

## Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness

### Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2015

In Attendance: Anne Lansing, Pasadena Dept. of Housing; Anna Jacobson, Pasadena Dept. of Housing; Alexandria Moon, Door of Hope; Cheryl Castillo, Alliance for Housing and Healing; Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services; Tim Peters, Door of Hope; Ryan Izell, Union Station, Jean Duranti, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)

1. Review and approval of the minutes from last 2 meetings on May 28, 2015 and June 25, 2015
2. Announcements/Other Items
  - a. Changes to Union Station policies, Presenter: Ryan Izell
    - i. New guidelines – Persons interested in services or already enrolled in services could have access to meals and campus; other persons would be asked to leave.
    - ii. Changes were made because Union Station did not have the staffing to support the increase in persons coming for services, plus there was an increase of 35% in police calls regarding issues caused by this increase in new persons; With Passageways no longer being at the campus to provide case management/staffing, Union Station did not have the funding needed to support the increase
    - iii. Since policy changes were made Union Station has seen a 50% reduction in complaint calls to the organization regarding issues
    - iv. Anne shared anecdotally that they are receiving different types of complaint calls than before, such as drug dealers preying, gambling behavior, etc.
    - v. Discussion of how the impact of criminalizing homelessness will impact the \$3MIL received by the Housing Dept.
  - b. Anne submitted the Holly Street and Planning Grant to City Attorney's Office for signature this morning
3. CoC NOFA
  - a. Due on November 20, 2015 to HUD
  - b. Consolidation of small grants: Alliance for Housing and Healing and S+C grants
  - c. Union Station applied for CES funding available
  - d. Non-funded CoC partners – leveraging letter request time
  - e. Application and leverage letters need to be completed by October 20<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Discussed maximizing leverage requests, Anna will send out service map and next year, there is a potential to get a contact list of services in Pasadena of who to contact for leverage letters
  - g. Funding Opportunities: Housing Bonus \$400,000, RRH funding for families and individuals
  - h. Potential to apply for Housing Bonus as Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, but Pasadena Housing Market is unable to absorb 40 additional housing vouchers
  - i. New funding will go into effect likely around October 2016
  - j. Discussed applying for RRH for individuals

- i. The market may be able to absorb these individuals more easily, potentially can use this money in shared housing and sober living environments
  - k. Briefly discussed difficulty in housing the hard-to-house clients
  - l. Union Station brought up potential to apply for PSH through acquisition, subsidy or project-based, supportive services
  - m. Anne and Anna will be reviewing the HUD rules and regs and may release a Housing Bonus RFP; RFP will focus on PSH for chronically homeless individuals or RRH for individuals
  - n. Anne encouraged group to attend Homelessness Planning and Research Committee Meeting on Tuesday
- 4. Announcements/Other Items
  - a. Anne requested success stories from organizations of families and individuals who were on the streets/homeless and are now housed, in order to send to City Council, etc. to refute the criminalization of homelessness

Next Meeting: 10:00am October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 (every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)