

Minutes

Supportive Housing Subcommittee

October 12, 2016

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

UNM Domenici Center Auditorium

Type of meeting: 7th meeting: Single Site Housing Model
Discussion Continued

Members Present: Robert Baade, Constance Banuelos, Ricki Bloom, Sister Agnes Kaczmarek, Jennifer Sena, Lisa Huval

Members Excused: Michelle Valencia-Stark

Staff Person Present: Michael Robertson

Technical Advisors Present: Laine Snow for K. Meador

Meeting Observers: Presenters from the Community (Noted in minutes)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:35 by Robert Bade, Supportive Housing Subcommittee chair. The two subcommittees met jointly with Robert Bade facilitating.

Discussion to Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved.

Discussion to Approve Minutes

Minutes from the October 4 were unanimously approved.

Key Items of Discussion

Old Business

Single Site Housing Model Discussion

- In order to better understand the types of clients that may benefit by a single site housing model, Jennifer Sena profiled 5 examples from current caseloads attained from ACT Clinical Managers.
- Benefits of the single site model that Jennifer cited include: improved socialization; enhanced help for independent living regarding medicine monitoring, hygiene, nutrition, finances, laundry, etc.; removal from harmful living situations and bad influences; and prevention from others taking advantage of and/or staying with individuals. She added that some of the individuals may have lived in scattered site housing but for various reasons have not been successful living independently.
- Anita Cordova from ABQ Health Care and Lisa Huval provided additional insight on the Housing First criteria and discussions on services that may be needed. Lisa noted that data is available through the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness to further assist in understanding vulnerabilities and needs of individuals as well as other demographics. It was also noted that the placement of individuals into housing is voluntary.

- Questions raised throughout the discussion included: who might qualify for single site housing; what services would be made available onsite; how can community be integrated into the single site model.
- The community presentations concluded with Marilyn Stoops who share a concept she has been proposing in Valencia County — a therapeutic farm housing model for individuals over 18 years old diagnosed with a mental illness. The transitional residence model includes working the farm for 6 hours per day, with the residential therapy model consisting of a 6 to 18 month time period.

New Business

- Katrina Hotrum noted that additional work and more time is needed to further define the single site housing model proposal. Therefore, she proposed that the subcommittees review a scattered site housing model proposal at its next meeting.
- Paul Hopkins moved that the subcommittees place review of the scattered site housing model proposal on the agenda for the next scheduled joint subcommittee meeting. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Next meeting: November 2, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the South Valley Family Health Commons

Room: Classroom

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