



# Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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## Interagency Council to End Homelessness Sacramento, California

**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2009**  
**2:30-4:30 pm**  
**SETA, Board Chamber**

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### **Attendance:**

**Council Members Present:** Alexis Bernard, Carolyn Brodt, Joan Burke, John Foley, Chris Glaudel, Verne Gore, Sandra Hamameh, Patty Kleinknecht, John Krintz, Sue Laliberte, Michael Lazar, Ryan Loofbourrow, Diane Luther, Frances Freitas (for Patrick Mangan), Karen Maxwell, Tracie Rice-Bailey, Joshua Singer, Petra Stanton.

**Council Members Absent:** Michael Dunne, Ann Edwards-Buckley, Elizabeth Hudson, Bruce Jackson, Cassandra Jennings, Maria Morfin, Bruce Wagstaff.

**Staff:** Tim Brown, Susanna Curry, Merrill Lavezzo, Kathy Briem, Suzanne Hammer.

**Guests:** Cindy Cavanaugh, Shamus Roller, Mai Lee, Eloise Anderson, Eric Brenmark, Bob Erlenbusch, Derrick Lim, Devon Good, Bill Knowlton, Melissa Avitia, Heather Lane, Marty Keale, Trent Sunahara.

### **ACTION Items:**

- The minutes from the May meeting were approved, with minor changes to attendance.
- Frances Freitas made a motion that the Policy Board advocate for Project-Based Section 8 for 7<sup>th</sup> & H. Seconded by Joan Burke. Approved, all in favor, with abstentions from Chris Glaudel, Diane Luther, and Petra Stanton.

### **Minutes:**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

#### **2. ACTION: Adopt May Minutes**

- Joshua Singer should be added to the "absent" list.
- Joan Burke and Cassandra Jennings were both present.
- Motion to approve the May minutes, with the changes indicated above, by Carolyn Brodt, seconded by Sue Laliberte. Approved, all in favor.

#### **3. Mayor's Leadership Proposals/Policy Board Changes-25 minutes**

-Anne Moore, the former Executive Director of SHRA, is now consulting part time with the Mayor on homeless and housing issues. She spoke about what she and the Mayor have been working on in regards to the Policy Board. The Mayor has traveled to different cities to meet with leaders and see best practices. He understands the work that the ICEH is doing

and is committed to stay with this issue for the rest of his term. He is looking to step up his role on the Policy Board. He is interested in messaging and public relations.

-Tim Brown: It is very helpful to have the mayor strategizing on this issue, and it's great to have Anne Moore's expertise.

-Shamus Roller: We need clarity on the role of both the Interagency Council and Policy Board. To what extent is either group recommending policies, streamlining services, etc.

-Bob Erlenbusch: The Grants Collaborative of the Interagency Council has done a lot of work on raising funding for homeless programs in Sacramento. I hope that the Mayor's work on fundraising is value-added fundraising as opposed to duplicating efforts.

-Ryan Loofbourrow: This is finally bringing to fruition what we've planned to do. I like that the Mayor has goals, implements them with energy.

-Sue Laliberte: Many times, the ICEH is overlooked-there are also best practices here from members. Also like to see interaction between the ICEH and the Policy Board.

#### **4. Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)-Cindy Cavanaugh, SHRA, and Kathy Briem, DHA-10 minutes**

-The application for HPRP funds has been submitted to HUD-in the first week of July we should hear something back. There have been a series of stakeholder's meetings to discuss the structure of the proposed program, and there are 3 more meetings scheduled.

-Patty Kleinknect-We should set up a meeting with our contacts at MetSys to working on finding ways to better utilize HMIS under HPRP.

-Bob Erlenbusch- Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness President, said that it is not necessary that jurisdictions wait until October 1 to use the HPRP funding. There is potential to start early.

#### **5. Continuum of Care Update- Suzanne Hammer, DHA Homeless Programs-5 minutes**

Approval by HUD for the 2007 application has been approved. The funding originally with the Omega Expansion program will go to fund PSH for families. The MAAP HEALTH Project will be gone effective June 30.

#### **6. PSH Production Update-Diane Luther, SHRA-5 minutes**

-Units Through Development:

-There is still hope that Boulevard Court (formerly Budget Inn) could start construction in August/September 2009.

-Efforts have been revived on the Hotel Berry project-SHRA is recruiting a developer and has applied for 9% tax credits.

-Units Through Leasing:

-7<sup>th</sup> and H is on track and the design is going forward. HCD is not recommending 7<sup>th</sup> and H for Prop 1C funding.

-Bob Erlenbusch: \$63.1 million was awarded to our community for federal bonds-we should think about how we can leverage this funding.

-Frances Freitas made a motion that the Policy Board advocate for Project-Based Section 8 for 7<sup>th</sup> & H. Seconded by Joan Burke. Approved, all in favor, with abstentions from Chris Glauedel, Diane Luther, and Petra Stanton.

#### **7. DHHS Budget Cuts/Mitigation- Marcia Jo, Program Manager, Adult Mental Health Services-45 minutes**

-During the budget cuts process for DHHS, the target-pop homeless population was a very high priority with the exception of outreach.

-4,000 clients at the Regional Support Teams (RSTs) have to go elsewhere for medicine (primary care). Each client will be assisted in finding a new provider

-Guest House has been asked to step up their outreach activities-they also have two trained staff in the SOAR model (for SSI benefit advocacy).

-Diane Luther-Would like to see housing providers involved in quantifying effects of these cuts. For example, are some people spinning out of housing because of their loss of mental health treatment?

-Tim Brown-It is very predictable that many people will end up homeless without the mental health services they need.

**Announcements:**

-The Employment Committee is hosting a workshop on July 25 specifically geared towards improving case managers' effectiveness in helping people find employment.