

COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Friday, June 27, 2014 9:00 am to 11:00 am

**OC Community Services
1300 S. Grand Avenue, Building B
Conference Rooms A/B/C, 2nd Floor
Santa Ana, CA 92705**

Board Member Names and Appointment Affiliations

Scott Larson, H&CD Commission	Chair of Executive Committee/
Tom Burnham, Orange County Business Council	Vice Chair of Executive Committee
Larry Haynes, HomeAid Orange County	Chair of Implementing Group #1
Scott Larson, H&CD Commission	Chair of Implementing Group #2
Allan Roeder, City Managers Association	Chair of Implementing Group #3
Vacant	Chair of Implementing Group #4

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Scott Larson, Chair

Called to order by Tom Burnham, Vice Chair, at 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Karen Roper, Executive Director

Present: T. Burnham, L. Haynes, A. Roeder

Absent: Scott Larson

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of April 25, 2014 Commission Minutes

A motion was made by Larry Haynes to approve the consent calendar; it was seconded by Allan Roeder. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

2. Follow-up to Commission to End Homelessness Team Building Workshop on May 30, 2014 – Scott Larson/Karen Roper

- a. Review Offsite Summary:
 - i. Why do you serve on the Commission?
 - ii. What are the Commission's challenges and areas of needed improvement?
 - iii. What do you see as key goals of the Commission?
 - iv. What has the Commission done well?
 - v. What should the Commission accomplish in the next 12 Months?
- b. Next Steps

Karen Roper introduced the item. The following was discussed:

- Karen Roper reviewed the next steps portion of the Summary of Survey of Commission Members handout which was culminated from the Team Building Workshop.
- Asked the Committee for feedback as to how the meeting went and also for any revisions to the summary before it is fed upward to the full Commission in August.
- Group discussed whether it would be appropriate and/or helpful to open this feedback up to other Commission members who have the time to take ownership and help out in implementing.
- Consensus was the following:
 - Good summarization of what was presented.
 - Possibility of reorganizing these into more specific work tasks that can be brought to the full Commission, possibly by a working group session.

- **Next full Commission meeting present these four key issues or higher level goals, then direct back to the implementation groups. Ask what resources and leadership they need form the Commission to move them forward.**
- **Would like to see these issues get more visibility by the supervisors and stakeholders.**

3. CoC Ad Hoc Committee Update – Scott Larson/Kim Goll/Allan Roeder/Sister Regina Fox

- a. Continuum of Care Application Process & Priorities
 - i. June 16, 2014 Meeting with HUD
 - ii. June 23, 2014 Response to HUD Opinion on CoC Process/Organizational Structure
 - iii. Review of Recent 2013 CoC Awards for Tier 1 and Tier 2
- **There have been no changes to the recommendations put forth from the ones that were verbally entered on May 30th.**
- **Met with key HUD staff to refine these recommendation and gather any input they may have, HUD indicated that their intention was to only meet with county staff, thus Ad Hoc members were not included in this meeting, however, were filled in.**
- **HUD had mostly clarifying questions, but offered no further insight or recommendations into our CoC recommendations.**
- **May need to go back and look at the recommendations once more information is available.**
- **Will continue to review the information from HUD, but as of now, they are moving forward with the recommendations they put forth on May 30th.**
- **Ambiguity around transitional housing funding still remains, however, by the way they have engineered the formula we will eventually build our way out of transitional housing. Kim Goll offered a spreadsheet that she created that would reflect this.**
- **It is our responsibility to right-size our system.**
- **HUD encouraged looking at the William Snow email and SNAPS memo, both available as handouts.**
- **Karen Roper clarified that HUD will not advise because that would be considered an unfair advantage in a national competition.**
- **Julia Bidwell provided information on the recent 2013 CoC Awards to Tier 1 and Tier 2.**
 - **The last of the awards for 2013 came out. This announcement was new projects in tier 1 and the remainder of tier 2**
 - **53 applications submitted, 42 renewal applications, 10 reallocated, and 1 planning grant**
 - **All 42 renewal projects were funded.**
 - **3 of the reallocated projects (American Family Housing, Thomas House and WISEPlace) and the planning grant were not funded.**
 - **Lost 4% of funding, were expecting 5%**
- **Karen Roper clarified that HUD will not advise because that would be considered an unfair advantage in a national competition.**
- iv. Approve Revised 2014 Continuum of Care Application Process and Reallocation Policies Recommendations
- **Larry excused himself from voting. Allan made the motion to approve, Tom Burnham seconded. Motion passed.**

4. Approve Chairs for Implementing Groups #2 and #4

- A. Barbara Jennings - Chair of Implementing Group #2 with Maria Mazzenga-Avellaneda as Non-Commission Member Vice Chair
- **Larry made motion to approve, Allan seconded accepting Barbara Jennings as the chair of Implementation Group #2 (and by default would now be reinstated as a member of the Executive Committee).**
- B. Discuss candidates for Implementing Group #4
- **Karen Roper expressed concern about the advocacy component of Implementation Group #4, has Tom Burnham leading the advocacy PR piece which would allow separation of duties to allow Kim Goll participate. Proposed taking advocacy out from number 4 and have it be an Ad Hoc Committee.**
- **Action is pending at this time; Kim needs additional permission from her superiors.**

5. Update on Implementing Groups – Group Chairs or Designees

- A. Larry Haynes, Implementing Group #1 (Outreach to Homeless/At-Risk of Homelessness)
 - i. Prevention
 - **Reviewed the work the Scoring System Ad Working Group Andrew Donchak has been doing. Proposed having a presentation to the Executive Committee.**

