

Minutes

Supportive Housing Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2017

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

1 Civic Plaza, 9th Floor Conference Room

Type of meeting: 10th meeting: Begin discussion on the single site project per the newly developed proposal template.

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

Members Excused:

Staff Person Present: Michael Robertson

Technical Advisors Present: Laine Snow (presenter) and Kelly Lee

Meeting Observers: Katrina Hotrum (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 approved; proposed by Lisa Huval & seconded by Sister Agnes Kaczmarek.

Discussion to Approve Minutes

Minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting were approved; proposed by Lisa Huval & seconded by Sister Agnes Kaczmarek.

Key Items of Discussion

Old Business

A.) Reorientation training review

- Complaints were made about using the word "mandatory" to subcommittee members about attending the training. Comments were made that the training was planned well but the attendance requirement was off-putting.
- A complaint was made that the time scheduled for the training was inconvenient to some who had to work around their employment schedule

B.) ABCGC meeting update

- Recently elected County Commissioner Michael Quesada is the new Chair of the ABCGC and City Councilor Ike Benton is the new Vice Chair. Commissioner Maggie Hart-Stebbins is joining the ABCGC as a County Commission representative.
- There is approximately \$7 million remaining of the BHI funds.

- Robert Baade raised a concern about Councilor Pena's comments that some of the BHI funds might need to be used to shore up potential losses from State behavioral health fund, including Medicaid funding. This was viewed as supplanting potential lost funding. He recommended that the Steering Committee should be aware of this issue.

New Business

- Mike Robertson provided an update on the City's activities concerning the proposed single-site housing. The City Council is being encouraged, and is expected, to hold funds designated for a single-site option in a "land bank." The "banked" funds (\$2 million) are not projected to be attached to a specific property at this time.
- Presentations on Needed Services Identified were presented by Laine Snow and Ricki Bloom:
 - Laine Snow presented a brief on Supportive Housing Single Site Model that articulate supportive housing basics, Housing First model, a services menu, and important considerations on property selection
 - Ricki Bloom presented information about the target population of seriously mentally ill (SMI) persons and the factors that should be kept in mind when considering a single site project to adequately meet the living situation needs of this population. Based on her previous long experience working with SMI individuals in a single site housing complex, she encouraged a realistic discussion of issues that a single site project should address.
- Katrina Hotrum provided an overview on the Denver Single Site Project and the 3 models the city/county team recently visited.
 - The group discussed needing more information on the following: Rental agreements; Rules activities, and Communication between the management company and the service provider. Katrina will reach out to Nolin to see what information he can gather/provide.
 - Members asked Katrina to provide web links to those sites so that members could view them more closely. An email was sent by Kelly Lee on February 6 that included the following links:
 - Colorado Coalition for the Homeless: http://www.coloradocoalition.org/what_we_do/what_we_do_housing.aspx
 - CSH: <http://www.csh.org/about-csh/working-at-csh/>
 - Discussion boiled down to "How many units do we want to start with an to have an estimate of costs. Katrina suggestion that we focus on single occupancy dwellings.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting: March 2, 2017 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., at 1 Civic Plaza 9th Floor Committee Room

