



## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY COMMISSION

**Unadopted Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**  
**225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 100**  
**San Mateo**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Edmund Bridges, Judy Schutzman, Rocio Cornejo, Patricia Way, Betty Savin, Wanda Thompson, Rodney Roddewig, Josephine Thompson, Kelly Liang, Patrisha Ragins

**STAFF:** Randy Torrijos, Steve Kaplan, Chantae Rochester, Jei Africa, Colin Hart, Paul Sorbo, Karen Krahn, Diane Tom, Maria Lorente-Foresti, Laura Martinez

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Debra Yammaguchi, Carol Marble, Roxanne

**OTHERS PRESENT (signed in):** Doris Brown, Terry Kurtz, Pat Miller, Bruce Adams, Julian Fuergringer, Albert Pignataro, Joshua Hugg, Helen Zimmerman, Mark and Dorothy Christian, Carmen Lee, Michael Lim, Kira Luis, Darryl Stubblefield, Lauren Szyper, Ken Cole, Erica Perez, Karen Gianuaru, Elizabeth Peters, Nora Perez, Maria Anguiano, Marie Adorable, King Cheug Cheung, Marilyn Pearson, Sapna Patel

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

### **APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA**

► **M/S/C** Way/Schutzman

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of minutes from the February 3, 2016 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission Meeting:

► **M/S/C** Ragins/Thompson

Approval of minutes from the February 16, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting

► **M/S/C** Ragins/Thompson

### **Program Presentation**

Housing

Presented by Ken Cole, Director, Department of Housing

Projects funded through the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)

- AHF 1.0 2013 - \$13.4 million, 6 multifamily developments, 4 shelters

- AHF 2.0 2014 - \$5 million, 3 multifamily developments, 1 ownership project, Agricultural Workforce Housing Program
- AHF 3.0 2015 - \$5.4 million, 5 multifamily developments, 1 multifamily acquisition/rehab demonstration project
- AHF 4.0 2016 - \$9.66 million – spring/summer

#### Development Projects

- Willow Veterans Housing, 60 units
- Foster Square Senior Housing, 66 units
- 6800 Mission, 52 units
- University Avenue Sr. Housing, 41 units
- Waverly Place, 15 units
- Sequoia Belle Haven Sr. Housing, 90 units
- Rotary Miller Avenue Sr. Housing, 91 units
- Jefferson Avenue, 20 units
- St. Leo's Apartments, 15 units
- Colma Veterans Housing, 70 units, Spring 2017
- Gateway Phase II, 65 units, Winter 2017

#### Shelter Projects

- Family Crossroads – 15 units
- Maple Street Shelter – 65 additional beds
- Samaritan House
- Project WeHOPE

#### Questions/Comments

Q: Can a person who lives in a project based unit apply for a voucher?

A: Yes, after a year of staying in the unit you can put your name in to get a portable voucher. You just have to wait until one becomes available. Getting a voucher through a project based building accelerates your chances of getting a portable voucher.

**Tip:** If you are in need of housing go to our website and get familiar with the nonprofit community and different groups that have built and managed affordable housing and learn about their units and get yourself or your loved one on those list. Every wait list you can get on increases your chances that a unit will open up and you can get something affordable.

Q: What is the source of funding for you other than the federal government paying for vouchers?

A: The big engine for the physical developing of housing is the tax credit program. It is a decision by Congress to allow the IRS to create special tax codes for investors to lower their tax bill. The investors do not earn interest on this money, but those dollars will lower your tax to the federal government. Those dollars are given to non-profit developers to pay for the construction of buildings.

Q: Are all waitlist currently closed?

A: Yes, they are closed. As we get more project based vouchers, those will open up.

Q: I live in a community that has put hundreds of units online, none of which are affordable, and they are looking for more development near the Millbrae Bart Station and

no one has on the for affordable housing. How do we be a voice in our community to make a difference?

A: I agree with you and others that we will not build our way of this. We can't afford to build affordable housing, but there has to be change.

1. Keep pushing for inclusionary housing in rentals. That means when a developer gets the approval to build that nice new building for high end incomes that they have to put 5-15% of affordable units. The high end units pay for the subsidy on the low end.
2. Rent control

## **Old Business**

### **MHSA Update**

Reported by Colin Hart

There are two new MHSA Innovations Projects Guidelines that will require to be submitted for 30 day public comment before they can go to the State Oversight and Accountability Commission. Because of this new requirement we decided to submit both the Annual Update and the Innovations Plans for the Board of Supervisors approval.

