

# Minutes

## Supportive Housing Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
1 Civic Plaza, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

**Type of meeting:** 11th meeting: Discussion continued on the single site project to identify the target population.

**Members Present:** Robert Baade, Constance Banuelos, Ricki Bloom, Sister Agnes Kaczmarek, Lisa Huval, Jenifer Sena, Michelle Valencia-Stark

**Members Excused:**

**Staff Person Present:** Cathy Imburgia (via phone) and Katrina Hotrum

**Technical Advisors Present:** Laine Snow

**Meeting Observers:** Greg Morris, Executive Director, St. Martin's Hospitality Center (presenter)

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Robert Baade, Supportive Housing Subcommittee chair.

### Discussion to Approve Agenda

Agenda was amended to include a presentation by Greg Morris, Executive Director St. Martin's Hospitality Center/The Hope Center Community Mental Health Center

### Discussion to Approve Minutes

Minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting were approved as is.

### Key Items of Discussion

#### Old Business

##### A.) Steering Committee Update

- Katrina provided an update on what took place at the last Steering Committee meeting, on February 16. There were no new proposals to bring to the ABCGC meeting this month; and, the ABCGC meeting for February was cancelled.
- Topics discussed at the Steering Committee Meeting: 1) the subcommittee member renewal process (NOTE: All Housing Subcommittee members wish to continue and have now completed the forms.); 2) application process to solicit new members; and 3) development of a conflict of interest policy. Robert questioned if some members may be in conflict and Katrina responded that the policy will also include a statement on bias and how each situation is to be addressed.

##### B.) Subcommittee Projects Currently Underway

- It was reported that the projects currently in discussion by Subcommittee include: *Crisis Stabilization and Response Center*, by the Crisis Services Subcommittee; *Peer Support /Drop-in Services* by the Community

Supports Subcommittee; and *Awareness, Education and Training* by the Prevention, Intervention and Harm Reduction Subcommittee.

### C.) Other Business

- Robert asked if there was information to share regarding the “Tiny Houses” project and if it relates to the BHI initiative. Katrina noted that the target population has not been defined and she is in process of setting up meetings to learn more. Lisa added what she knows, noting: there have been community planning meeting; \$2 million in capital has been allocated for building the structures only; and that the Housing Coalition has concerns as the proposed project is not a *housing first* model.
- Robert also questions the status on the proposed site originally proposed by the City for single-site housing project. It was reported that the site in question is currently not under consideration.  
**NOTE:** At the March 20 City Council meeting, Council discussed and postponed until the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Resolution-17-168, to appropriate funds designated for a single-site option. The "banked" funds (\$2 million) are not attached to a specific property.
- Katrina discussed the potential to hold a focus group with service providers to better understand target populations, specific service/housing needs and potential barriers to obtaining needed services. The implementation of this idea is currently being explored through the Housing Small Working Group, an existing collaboration between the City and County. The subcommittee concurred with this approach and asked to be kept informed of plans and outcomes.
- In response to the question on the status of RFPs, Katrina reported the following:
  - **Mitigating Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs):** RFP is closed and is currently in review for selection
  - **Youth Transitional Living Single (PSH):** In process of being prepared for release in 2 weeks
  - **Community Connections Scattered Site (PSH):** Case management is being added and the target population is being further defined for contract negotiations to ensue with existing vendors
  - **Community Engagement Teams (CET) and Mobile Crisis Team (MCT):** To be released at the same time. The MCT RFP will most likely be a cooperative procurement.

