

Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness Housing Committee

Minutes for May 28, 2015

In Attendance: Anne Lansing, Pasadena Dept. of Housing; Anna Jacobson, Pasadena Dept. of Housing; Tim Peters, Door of Hope; Alexandra Moon, Door of Hope; Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services; Gregg von Femppe, Union Station Homeless Services; Cheryl Castillo, Alliance for Housing & Healing

Welcome & Introductions

Approve Minutes

Michelle White proposed several edits to the April 30, 2015 minutes:

- 3e edited to organization's policy must be in writing
- 3k changed to "group agreed to move forward with standards as amended"

Holly Street Housing/CES

Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena explained that Holly Street Housing is the name of the portion of Passageways grant that was reallocated for PSH (40 TBRA and funding for case management, some of which is tied to the CES)

Challenge: Grant will not be executed as quickly as hoped (hoped for June 1, looks more like August 1) which has staffing repercussions and effects the entire CoC's response to increasing needs of the street population

Gregg Von Femppe reported on the staffing repercussions:

- The CES staff who were part of the Passageways grant were intended to be kept on through the reallocation but the delay in the grant execution has meant that these positions became unfunded
- UW has provided bridge funding for 3 "temp staff" through June 30, but with the delay of the contract, these positions are now at risk of losing funding
- Currently these individuals do outreach and matching (which includes documentation, application, linking to bridge housing, helping with move-in) and support to people
- There are 2 full-time outreach workers that are not part of a county contract (not the delayed contract) but they cover a larger area than Pasadena
- Another sad loss is the supervisor for the team that they identified they will not be able to keep

Anne Lansing reported on the effects to the CoC:

- This is a challenge for the CoC as a whole. While the street homeless count was basically flat, the most recent homeless count identified a needier population than in past years. It also appears as though we are anecdotally getting more encampments than we have had in years past. All of this is happening when we cannot use Continuum rental assistance vouchers outside of Pasadena.
- The challenge is that if we are unable to address this from the homeless services side, there will be a greater push to address it through a criminalization standpoint (even though it is understood that this is terrible press).

The Committee had a discussion about a stopgap:

- The need: 5 FTE contract, 3 people working in it currently
- City has limited resources, will try to reach out to HUD to expedite the contract start date
- Most efficient solution is to cover the financial gap rather than offer staffing support
- Ideal is to have 4 FTE funded for 1 month through UW so they can bring the supervisor on board
 - Housing committee offered letters support in application to UW
- Anne will follow up with Public Health

Rapid Re-Housing Written Standards Regulatory Additions

Anna Jacobsen discussed four new additions to the Rapid Re-Housing Written Standards:

1. Add CoC Lead-Based Paint Requirement (24 CFR Part 35 Subpart A, B, K, & R)
2. Add domestic violence clause about relocating to a different CoC for reasonable threat of harm and associated recordkeeping requirements:
3. Add Administration of Funds Section to Rental Assistance that discusses the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 and 2015 which authorized nonprofit organizations to administer rental assistance to landlords in permanent housing funded with fiscal year (FY) 2012, FY 2013, or FY 2014.
4. Add Environmental Review Section – City will conduct an Environmental Review of each project site before administering funds (and every 5 years thereafter)

Other changes

- Tim Peters discussed making sure language talks about not requiring HQS inspector to be certified. Anna Jacobsen will follow-up.
- Michelle White discussed a new addition that Anne will revisit original HUD regulations:

HUD regulation required CoC-Funded properties must be certified as meeting jurisdictional requirements

- We have quadrennial inspections requirements for rental housing
- Certificate of Occupancy (?)
- Rental assistance must show a current certificate of occupancy city requirement for multi-family rental housing – have not required that grantees request certificate from the landowner

Updates from Planning Commission meeting on Housing Element/Housing Commission

Michelle White – they met last night and the annual review of the Housing Element was conducted. Moving forward they will have a community meeting prior to the Housing Element. There was a request for the Housing Commission and the Planning Commission decided they could do the work of the Housing Commission.

Announcements/Other Items

Gregg von Fempé – Anne is being honored by Housing Works at their gala this year – go to website for more information June 14, \$125/ticket

Next Meeting

June 25th