This past November we opened the public comment period for the MHSA Annual Update and it closed this past December. What we ask is that the Commission opens the 30 day public comment period for the Innovations Projects. Currently there are three of the five innovations projects that will be included in this round. The three projects are:

1. NMT Expansion to Adults
2. Health Ambassador Program for Youth
3. LGBTQ Coordinated Services

## **New Business**

**Action Item:** *Vote to open 30 day public comment period for the Mental Health Services Act Innovations Project Plans*

► **M/S/C** Schutzman/Thompson, passed unanimously

## **Correspondence, Announcements, and Public Comment**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **A. Committee for Older Adults**

**Judy Schutzman reported**

1. Minutes attached.
2. Next meeting will be held on April 6, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

#### **B. Committee for Adults**

**Josephine Thompson reported**

1. Minutes attached.
2. Next meeting will be held on April 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.  
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Room 209, San Mateo

#### **C. Committee for Children & Youth**

**Reported by Betty Savin**

1. Minutes attached

2. Next meeting will be held on April 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.  
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, conference room 201, San Mateo

## **YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### Deputy Director of Adult Services

I am pleased to announce we have our new Deputy Director for Adult and Older Adult Services, Karen Krahn. Karen comes to us from Hawaii; she spent the past 12 years working for the State of Hawaii. Hawaii has a state system, not a county system for service delivery. Karen was involved in many facets of behavioral health services and she was also involved in the private sector around behavioral health services and managed care. She'll get involved with the adult committee and will be interacting with the Commission.

#### Crisis Residential Program

The planning for the Crisis Residential Program is moving ahead. We have finished the construction documents. Right now we are looking at October/November opening. We have submitted for a grant to help offset some of the cost of renovations.

#### Cordilleras

The rebuilding of Cordilleras is on schedule as well. We are going to move very quickly in the next two weeks to open up the process to eventually select the design build team and then we'll begin to move into the actual construction. As of now our timeframe has not changed. Our hope is that residents will move into the new facility towards the end of 2018 and the entire project will be completed in 2020. We will be able to add 20 beds to the facility, 15 of those beds will be in the mental health rehab centers which is the locked facility and then we'll add some more beds to the adult residential facility which is unlocked.

#### Drug Medi-Cal

We are waiting approval from the state on our plan. The next step is to see and get the contract from the Department of Healthcare Services to take to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Then we have contracts that we have to execute with our providers. Hopefully the change in the delivery system will occur in the summer.

#### Funding for Children's Services

Last month at the end of the meeting a gentleman spoke about some additional funding for children's services and he urged the Board of Supervisors to apply for those funds. I want to correct something that he said. There's a lot of working going on at the state level and ultimately at the county level to ensure that children who are eligible for medi-cal have full access to a broad range of therapeutic and support services. There will be an increase in funding through realignment. The county will not be applying for new money. The county will receive new money based upon how much the state collects and a predetermined percentage of what each county receives.

#### Laura's Law

As you know Terry Wilcox-Rittgers is the manager for Laura's Law and he is in the process of hiring his team. We just released the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Full Service Partnership (FSP) part of the program. It is likely that we will start receiving referrals for clients to be assessed in the early part of the summer. The team itself will be in place

before then with the intent of doing outreach. We will connect them to NAMI and law enforcement and other providers so everyone is clear about who is eligible for Laura's Law and who isn't eligible and what the process is for the program. Ideally we want to keep people out of the court system, we want to help engage people so they will accept services voluntarily.

#### Industrial Hotel

Telecare has a master lease for the Industrial Hotel in South San Francisco, which is a 100 year old hotel that is now showing its age. The Board of Supervisors did give Measure A funds to do some renovations of the hotel which is happening now. That is a short term gap to make the living accommodations better. The BOS also gave the city of SSF money to conduct a feasibility study about the possibility of creating an alternative to the Industrial Hotel. They've hired a group to work on the project so the first phase is to see if there are any suitable properties that might be available to build new residential quarters that would be in lieu of the hotel. We are long way off from knowing if it is actually feasible both from finding a site and financing any new construction.

#### Shasta Clinic

We opened our new clinic, Shasta Clinic located in Redwood City. The youth staff that were located in the clinic on Brewster have moved into the new clinic. We now have a dedicated clinic for children, youth and family.

#### **Liaison, Task Force and Ad Hoc Committees:**

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Next MHSARC Meeting:**

April 6, 2016 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Health Services Building  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 100, San Mateo

#### **Next Executive Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 3:30 p.m.  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BHRS Conference Room  
San Mateo, or Conference Call

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