

CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

OCTOBER 4TH, 2016, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Approve Minutes (Action Item)
3. Homeless Awareness Month Planning
4. Council on Homelessness Seat Vacancies
5. Committee Updates
6. Zero:2016 Updates
7. Health Care for the Homeless/ Consumer Advisory Board Update
8. MFAC Update
9. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities
10. Nuts & Bolts
11. Pin it



2. APPROVE MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

Gabriel Lemus, Council Chair

Review and adoption of minutes from the August 30th
Council meeting.



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3. HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING

Lavonna Martin, Chief, Homeless Program

Planning for November Community Forum & talking points for City Council visits.



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NOVEMBER COMMUNITY FORUM

- Zero:2016 Communications Committee exploring idea of Community Forum in November.
- Goal: To create awareness around homelessness.
- For discussion: possible topics?



CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

- Council Members to give presentations before City Council and Board of Supervisors.
- Homeless services will help to script/schedule, and Chair and Vice-Chair to do introductions.
- Looking to schedule presentations for early November.



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4. COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS SEAT VACANCIES

Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager,
Homeless Services

Update on Council vacancies.



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SEAT VACANCIES

The following seats are still open:

- Behavioral Health Representative
- Community Member Seat #3
- Consumer/Consumer Advocate
- Government Seat #1
- Health Care Representative

To apply, visit: <http://cchealth.org/homeless/council/pdf/Board-Recruitment.pdf>



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5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager,
Homeless Services

Standing Item. Updates on:

Coordinated Entry

Moving On Program



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CONTRA COSTA COORDINATED ENTRY PROJECT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- First Round of Awards Announced in September:
 - Concord CARE Center & Warming Center – Anka
 - Richmond CARE Center – Anka
 - Walnut Creek CARE Center – Trinity Center
 - Concord CARE Capable Center – Monument Crisis
 - Nighttime CORE Outreach Team – Anka
 - Telephone Prevention & Diversion Assessment & Referral – Contra Costa Crisis Center
 - Housing Navigation Services - CCIH



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CONTRA COSTA COORDINATED ENTRY PROJECT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- Grantees met September 29th to begin to develop partnerships
- Grantees and other HUD funded partners will attend Coordinated Entry Kickoff Meeting in October to develop implementation plan
- Goal is to fully launch Coordinated Entry system in January 2017



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MOVING ON PROGRAM

- HACCC Administrative Plan homeless preference to graduate PSH families to Housing Choice Vouchers using the Coordinated Entry System
- PSH programs identified and assessed eligible PSH clients in September
- Pilot Protocol for identification and assessment will be released soon to the community
- Initial target: 50 vouchers



6. ZERO: 2016 UPDATE

Jennifer Baha, Zero: 2016 Coordinator, Homeless Services

Standing Item. Update regarding progress on Zero:2016 campaign, including Action Camp.



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7. HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS/ CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Linnae Young, Health Care for the Homeless

Standing Item. Update on HCH program developments.



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8. MFAC UPDATE

Doug Leich, Multi-faith ACTION Coalition

Standing Item. Updates on Multi-faith ACTION Coalition.



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9. POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

Tara Ozes, HomeBase

Standing Item. Updates on Concord Naval Weapons Station, Federal Policy, Legislation.



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CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION

- CNWS Homeless Collaborative met September 21st in a joint meeting with the EBHO Concord Committee
- Hiring by Lennar – Rachel Flynn, Director of Planning and Building in Oakland, to oversee planning and entitlement of the Concord Naval Weapons Stations.
- Pursuing integrated homeless housing through research and discussions



CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION

- September 13th Concord City Council Meeting:
 - Approved selection process and schedule for appointment of members to the Community Advisory Committee for the Development Phase One Property of the Community Reuse Project.
 - Application were due September 26th; screening by Council, interviews by Local Reuse Authority, and appointments in November



FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE - VETERANS

- New Bills Highlighting Veterans:
 - Keeping the commitment to ending Veteran homelessness in 2017 (S.3249).
 - Prioritizing the provision of services to Veterans with children in reintegration programs (H.R.5407).



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FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

- New Bills Fighting Housing Discrimination:
 - *Fair Housing For Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors Act of 2016 (S.3164).*
 - *Landlord Accountability Act of 2016 (H.R. 5401):* would prohibit discriminating against holders of Section 8 vouchers.



FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE – SSA AME DEFINITION

- Social Security Administration (SSA) published notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to change definition of “Acceptable Medical Evidence” on September 9th.
- Considering adding Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and possibly Physician Assistants (PAs), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists (LMFTs) as Acceptable Medical Sources.



FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE – SSA AME DEFINITION

- Changes reflect current trends for how most people are receiving care – especially low-income & homeless individuals.
- SSA also proposes it will not longer give “controlling weight” to prior administrative medical findings – less reliance on *source* of opinion, and more on *content*.
 - Effect: Will reduce wait-time for SSI/SSDI applicants; applicants experiencing homelessness will be connected with benefits more quickly & reliably.



FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE – SSA AME DEFINITION

Opportunity for Public Comment:

- November 8th: Deadline to submit comments.
 - Possible comments will advocate:
 - Inclusion of PAs, LCSWs, and LMFTs;
 - Clearer definitions of other Acceptable Medical Sources in the Rule.
- Potential Future Action Item - HomeBase to circulate Comment Letter to Council for review and endorsement at November 3rd meeting.



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10. NUTS & BOLTS

Standing Item: Community Announcements



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11. PIN IT

Standing Item: Future items of discussion and scheduling to be considered.



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