcome Terri Sullivan and Joshua Singer to the Interagency Council**

#### **3. ACTION: Adopt March minutes**

Motion to approve the March minutes by Sue Laliberte, seconded by Chris Glaudel.  
Approved, all in favor.

#### **4. Director's Report-Tim Brown, ECHI Director**

##### **a. Two-Year Report Draft**

-The Executive Committee decided to wait for the count data. The good news is that 320 chronically homeless people have been housed since 2007.

-We need to include "Challenges in 2009"-include remarks on "Tent City"-this is the "elephant in the room."

##### **b. Funding Update**

- ECHI has submitted:
  - An appropriations request to Doris Matsui for about \$270,000 for case management for both chronic homeless programs and emergency shelters
  - An LOI to the Bank of America for case management
  - A proposal to Wells Fargo for the Faith & Homeless Families Initiative (F&HFI)
  - A proposal to the Teichert Foundation for the F&HFI
- The Crest Fundraiser went well. Thank you to Councilmember Fong for his support.

**c. State/local budget cuts**

- i. -There have been many cuts in the County
  - Mental Health Outreach
  - Housing coordinators
  - SAEHC children's services at Mather
- ii. Ann Edwards-Buckley-There are many interpretations of Core vs. Non-Core Services
  - 1. The Human Services Coordinating Council is hosting Town Hall Forums to discuss needs in the Community
- iii. Joan Burke-Loaves & Fishes has great concern about the winter overflow shelter

**d. FQHC**

- i. The Effort has received its Federally Qualified Health Center status! This will allow The Effort to provide wrap-around services at a better Medi-Cal reimbursement rate. Thanks to all who made it happen, including Representative Matsui's office.

**e. Faith & Homeless Families Initiative**

- i. Forty mentors have been trained.
- ii. The goal is to double the number of congregations every three months.
- iii. ECHI is partnering with Lutheran Social Services, Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center, St. John's Shelter, and Family Promise.
- iv. The project will hopefully be ready to go in April. It is not too early to start the process of recruiting new congregations.

**f. ICEH/PB Retreat**

- i. When ICEH priorities were presented to the Policy Board, they asked for a retreat. More to come on this idea.

**5. Stimulus Funding-Tim Brown, ECHI Director/Suzanne Hammer, DHA Homeless Programs**

- a. The City/County will receive about \$5 million over 3 years. More information on this can be found at [HUD.gov/recovery](http://HUD.gov/recovery).

**6. Camping Issue-Tim Brown, ECHI Director**

- a. John Krintz discussed his concerns about the issues he sees at "Tent City." People see themselves as outlaws and there is a great deal of mental illness there.
- b. Joan Burke said that the media attention has been a "tipping point" for awareness of homelessness.
  - i. Frances Freitas said that it is commendable that awareness has occurred, however the media attention has missed the whole point. People are responding with the understanding that the majority of homeless people are newly homeless.
  - ii. Trent Sunahara said that he wants people to know that Representative Doris Matsui and other leaders are aware of this issue.

## **7. Continuum of Care Update-Suzanne Hammer, DHA Homeless Programs**

-Sacramento County received 14.4 million through the 2008 Continuum of Care application to HUD

-We did not receive the proposed 1.2 million for the rapid re-housing project by Sacramento Mutual Housing, Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center, and St. John's Shelter.

-We did receive the Samaritan Bonus for Boulevard Court (formerly Budget Inn)

-We received funds for St. John's first PSH project to house 8 families

-This replaces funding for the HEALTH Project, which lost funding last year

-Bridget Kurtt-DeJong from HomeBase presented information on the 2009 scoring and ranking process. Changes were proposed by the CoC Committee. Most changes were formatting changes, or changes made so that the Ranking Panel could have more information to make decisions.

-Recruitment for the Ranking panel is very important-the CoC Committee would like to recruit up to 12 people to sit on the panel this year.

-This year there will be bonus points for agencies that increase their employment outcomes

-John Foley noted the difficulty of new organizations to "break in" to the Continuum of Care system. It is difficult to get used to HUD regulations.

-Suzanne Hammer noted that DHA Homeless Programs holds technical assistance trainings, which are advertised widely. People need to start planning well in advance of the application process. This is a challenge in all communities.

-At the Provider's Meeting, we could ask if anyone is willing to mentor people trying to "break in"

-Motion to approve the changes to the Ranking Panel Criteria, as proposed by the CoC Committee by Sue Laliberte. Seconded by Petra Stanton. Approved, all in favor.

-There will be a meeting with SHRA to discuss ESG planning. DHA is also planning community forums on the regulations from HUD on Thursday (dates and times were presented for alternate meetings).

## **8. PSH Production Update-Alan Saunders, SHRA**

- a. The stimulus bill is expected to help some development projects that were having trouble finding investors. This includes the Boulevard Court and Mutual Housing at the Highlands, which should be underway at the end of the summer.
- b. The YWCA is expected to start construction by April 1.
- c. The Keys to Hope II partners were selected by a committee including Diane Luther, Alan Saunders, Suzanne Hammer, Tim Brown, and Frances Freitas. Partners for Keys to Hope II will be Turning Point Community Programs, TLCS, and The Effort.

## **9. Sacramento Homeless Connect**

- a. This event will take place on Saturday, May 30 (the weekend after Memorial Day) at Sacramento City College from 10am-3 pm. Planning meetings have begun. Let ECHI staff know if you want to assist.