

Housing Committee

MINUTES

April 28, 2015

In Attendance

Tim Peters, Door of Hope; Michelle White; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena; Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena; Jessica Petrass, Youth Moving On; Jen Chambless, Alliance for Housing & Healing, Ryan Izell, Union Station Homeless Services;

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the April meeting and approved

Welcome & Introductions

Presenter: Tim Peters

The Housing Committee is comprised of permanent housing service providers (including rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing and affordable housing). The committee is responsible for the planning and evaluation of strategies designed to increase housing stability through affordable and supportive housing initiatives. The committee also addresses gaps in housing services, putting into practice strategies that promote Housing First.

Members of the committee introduced themselves.

2016 Homeless Count

Presenter: Anne Lansing

The homeless count is down by 16% from 2015 (632 to 530) and 56% since 2011. These reductions are a credit to the work that our providers are doing which is making a significant impact on homelessness in Pasadena. Anne brought this report to Council and, despite reductions, the community sense is that homelessness is increasing which will only be heightened by the fact that LAHSA's count will increase.

Tim Peters commented on the significant reductions in family homelessness which is close to functional zero. Functional zero, however, is a difficult concept to explain to the community and depends on the concept that a housing voucher is equivalent to housing, which is not the case in Pasadena's tight rental market. This important reduction, however, could possibly be used for a landlord outreach campaign targeted specifically to landlords interested in helping to end family homelessness.

Despite the progress made, our challenge in Pasadena continues to be the chronically homeless population which is by by 14% from 2015 (198 compared to 225). This population's significant needs and service resistance requires continued outreach and permanent supportive housing using a Housing First approach.

System Performance Measures

Presenter: Anne Lansing

Beginning in 2014, HUD began to roll out a series of system performance measures to help Continuums of Care encourage collaborative efforts in ending homelessness. In Pasadena, the CES meetings are already making progress in this area, collaborating and coordinating resources for the hardest to house individuals.

Looking forward, however, we will need to begin to track the system performance measures as HUD has indicated that CoCs must rank project applications based on these measures to be eligible for new funding. This will be a process, and the City will be working with each organization to ensure data is available in HMIS. It should be noted that many of these measures do not track individual projects but the system as a whole.

Rapid Re-Housing Report

Presenter: Tim Peters

Ten families have been housed through ESG Funds. Currently, there are more resources that referrals which is a credit to the fact that the system is working. There is still funding available, please direct eligible families to 2-1-1 or the FSC.

Other Business

Audits

- CoC-funded organizations should review their termination policies and make sure they follows our CoC written standards, available at: <https://pasadenapartnership.org/about-us/written-standards/>
- All clients must sign off that they have received and read a copy of your organization's termination policy

Budget

- Opened public hearing for budget last Council Meeting
- Budget will be discussed over the next several council meetings

Heritage Square Senior Housing

- If you have seniors in your programs there is an interest list on our website
- In addition, postcards to sign up for the interest list will be available in the Housing Department and City Hall
- Homeless individuals will not be prioritized

Updates from USHS

Union Station will begin accepting applications for Mar Vista next month (1-2 bedroom family units, families between the size of 2-5). There is a homeless requirement and chronic preference with some set aside for First5 families

- Need access to County system to verify First5 families
- Will be sending out an email when its open
- Referrals will come through the FSC

CSH will be taking the lead for finding a new HMIS vendor (20-30 community providers gave feedback on current system). LAHSA will be putting out an RFP for new HMIS vendors (Pasadena will be piggy-backing on this process).

- Problematic with CES & Housing matching
- There have been frustrations and challenges with the nimbleness of the system

LAHSA will be putting out a new CES RFP for a community application

Anne nominated for SCAMP Bright Lights award which will be May 24th

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 26th 2016