

Minutes

Supportive Housing Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2017

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

CABQ Department of Family Community
Services 5th Floor Conference Room

Type of meeting: 18th meeting: Project intent and mission statement discussion.

Members Present: Robert Baade, Constance Banuelos, Sister Agnes Kaczmarek, Elaine Miller, Mark Walch

Members Excused: Laura Carlisle, Laura Nguyen, Lisa Domenici, Jason Vaillancourt

Staff Person Present: Cathy Imburgia . Mike Robertson

Technical Advisors Present: Kelley Lee, Katrina Hotrum

Meeting Observers: Cindi O’Niell

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Robert Baade, Supportive Housing Subcommittee chair.

Discussion to Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved.

Discussion to Approve Minutes

- Minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting were approved, with a note that the @700 building the subcommittee toured last month includes a total of 72 units that are comprised of 350 sq. ft. of living space, a common area for community space, and was built at a cost of approximately \$14 million.

Key Items of Discussion

New Business

The meeting was rescheduled to accommodate presenter schedules for a discussion on the purpose of the Single-site Supportive Housing Project.

A.) Overview of Single-site Supportive Housing Project Intent

- Katrina Hotrum attended the meeting to provide the subcommittee with an overview of the history of the project, a summary of single-site housing observed in Denver, and to clarify the intent of the single-site supportive housing project for our community.
 - Regarding the need for the project, Katrina reported that persons in our community with serious mental illness (SMI), who are homeless or precariously housed, and have been unsuccessful in maintaining scattered-site housing, have a lack of alternative supportive housing options. As a result, these individuals are in need for housing coupled with on-site supportive services. The intended outcome of the project is to encourage engagement in services and provide stability while decreasing the likeliness and rate of homelessness for such persons.

- Regarding the Denver single-site housing program visit, Katrina noted that the dramatic increase in the cost of housing in the Denver area created an increase in homelessness and the need for alternative housing solutions for a variety of individuals. Therefore, the model in Denver is being pursued here as a means or approach to funding a single-site housing alternative. The City of Albuquerque is taking the lead in pursuing this approach through a contract with the creator of a community-wide funding process called the “Toolkit.”
- Katrina explained the intent of the project is to provide an *independent and voluntary housing solution in the least restrictive setting* that does not require 24-hour supervision and assistance in daily living skills, conditions that are currently provided for under an assisted living model. Rather than assisted living or long-term care models that are geared for the elderly, the single-site supportive housing model provides a continuum of independent living and supportive housing for those in our community who require this level of housing option.
- When asked how many units should be considered in the single-site model, Katrina noted 30-40 units at minimum.

B.) Project Mission Statement

- Cathy provided the following draft document for the Subcommittee to consider:
 - **Mission Statement:** Support and strengthen the community by providing permanent supportive housing to extremely low-income clients with significant behavioral health challenges and severe housing instability to promote greater independence and increased opportunity through the integration of supportive services.

Vision: Provide single-site permanent supportive housing that is respectful, trauma informed, sensitive to the needs of the residents, which encourages engagement in services, creates a supportive community, aligns with or improves the neighborhood vision, and contributes to the public safety of the local and broader community. Integrate on-site and referred services offered on a voluntary basis that supports each client’s needs and improves their quality of life. Ensure that services offered are flexible enough to respond to the complex and individualized needs of the population and includes the provision of physical and behavioral healthcare, linkage to government benefits, educational services, job skills and the needs of independent living.

- It was recommended that the Subcommittee adopt the above with modifications to include clarification on low-income, significant, and severe statements.

ACTION: Kelley and Cathy will provide a revised Mission Statement per the clarifications noted.

C.) Update on Best Practices

- Cathy reported that she is working with UNM/ISR. This information will be provided in an updated draft of the proposal.

Old Business

A.) Steering Committee Update/Subcommittee Projects Underway

- Crisis: Mobile Crisis Team RFP was announced in October. Work is continuing on the respite project.

- Prevention: The revised prevention and education project proposal will be presented at the Nov. 16 Steering Committee meeting. Per a recommendation by the Steering Committee, the anti-stigma campaign has been removed and is currently being worked on by the Small Working Group as a social marketing/community outreach project proposal.
- Community Supports: The peer case management proposal will be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.
- Supportive Housing: In addition to the Single Site Housing Project, it was noted that the Youth Transitional Living RFP award has not been announced as there is opportunity to increase the amount of the original proposal to accommodate the need of placing approximately four youth/month who are currently being detained due to lack of resources for placement. This topic will be discussed at both the next Community Supports and Supportive Housing Subcommittee meetings, where the project proposal originated.

B.) ABCGC Meeting

- The September and October meetings were cancelled. Next meeting is December 19.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting and Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
Next meeting: November 21, 2017 at 5:00 – 6:30, at the Family and Community Services Dept., 5th Floor Conference Room.
- **NOTE: The Subcommittee agreed to change future meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month to avoid conflict with scheduled Commissioner meetings.**

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