CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

OCTOBER 4TH, 2016, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Approve Minutes (Action Item)
3. Homeless Awareness Month Planning
4. Council on Homelessness Seat Vacancies
5. Committee Updates
6. Zero:2016 Updates
7. Health Care for the Homeless/ Consumer Advisory Board Update
8. MFAC Update
9. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities
10. Nuts & Bolts
11. Pin it
2. APPROVE MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

Gabriel Lemus, Council Chair

Review and adoption of minutes from the August 30th Council meeting.
3. HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING

Lavonna Martin, Chief, Homeless Program

Planning for November Community Forum & talking points for City Council visits.
NOVEMBER COMMUNITY FORUM

- Zero:2016 Communications Committee exploring idea of Community Forum in November.
- Goal: To create awareness around homelessness.
- For discussion: possible topics?
CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

• Council Members to give presentations before City Council and Board of Supervisors.

• Homeless services will help to script/schedule, and Chair and Vice-Chair to do introductions.

• Looking to schedule presentations for early November.
4. COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS SEAT VACANCIES

Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager, Homeless Services

Update on Council vacancies.
SEAT VACANCIES

The following seats are still open:
• Behavioral Health Representative
• Community Member Seat #3
• Consumer/Consumer Advocate
• Government Seat #1
• Health Care Representative

To apply, visit: http://cchealth.org/homeless/council/pdf/Board-Recruitment.pdf
5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager, Homeless Services

Standing Item. Updates on:
    Coordinated Entry
    Moving On Program
CONTRA COSTA COORDINATED ENTRY PROJECT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

• First Round of Awards Announced in September:
  • Concord CARE Center & Warming Center – Anka
  • Richmond CARE Center – Anka
  • Walnut Creek CARE Center – Trinity Center
  • Concord CARE Capable Center – Monument Crisis
  • Nighttime CORE Outreach Team – Anka
  • Telephone Prevention & Diversion Assessment & Referral – Contra Costa Crisis Center
  • Housing Navigation Services - CCIH
CONTRA COSTA COORDINATED ENTRY PROJECT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

• Grantees met September 29th to begin to develop partnerships

• Grantees and other HUD funded partners will attend Coordinated Entry Kickoff Meeting in October to develop implementation plan

• Goal is to fully launch Coordinated Entry system in January 2017
MOVING ON PROGRAM

• HACCC Administrative Plan homeless preference to graduate PSH families to Housing Choice Vouchers using the Coordinated Entry System

• PSH programs identified and assessed eligible PSH clients in September

• Pilot Protocol for identification and assessment will be released soon to the community

• Initial target: 50 vouchers
6. ZERO: 2016 UPDATE

Jennifer Baha, Zero: 2016 Coordinator, Homeless Services

Standing Item. Update regarding progress on Zero:2016 campaign, including Action Camp.
Linae Young, Health Care for the Homeless

Standing Item. Update on HCH program developments.
8. MFAC UPDATE

Doug Leich, Multi-faith ACTION Coalition

Standing Item. Updates on Multi-faith ACTION Coalition.
9. POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

Tara Ozes, HomeBase

Standing Item. Updates on Concord Naval Weapons Station, Federal Policy, Legislation.
CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION

- CNWS Homeless Collaborative met September 21st in a joint meeting with the EBHO Concord Committee
- Hiring by Lennar – Rachel Flynn, Director of Planning and Building in Oakland, to oversee planning and entitlement of the Concord Naval Weapons Stations.
- Pursuing integrated homeless housing through research and discussions
CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION

• September 13th Concord City Council Meeting:
• Approved selection process and schedule for appointment of members to the Community Advisory Committee for the Development Phase One Property of the Community Reuse Project.
• Application were due September 26th; screening by Council, interviews by Local Reuse Authority, and appointments in November
FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE - VETERANS

• New Bills Highlighting Veterans:
  • Keeping the commitment to ending Veteran homelessness in 2017 (S.3249).
  • Prioritizing the provision of services to Veterans with children in reintegration programs (H.R.5407).
FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

• New Bills Fighting Housing Discrimination:
  • *Fair Housing For Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors Act of 2016* (S.3164).
  • *Landlord Accountability Act of 2016* (H.R. 5401): would prohibit discriminating against holders of Section 8 vouchers.
FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE – SSA AME DEFINITION

• Social Security Administration (SSA) published notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to change definition of “Acceptable Medical Evidence” on September 9th.

• Considering adding Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and possibly Physician Assistants (PAs), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists (LMFTs) as Acceptable Medical Sources.
FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE – SSA AME DEFINITION

• Changes reflect current trends for how most people are receiving care – especially low-income & homeless individuals.

• SSA also proposes it will not longer give “controlling weight” to prior administrative medical findings – less reliance on source of opinion, and more on content.

• **Effect:** Will reduce wait-time for SSI/SSDI applicants; applicants experiencing homelessness will be connected with benefits more quickly & reliably.
FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE – SSA AME DEFINITION

Opportunity for Public Comment:

• **November 8th**: Deadline to submit comments.
  • Possible comments will advocate:
  • Inclusion of PAs, LCSWs, and LMFTs;
  • Clearer definitions of other Acceptable Medical Sources in the Rule.

• **Potential Future Action Item** - HomeBase to circulate Comment Letter to Council for review and endorsement at November 3rd meeting.
10. NUTS & BOLTS

Standing Item: Community Announcements
Standing Item: Future items of discussion and scheduling to be considered.