### New Business

#### A.) St. Martin’s Presentation

- Greg Morris provided a presentation on the on St. Martin’s future plans for supportive housing, noting that a single-site concept is a priority strategy. He provided a handout of the existing property on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mountain to illustrate the opportunity to create a potential 50-unit single-site housing complex with behavioral health services nearby. Attachment 1 is the handout Greg provided. He noted the property owner is interested in selling in 2018 and that a tear-down to re-build from the ground up is being considered.
- St. Martin’s currently provides supportive housing in a scattered site, *housing first* model, with in-house Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) behavioral health teams, employment services and an outreach steam. Greg noted that there is 30-year history in which the target population is already familiar with coming for services. He wanted to share the vision to determine if there is potential interest for collaboration. He acknowledged

#### B.) Single-site Proposal Discussion

The group continued discussion of the Single Site Housing Project, regarding input to draft the proposal specifically on defining the target population. It was noted that the population for single site would need a

higher level of services, similar to ACT teams vs. case management. Following is the ACT criteria that Jennifer agreed to provide following the meeting:

### **Target Population**

The ACT model is indicated for adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses, which are psychiatric disorders that cause symptoms and impairments in basic mental and behavioral processes. These symptoms and impairments produce distress and major functional disability in adult role functioning (e.g., employment, self-care, and social and interpersonal relationships). Clients are not excluded from ACT services because of severity of illness, disruptiveness in the community or in the hospital, or failure to participate in or respond to traditional mental health services (e.g., outpatient therapy, day treatment). ACT clients may be voluntary or admitted under court commitment.

ACT services are intended primarily for individuals with psychiatric illnesses that are most severe and persistent, including the following psychiatric diagnoses from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 4th edition, of the American Psychiatric Association (DSM IV):

- Schizophrenia
- Other psychotic disorders (e.g., schizoaffective disorder)
- Bipolar disorder

### **ACT Admission Criteria**

The following admission criteria can serve as guidelines to help ensure that teams serve those in greatest need:

1. Clients with severe and persistent mental illness as listed in the diagnostic nomenclature (currently DSM IV) that seriously impair their functioning in community living. Priority is given to people with schizophrenia, other psychotic disorders (e.g., schizoaffective disorder), or bipolar disorder because these illnesses more often cause long-term psychiatric disability. (Individuals with a primary diagnosis of a substance use disorder or mental retardation are not appropriate clients.)
2. Clients with significant functional impairments as demonstrated by at least one of the following conditions:
  - Inability to consistently perform the range of practical daily living tasks required for basic adult functioning in the community (e.g., maintaining personal hygiene; meeting nutritional needs; caring for personal business affairs; obtaining medical, legal, and housing services; recognizing and avoiding common dangers or hazards to self and possessions) or persistent or recurrent failure to perform daily living tasks except with significant support or assistance from others such as friends, family, or relatives.
  - Inability to be consistently employed at a self-sustaining level or inability to consistently carry out homemaker roles (e.g., household meal preparation, washing clothes, budgeting, or child-care tasks and responsibilities).
  - Inability to maintain a safe living situation (e.g., repeated evictions or loss of housing).
3. Clients with one or more of the following problems, which are indicators of continuous high-service needs (i.e., greater than eight hours of service per month):
  - High use of acute psychiatric hospitals (e.g., two or more admissions per year) or psychiatric

emergency services

- Intractable (i.e., persistent or very recurrent), severe major symptoms (e.g., affective, psychotic, suicidal)
- Coexisting substance use disorder of significant duration (e.g., greater than six months)
- High risk or a recent history of criminal justice involvement (e.g., arrest and incarceration)
- Inability to meet basic survival needs or residing in substandard housing, homeless, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless
- Residing in an inpatient bed or in a supervised community residence, but clinically assessed to be able to live in a more independent living situation if intensive services are provided, or requiring a residential or institutional placement if more intensive services are not available
- Inability to participate in traditional office-based services.

This information in addition to input from the housing Working Group will be used to further create the problem statement, identify system linkages and define the target population.

#### Announcement

- Laine Snow announced that a *Housing Leadership Group Summit* is planned for April 5, 10 am – 4 pm at the Marriott, Journal Center Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. The purpose is to discuss goals/strategies of the 2018 Behavioral Health Collaborative’s Supportive Housing Strategic Plan. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-leadership-group-summit-tickets-32330281743?aff=es2>

**Public Comment:** None

#### Next Meeting and Adjourn

a) Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Next meeting:** April 6, 2017 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

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**NOTE: Meeting location change to City building, 5th Floor. Please plan to arrive 5 minutes early as the door locks at 5 p.m. sharp. Call Cathy at 302-420-6588 if you need assistance.**