- **Needs to be communication between the work on the scoring system and the CACI Subcommittee as this could be a valuable tool once a centralized assessment center up and running.**
 - **Dave Levy with the Fair Housing Council presented on legality issues and fair housing best practices.**
 - **Dave Levy also raised awareness of Miracle Terrance, a senior housing development in Anaheim that due to increasing rent could cause many seniors to become homeless.**
 - **Next meeting will be discussing tracking methods.**
- ii. Outreach
- **Was reported by Civic Center Round Table that there has been an increase in heroin use and parolees at the Civic Center in Santa Ana.**
 - **After the meeting that was held on location at the Civic Center, the Round Table was asked to narrow their focus to two items that the group could focus their efforts on.**
 - **Karen Roper informed group that the Round Table has requested to meet with Supervisor Nguyen as well as some of the City Council Members in Santa Ana. Requested extended hours for the bathroom, semi-private bathroom and shower enclosures, storage and an intake center. Also to take a look at the Food Stamps program in regards to where they can be used.**
 - **Larry and Karen Roper agreed that this must be a formal process in which the members of the Round Table go through the proper steps in order to request action to be taken. Will move forward with this at the next meeting.**
- B. Scott Larson, Implementing Group #2 (Improve Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing)
- i. Improve Emergency Shelter
 - ii. Improve Transitional Housing
 - **Larry Haynes, Mercy House's goal is to rework all three transitional housing programs into something else: permanent supportive housing, interim housing, and a combination of permanent supportive and interim. Offered this to be an open process in which the Commission tracks the progress over the next year to see how they compare to their previous work within the agency as well as compared to the rest of the county.**
 - **Julia Bidwell proposed to Karen Williams the idea of formalizing this process.**
 - **Larry would be willing to do a training for other transitional shelters who are shifting into something else.**
- C. Allan Roeder, Implementing Group #3 (Permanent Housing/Resources to Remain Housed)
- i. Permanent Housing
 - ii. Resources to Remain Housed
 - iii. Employment/Mainstream Resources Sub-Committee
 - iv. Rapid Rehousing Sub-Committee
 - **Had to cancel last IG#3 meeting.**
 - **Prior IG#3 meeting focused all discussion on input for the May 30th Strategic Planning Meeting.**
 - **Permanent Housing continues meetings and working on their strategies.**
 - **Employment/Mainstream Benefits Resources Sub-Committee has struggled to get focus and has not been meeting. Working on developing tentative dates, will continue trying to get reorganized.**
 - **Rapid Rehousing Subcommittee wants to refocus efforts on the educational component. Allan will get together with Karen Williams and Karen Roper to move this forward.**
- D. Vacant, Implementing Group #4 (Data/Community Support/Social Policy/Systemic Change)
- i. Data
 1. Centralized Intake/Coordinated Assessment Sub-Committee
 2. Point In Time Count Ad Hoc Committee
 3. HMIS User's Group Sub-Committee
 - ii. Advocacy/PR/Funding Sub-Committee
 - iii. Social Policy/Systemic Change
 - **Introduced Liz Rojas as the new CACI Director; has been working on meeting with all of the providers on a one-on-one basis.**
 - **\$284,000 raised so far; just received a \$25,000 grant from Kaiser to support the collaborative movement.**
 - **Focus Strategies has completed their interviews with all agencies regarding their barriers to entry to their programs. In the process of interviewing all agencies about their diversion programs and their budgets associated.**
 - **Point in Time project plan has been developed and have made an offer to a PIT Manager who will start July 16th. Website will be ready by the end of July. Have 450 volunteers signed up. Working on the fund development.**

- Tom Burnham reported that the Advocacy/PR/Funding Sub-Committee will revisit the four or five objectives the Commission would like to see move forward as a result of the May 30th Strategic Planning Session. Will now go revisit the Commission's key strategies.

6. Executive Director/OC Community Services Updates – Karen Roper

- A. Year-Round Emergency Shelter/Multi-Service Center Update
- June 10th - at the Budget Hearing the Board of Supervisors approved the 3.6 million dollars for the general fund augmentation for filling the gap for operating two year-round emergency shelters. 1.3 million of this is MHSA funds to serve severely persistently mentally ill.
 - June 24th - final adoption of Orange County's budget.
 - June 12th - City Council Meeting in Santa Ana, unanimous support from the city on the council level as well as from many departments. City Manager has accepted to be on the Commission to End Homelessness.
 - July 1st - Meeting scheduled with the City of Anaheim and City of Fullerton where they will propose the terms for the leasing the 3 acre site.
 - July 2nd – Community Forum in partnership with the City of Santa Ana, has invited all businesses and residents. Hope to take an agenda item to the Board of Supervisors for the Santa Ana site on July 15th. Will then effectively go into a 90-day due diligence period hoping to close escrow within 90 days.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Kathy Tillitson, Build Futures:
 - Spoke with Stepping Up in Los Angeles who housed youth independently which was not successful; instead need to house with adults.
 - Brought to attention that the only provider serving emancipated youth is Build Futures. There is a huge gap in services, and the numbers are increasing. These are the future homeless population.
 - Rapid Rehousing is a successful model for rehousing youth.
 - Homeless youth need more funding
- Lara Fisher, South County Outreach:
 - Attended the June 16th meeting with HUD where they did not get to discuss the 17 contracts that oversee South County's contracts. Meeting again with them on Monday to discuss these.
 - In favor of Rapid Rehousing, however, have 17 condos that are restricted to RRH, loans and contracts are through 7 different agencies and 4 different cities and the county which can be daunting.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Allan working on the SB 2 zone in Huntington Beach.
- Have had conversations with former mayor Ralph Bauer who is attempting to organize addressing homelessness in the city. Ralph Bauer requested would be ok to come before the Commission to let them know what they are doing.
 - Next step: Add to the 25th agenda.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am

NEXT MEETING:

July 25, 2014 9:00 am to 11:00 am
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