CITY OF REDDING/COUNTY OF SHASTA HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE

MINUTES OF

March 19, 2007

Members in Attendance:

Amber Asaro, Shasta County Mental Health

Linda Barba, Shasta County Department of Social Services

Gloria Boston, Redding VA Clinic Melinda Brown, People of Progress

Lydia Buckley, City of Redding Housing Division Anna Dahlquist, Legal Services of Northern California

Mark Endraske, Simpson University

Lisa Goza, Shasta County Independent Living Center

Dave Honey, Good News Rescue Mission Angela Jones, Shasta County Women's Refuge

Mark Keys, Community Citizen

Rick KinCannon, Good News Rescue Mission Richard Kuhns, Shasta County Housing Authority Maegan Lokleff, Shasta County Women's Refuge Arlin Markham, Shasta County Sheriff's Office Laura McDuffy, Shasta County Health Department

Don Meek, Redding/Shasta County Homeless Continuum of Care Denise Morey, Shasta Treatment Center - Comm. Safety Net Plus

Danette Pacheco, Bridges to Community

Linda Parks, Shasta County Department of Social Services

Bill Price, PACT

Faydra Rector-Sargent, Bridges to Community John Severson, Redding Police Department

Eric Sharrock, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service

Chris Solberg, Redding Loaves and Fishes Therese Standridge, Juniper Academy Monique Taylor, FaithWorks/Francis Court

Sandra Van Larson, Independent Living Services of Northern California

Steve Ware, Redding Police Department

Guests in Attendance:

Cindy Coldwell, First United Methodist Church

Ken and Dorothy Edwards, First United Methodist Church

Maggie Trevelyar, National University

Introductions

• The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. and introductions by members and guests present were made.

Announcements

- Monique Taylor, who is the case manager for Francis Court Transitional Housing, will provide an overview of FaithWorks progress over the past year at our April meeting.
- It was also noted that Betty Franco, our colleague from the Shasta County Health Department is seriously ill and being cared for at Shasta Regional Medical Center. Laura McDuffy, her supervisor, stated that Betty is gravely ill in the intensive care unit and visiting is limited to immediate family at this time. A card was circulated for signatures and given to Laura to forward to Betty. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Additions to the Agenda

• There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

• The Minutes for February 20, 2007 monthly meeting were approved after a minor identification change was noted by Don Meek.

<u>Presentation by Jerry Shearman of the Shasta County Office of Emergency Services relative to Extreme Weather Preparedness Planning</u>

- Jerry gave an overview of the Emergency Services system currently in place. He noted that there is no specific written plan for extreme weather conditions, however, his office does coordinate with the California State Governor's Office and federal authorities. For extreme cold or heat conditions, his office contacts the Good News Rescue Mission (GNRM) to confirm that they have adequate bed space to accommodate the projected increase. At that time, policy restrictions are lifted so that all persons are able to stay at the emergency shelter. Should there not be enough space to accommodate everyone, the Office of Emergency Services will open the Fair Grounds in Anderson for use. This has not taken place to date.
- In conjunction with the presentation, Dave Honey from GNRM gave an overview of the shelter's operation and constraints. He noted that it is sometimes difficult to accommodate all persons based on their family character or disposition. There was specific discussion regarding mixing sex offenders and single parent-families (i.e., female with opposite sex, older male child). Dave stated that the GNRM is acutely aware of these situations and takes the necessary actions to protect all clients. He also noted that they do not shelter sexual offenders with violent histories. Both he and Melinda Brown also noted that funding is available to accommodate families via motel vouchers from People of Progress and Shasta

County Mental Health. With future improvements for additional space at the GNRM imminent, it will become easier to accommodate more clients when extreme weather takes place.

- During questions and answers, it seemed apparent that a better notification/communication system was needed, not only to announce the alert to the unsheltered homeless but the general public as well. Jerry agreed and will work with the CoC Council via our email distribution list as part of the press release process.
- As a final note, Dave Honey offered and received a strong response from attendees to share lunch and a tour of their facility. This will give all CoC members a better understanding of the shelter and its programs and operations.

Presentation by Sybil Ellery regarding education for homeless children

• There was no presentation made due to a scheduling problem. Sybil has agreed to present at our April meeting.

Review and Adoption of CoC Code of Conduct document

- The Code of Conduct draft document was last reviewed by the Council in April of 2006 as part of the preparation process for our annual plan. The document is being brought back to the Council for final review and approval and will be incorporated into the Community Resource Guide being prepared by the Housing, Health and Supportive Services subcommittee.
- Don Meek pointed out that a significant portion of the document has been redlined for removal as it relates to employees, volunteers and paid staff (non of which the CoC Council has). It appeared that the majority of Council members were agreeable to remove these sections, however, some language change was necessary (including revision of the Guiding Principles). There was also discussion on a section that dealt with confidentiality. Many members believed that it was not necessary because the general membership does not deal with such issues in its public meeting forum. In separate programmatic meetings for specific organizations, confidentiality is dealt with at that level.
- It was decided that Don Meek would (1) complete the agreed upon deleted sections; (2) revise the Guiding Principles to exclude "Pro-Choice/Pro-Life" language and address at-risk populations; and (3) receive input from members regarding the confidentiality section and revise/delete accordingly. The revised document will be presented to the Council at its April meeting for final approval.

Status of CoC Business Items

- Housing, Health & Supportive Services: Lydia Buckley reaffirmed the award of funds to NVCSS through the 2006 Homeless Assistance National Competition and also reminded members of the public meeting on Monday, March 26 in the Community Room at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The meeting will incorporate a presentation about homelessness in Shasta County, questions and answers from the public, and a priority setting session relative to the 2007 NOFA process for funding of local projects. She also noted that the subcommittee will be moving forward with the Resource Guide which will incorporate the Code of Conduct, a members roster, and a description of services from each provider. The information from the manual will be shared with People of Progress in their efforts to produce a similar document for the community-at-large.
- Public Safety: Bill Price summarized actions in the previous hours' meeting through the Public Safety Subcommittee. He noted that the group reviewed the major service gaps in the re-entry process for ex-offenders. The top three issues focused on housing, identification and transportation. There was also discussion regarding homeless camping issues. Over the last month Don Meek and Lieutenant John Severson have researched procedures and experiences in other communities. The RPD has completed a written protocol, but are in the process of having it reviewed by management. Discussion in the group targeted methods to assure return of belongings to homeless campers who have abandoned their camp for various reasons. Eric Sharrock of NVCSS gave an informative description of the outreach efforts to homeless camps involving himself, Steve Ware of the RPD, Cyndi Hoag of the GNRM, and others. He and Lt. Severson noted that only one person has been cited to date relative to the no camping ordinance and the vast majority of known camp areas being cleaned up are not fit for habitation.
- <u>HMIS/Education</u>: Melinda Brown noted that annual and Point-in-Time (PIT) survey information is complete. Highlight information was passed out to all members and is also available on our website. It was also noted that a survey training session is set for Monday, April 23rd in the Boggs Building at the Department of Social Services at 2460 Breslauer Lane from 11:00 a.m. until noon. The focus is to review the survey document and train front line staff in how to more efficiently complete the form. A notice will be sent out to all survey participant organizations.

Roundtable

Angela Jones of the Shasta County Women's Refuge passed out flyers announcing the 12th annual Take Back the Day - Take Back the Night Event on Wednesday, April 25 at the Redding City Hall.

<u>Adjourn</u>

• There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Caldwell Conference Room at City Hall.

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