

MHSA Housing Committee

Date: September 2, 2009 - 11:30 – 1pm

Location: 1340 Arnold Drive Room 112, Martinez

Attendees: Annis Pereyra, Cindy Downing, Julie Freestone, Kathi McLaughlin, Mashariki Kurudisha, Molly Hamaker, Sherry Bradley, Susan Medlin, Suzanne Tavano, Vic Montoya

Meeting Minutes

No.	Topic/Agenda Item	Issue/Conclusion	Action/Recommendation	Party Responsible
1	Introductions	All those present did a quick introduction		
2	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for a Housing Committee has been stated repeatedly, and a further look has found that no such body exists. • Shelter Inc. All units full with \$1.2 mil. Spent on housing Full Service Partners (FSPs) Subsidized master lease. More housing money would have to come through Community Services and Supports (CSS) component of MHSA, which would reduce \$ for something else. • County's 10-Yr. Plan on Chronic Homelessness is a good resource whose efforts should not be duplicated by MHSA Housing Committee. • New Housing Coordinator – currently putting together exam required by County's merit system for hiring process. <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids/TAY have not used much of housing opportunities/discussion. • Current MH housing part of a West County Initiative • Housing resources in general is shrinking. • Housing issue needs to be seen as more than just homelessness. • 10-year County Plan for Homelessness. Consumers or Families involved? Vic stated that MHCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Research: Balance of \$9.2 Million – Can it be used for non-FSP? Vic believes money can't be used for non-FSPs ✓ Sherry to ask Brenda Crawford of Mental Health Consumer Concerns to possibly report on 10-Yr. Plan to CPAW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sherry Bradley ✓ Sherry Bradley

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<p>2</p>	<p>History</p>	<p>historically was a standing member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those not enrolled in a Full Service Partnership (FSP) can't have MHSA housing. • \$9.2 Mil. assigned To Cal HFA • Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) Funds are available. <p>Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore needs, possibilities, ideas for projects • Explore Ideas to support consumers, families and kids • Research what's developed? What's funded? What's been attempted? Don't 'reinvent the wheel' • Invite experts to share • Examine roadblocks to moving forward • Take advantage of leverage and funding opportunities 		
<p>3</p>	<p>Agree on Charge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To move forward, see opportunities for advocacy, be innovative, develop partnerships • Inform and disseminate on MH housing for consumers & family. • Provide direction for & assistance in presenting the Housing 101 curriculum & glossary • Provide ongoing input to MH Housing Coordinator related to meeting housing needs for Contra Costa Consumers & families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In order to pursue the agreed upon charge, Housing Committee recommends that it be a Permanent Committee. ✓ Take back to CPAW and recruit more Housing Committee Members/resources ✓ Quarterly Housing Report to CPAW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MHSA Housing Committee Members ✓ MHSA Housing Committee Members ✓ MHSA Housing Committee Members

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<p>4</p>	<p>Clarify/Discuss Housing 101 session</p>	<p>Target Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPAW – but open to community. Or possible present to CPAW first. • Ongoing Opportunity: Educating others, include Mental Health Commission, possibility of developing it into a course 	<p>✓ Report back to CPAW</p>	<p>✓ Kathi McLaughlin & Molly Hamaker</p>
		<p>Knowledge Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep it simple. Avoid rehashing basic info that may have been repeated before. 		
		<p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to identify primary issue for age groups/families • Be able to have meaningful discussions, (i.e. not rehashing basic info.) • Identify opportunities to advocate • Explain that there are different types/qualifications for housing. • Put a face on the issue • Have a realistic perception of possibilities. 		
		<p>Trainers: Consultants, or MH Staff or CPAW</p>		
		<p>CPAW Informal</p>		
<p>Length: 2 or more hours. Not just lecture, break up length with panel, discussion etc.</p>				

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<p>4</p>	<p>Clarify/Discuss Housing 101 session</p>	<p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record Training for broader use. Model after recording on Brown Act that rebroadcasts on CCTV. • PowerPoint, include plenty of detail in handouts for participants to take away with them. • Glossary of Terms, Resources. • Sheet of Talking Points to advocate for Housing • List/Explanation of Consumer Choices 		
<p>5</p>	<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore economic stimulus \$ options • For Consumer: film – choices, translated FSP plan, what’s the reality? • Look at 101 draft & outcomes – do they match? 	<p>✓ Mashariki Kurudisha to share knowledge on possible TARP funds with Vic Montoya</p>	<p>✓ Mashariki Kurudisha</p>