

Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2016

In Attendance: Anne Lansing, Pasadena Dept. of Housing; Anna Jacobsen, Pasadena Dept. of Housing; Cheryl Castillo, Alliance for Housing and Healing; Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services; Ashley Marshall, Pacific Clinics; Michael Watkins, Consumer Advocate and CoC Board Member; Tim Peters, Door of Hope; Ryan Izell, Union Station; Jill Shook, Community Member

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Anne moved to accept the minutes as written, Michelle seconded
- III. Agenda Items
 - a. Mobility Area for Co Rental Assistance
 - i. CoCs asked HUD for increased mobility. HUD said okay in mid-July. CoCs are not tasked with writing policies and procedures for this.
 - ii. Small group met for Pasadena CoC – discussed mobility for this CoC, not limiting tenants and also making it reasonable for agencies providing the services.
 - iii. 2 maps passed out with the radius
 - iv. Housing Authority staff doing inspections did not like the 15-mile radius map because of distance
 - v. 10-mile radius map seemed more doable with the inspection staff and Anne agreed to serve as the back-up to inspection staff.
 - vi. Appears that the regulations allow CoC to set a standard and the other funded agencies can choose their own policies and procedures
 - vii. Additionally, agencies doing their own inspections are not impacted by the Housing Authority's chosen 10-mile radius
 - viii. Regs state that 50% of contract can be leased up outside of the CoC
 - ix. Discussion of persons who became homeless in Pasadena and are being displaced
 - x. Anne stated only 17% of street homeless became homeless in Pasadena
 - xi. Michelle advocated for evaluation in 1 year to see the impact on persons being able to use their subsidies in the city
 - xii. Ashley celebrated opportunity at choice
 - xiii. Michael stated the importance of individuals being able to find a place to live
 - xiv. Ashley and Ryan advocated for the 10-mile radius to be shifted more East since they have been able to find more affordable units in that area, specifically areas such as Azusa, Covina and West Covina
 - xv. Anne requested that organizations send to Anne their requested cities/communities to be included in the mobility radius
 - xvi. Michelle requested a discussion about the profile of clients who are not able to find units
 1. Anne stated that there doesn't seem to be a profile, a variation of client types is not able to use their voucher
 2. Ryan stated that it is less to do with VI-SPDAT score, and more to do with their credit history

- xvii. This is mobility, not portability; not applicable to the Section 8 programs, only rental assistance programs
- xviii. Anne estimated that this would be approved by late-September

b. CoC Bonus PH Project

- i. City released an RFP, they received interest responses, but no full applications
- ii. City will apply for the Bonus Project

IV. Announcements/Other Items

a. Ryan – Mar Vista – still waiting on the Certificate of Occupancy

- i. 26 families have been referred for the 19 units
- ii. Not receiving additional referrals, continuing to vet current referrals
- iii. Anticipate lease-up for late-September
- iv. Tax Credit issues – clients who were employed less than 3 months because they didn't have the paycheck stubs were being rejected; Union Station worked with CSH and other organizations to reach a resolution to the benefit of the clients

b. Ryan – SPA 3 CES was recommended for less money than the other SPAs and there doesn't appear to be reasonable reasons as to why

- i. Ryan requested support at the LAHSA Commission meeting tomorrow

V. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

- a. September meeting may be relocated - TBD