

Minutes

Supportive Housing Subcommittee

August 31, 2016

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

1 Civic Center, 9th Floor Conference Room

Type of meeting: 4th meeting: Youth Transitional Housing Proposal Review

Members Present: Robert Baade, Ricki Bloom, Sister Agnes Kaczmarek, Michelle Valencia-Stark, Jennifer Sena, Heidi Jordan (by phone)

Members Excused:

Staff Person Present: Michael Robertson and Cathy Imburgia (by phone)

Technical Advisors Present: Betty Valdez, Louella Arellano, Laine Snow for K. Meador

Meeting Observers: Katrina Hotrum (presented)

Call to Order

As this was a joint meeting, the meeting was called to order at 5:05 by Dr. Paul Hopkins, Community Supports Subcommittee chair, and seconded by Betty Valdez. It was announced that Robert Baade is the new chair of the Supportive Housing Committee and that Betty will remain on the committee as a technical advisor.

Discussion to Approve Agenda

Agenda approved by acclamation.

Discussion to Approve Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting moved to be approved by John Schreppner and seconded by Kathy Finch.

Key Items of Discussion

- Katrina Hotrum provided an update on the BHI Steering Committee, a body made up of subcommittee chairs and staff from the Small Task Force core group. The Steering Committee approved the Community Connections proposal with an additional amendment to require an evaluation of the proposed program in 2017. The evaluation would be of the service program and contracted agency. Any changes as a result of the evaluation would leave vouchers intact and clients would not lose housing. Sister Agnes recommended a point in time data update. The subcommittee agreed that this would be helpful and should be included in the final RFP. Additionally, the UNM ISR contract for BHI data collection and evaluation services was approved by the Steering Committee. Both the Community Connections proposal and UNM ISR contract recommendations were later passed by the ABCGC.

- Under new business, Katrina Hotrum presented the draft proposal for Adolescent Transitional Living and briefly discussed issues of the targeted population(s) to be served, which is drawn from the CPI and City-County BH Task Force reports. The final proposal is to fund not just transitional housing but to include tailored services for the particular youth population served. Nancy Jo Archer provided background for the kinds of youth populations that need to be served and the types of services needed for different populations.
- Public comment was allowed early so that presentations by relevant agencies could be made prior to the subcommittees' discussion of the proposal. Three agencies servicing vulnerable adolescents were: Life Quest; Casa Q; and New Day. Following the comments, Dr. Ann Waldorf suggested that a common definition of youth transitional services be included in the proposal and the definition should be drawn from the ISR literature review.
- Dr. Paul Hopkins suggested that the joint committees work on fleshing out the proposal in the present meeting and provide results to Katrina and the Small Task Force members to reconstruct, refine and bring back to the next subcommittee meeting, allowing a joint subcommittees vote before the next Steering Committee meeting, scheduled for Thursday, September 15.
- Additional discussion included:
 - Vern Westerberg wanted to know how proposed projects would fit into a larger behavioral health systems picture. Others of the group agreed, including Paul Hopkins who suggested that the CPI plan be reviewed, especially noting the priorities recommended.
 - After a suggestion that the proposal include more behavioral health language and criteria—so that it would not sound more like a homeless housing program—the group confirmed this need in the proposal. It was concluded that the services developed from the proposal should specifically meet the needs of adolescents with a primary diagnosis of a behavioral health problem(s). The purpose of the services is not to provide intensive treatment; which should be left to treatment services and facilities but to directly assist youth in obtaining the services they need.
 - At the end of the meeting, the joint subcommittees group members voted to recommend \$600,000 for two general groups of adolescents: 14-17 year olds, and 18-24 year olds, noting that the younger adolescents likely will need increased supervision and the break out of funding in the proposal should reflect that.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next meeting: September 14 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., at 1 Civic Plaza – 7th Floor, Room 7096.

- At 6:35 pm, Sister Agnes Kaczmarek moved that the meeting be adjourned.
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