

Shelter Provider Network, February 8, 2006

Attending:

Nancy Noel, CSA Mountain View; Charlotte Pizzo, Belen Garcia-Aceves, InnVision; Arlette Musallam, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center; Rita Castro-Hawkins, Family Supportive Housing; Michelle Ogburn, Community Technology Alliance; Linda Jones, Ginny Flugler, Alyssa Yaklin, EHCLifeBuilders; Margaret Gregg, County Office of Affordable Housing; Alison Dougherty, Santa Clara Adult Education; Cedric Anderson, Unity Care Group; Steven Nordseth, Christine Grant, Bill Wilson Center

Introductions/Announcements:

- Nancy – Alpha Omega – Closing 3/10
- Charlotte – Use of Georgia Travis is very low. Have openings in Emergency, Families. Looking into ways to get the word out about availability.
- Arlette - Silicon Valley Living Center, Medicare Part D Workshop, 2/21, 1-2:30
- Rita, SJFS, Have openings. Generational and chronic homeless families are their main clients at this time.
- Christine Grant, BWC – leaving drop in center. Moving back East.
- Linda Jones – EHC , Armories are pretty much full.
- Margaret Gregg – no announcements. McKinney grant still not out.
- Alison Dougherty – SCAE, highest enrollment in school since she has been there. Interviewing Skills class three days a week. Very busy. A bit overwhelming, but looking at a ways to manage. Many are not currently employable. Other issues entering into situations.

Last months minutes were approved without comment.

Training – Alison

February – Crisis Intervention, 2/9. still room available, Lorraine Flores, BWC
March – Client Centered Case management, Leah Gronlund & Alison Dougherty
April – Time Mangement, Lisa Franklin, Gavilan College
May – Part 2 Client Centered Case Management – Mistake free job finding. Overcoming obstacles.
June – CPR

HMIS Update & discussion

User Group – 2/10, ways to use HMIS to get the information you need
Tech Committee – 2/8, Discussing data quality and how HMIS may be used as a CDBG Effort – Meeting with coordinators on 2/9 to discuss ways to streamline reporting to CDBG Grantors. Line up reporting requests with information that is available from HMIS.

Shelter Review Committee

Unity Care review is complete
Community Inns is next up in March
Waiting to hear back from EHC about scheduling next review.

Finance Report

January 21st Homeless Sweep.

Two people from InnVision went. They got 4 people into shelter as a result. The city of San Jose is now required to get a certain number of people into shelter as a result of the sweep.

Trying to build a connection. Brought food. Next time bringing toiletries. Mostly seen adult men on the sweeps. Lots of mentally ill. Charlotte has only been twice. Linda will go out with Tracy Glover on the 18th. Probably doing the tracks.

Discussion about the possibility of having a homeless encampment. Politically unlikely. Recommend the documentary "Dark Days."

Tracy Glover is the contact for the sweeps. Steve mentioned Tracy has said there are liability issues. Linda will talk with Tracy to clarify requirements. Steve has been doing a lot of work in the encampments.

Other Old Business-

78-year-old woman featured in Merc. InnVision tried several times to contact her about 2 weeks ahead of the article, but never got a response. Ginny encountered them and there was no mention of a need for housing. The woman had a pet.

Anne Ehresman is wrote a letter to the editor in response to the Mercury New article. Others are encouraged to do so.

New Business

Project Outreach Connect. Monday, 2/13 at Gilroy Armory. Need Intake and Escort volunteers.

Collab Steering Committee:

Will discuss McKinney Vento funding
Presentation about Health Realization programs

Small Mall – Site for in-kind donations. Distribution center. Case managers and shelter workers can go there and "shop" for resources. They no longer do clothing. Bedding, household items, diapers, kids stuff. Need a place with space for furniture and appliances. Would like to plant seed to start a centralized collaborative warehouse. Attempting to not duplicate effort.

Next Meeting: Networking Meeting, bring a friend, bring information about your services

Family Supportive Housing
1590 Las Plumas
March 8
9:30-11:00