

Minutes

Revised Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2016

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

South Valley Family Health Commons

Type of meeting: 8th meeting: Joint Supportive Housing and Community Supports Subcommittee Meeting to discuss/approve Scattered Site Housing Model Proposal

Members Present: Robert Baade, Constance Banuelos, Ricki Bloom, Sister Agnes Kaczmarek, Lisa Huval Paul Hopkins, Kathy Finch, Nancy Jo Archer, Marcia Harris, Melissa Berry, Robin Connell, Ann Waldorf

Members Excused: Michelle Valencia-Stark, Jennifer Sena

Staff Person Present: Michael Robertson

Technical Advisors Present: Laine Snow for K. Meador, John Schoeppner

Meeting Observers: Don Frampton, Jeff Hertz, Tammi Campos, Kelley Lee

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Dr. Paul Hopkins, Community Supports Subcommittee chair. The two subcommittees met jointly on this occasion with Paul Hopkins facilitating.

Discussion to Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved by acclimation.

Discussion to Approve Minutes

Minutes from the October 4 were unanimously approved.

Key Items of Discussion

Old Business

Discussion of literature review of supportive housing: The group generally agreed that the review is helpful but raised questions about cost effectiveness of single site housing vs. scattered site housing, which was not clear in the review.

New Business

Discussion of Permanent Supportive Housing Proposal:

- The “proposal” developed by UNM-ISR targets scattered site housing only, but references both types of housing models. To clarify why the switch to a scattered site proposal, Dr. Guerin stated that the single site housing is not far enough along or defined adequately enough for a proposal at this time.
- Dr. Guerin noted that the jail BH population **is not** the proposed population for the scattered site housing and that the target population for scattered site will come from the community and UNMH.

- It was also explained that *Community Connections* is the umbrella City/County program overseeing populations coming into scattered site housing. Community Connections is not a direct service provider; but rather, the program that oversees the agencies contracted (through the RFP process) to provide housing and case management services. The Community Connections program currently oversees the housing/case management for individuals released from jail and will soon be expanded to include populations referred through UNMH and community providers.
- The subcommittees had many questions about the structure of overseeing the entire BHI process. Additionally, the group questioned the Community Connections program handling both populations (the jail-based and community-based populations) and found this fact to add to their confusion. They recommended that the previously approved jail diversion/housing program be re-named from Community Connections.
- Another area of concern expressed is how many people would be served in the Scattered Housing model proposed. The proposal noted 50-60 people would be served; members wanted 60-80 served and believed that the public would be upset spending so much money (\$1.2mil) on only 50+ individuals. It was explained that we should be speaking in terms of units, not individuals, as couples or families could be served with 50 or 60 units potentially serving multiple individuals.
- To address the concerns expressed on process and communications, Paul Hopkins suggested that the next joint meeting focus on how we are working together and how our part of the work fits into the whole. He also requested that experts come to talk about the process; and the structure of the RFP and proposal process. He also requested a summary of what projects have now been approved, along with budgetary commitments made so far.
- Paul Hopkins requested that a motion be made to accept the proposal. A motion was made by Nancy Jo Archer to support the proposal for \$1.2 million for scattered site supportive housing to provide a minimum of 55 units of housing and supportive services.
- Motion passed with only 1 vote opposed.

Public Comment

Dan Frampton, Social Worker at RFK School, presented a draft of a chart discussed at the BHI Steering Committee Meeting that presents the local BH system. He distributed black and white copies of the draft document to review. He also distributed a flyer for an upcoming community meeting on November 13 hosted by Albuquerque Interfaith to discuss Albuquerque's behavioral health situation.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Next meeting: December 7, 2016 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., at 1 Civic Plaza 9th Floor Committee Room

