MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MURAL ROOM

THURSDAY MARCH 15, 2012 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kennedy at 4:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Anh, Deloof, Gallagher, Harvey, Jaramillo, Jennings, Johnson, Keller, Kennedy, Mazzenga, McGowan, McInerney, Mugrditchian, Serbin, Thomas

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Zelinka, Captain Bastreri, Housing Programs Supervisor Morad, Executive Assistant Pasillas

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting were APPROVED as written.

INTRODUCTIONS

Not done.

DISCUSS, REFINE, AND APPROVE TASK FORCE WORKING DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Changes to the draft recommendations were made as follows:

A. Emergency Shelter

1. Year-Round Shelter: Collaborate with the County of Orange, surrounding cities, and service providers to identify and secure a site to create a regional year-round multi-service center that includes a low threshold emergency shelter for the homeless that is accessible to Fullerton residents.

B. Information | Education | Advocacy

2. Census and Needs Assessment of Homeless: Direct City staff to work with Mercy House and/or other organizations to conduct a census and needs assessment of Fullerton's homeless population.

3. Information Accessibility: Direct City staff to identify specific opportunities to effectively disseminate useful information to the mentally ill homeless (e.g. bulletin boards, kiosks, website, etc.).

4. Support for Information Accessibility: Support efforts to disseminate useful information to the mentally ill homeless through financial assistance, in-kind services, referrals, etc.

C. Severely Mentally Ill Resistant to Treatment

5. Laura's Law: Prepare and submit a letter from the Fullerton City Council to the Orange County Board of Supervisors supporting the implementation of Laura's Law or alternative that achieves the objectives of Laura's Law.

D. Permanent Supportive Housing

6. Permanent Supportive Housing: Work with the County of Orange to identify and acquire land in Fullerton for a permanent supportive housing development to serve the mentally ill homeless (e.g. Diamond Apartments in Anaheim).

7. Affordable Housing for Very-Low and Extremely-Low Income Residents: Consistent with the City of Fullerton Housing Element and State law, support efforts to create affordable housing for very-low and extremely-low income residents through a range of techniques that may include: re-use of existing buildings for single resident occupancy use; conversion of storefronts in existing unused buildings into very-low and extremely-low income apartments; inclusion of very-low income housing as small parts of larger multi-income projects; etc.

E. Supportive Services

8. Outreach Clinicians: Request from the County of Orange Health Care Agency Behavioral Health Services the provision of a clinician to the Fullerton Police Department to conduct outreach to the mentally ill homeless independently and in tandem with police officers.

Motion by Member Keller, seconded by Member Jennings, passed unanimously to support the eight recommendations as revised.

DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES AND TASK FORCE REPORT

A meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2012 to discuss implementation strategies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made throughout the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

AGENDA FORECAST

The next meeting of the Task Force on Homelessness and Mental Health Services is scheduled for March 29, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fullerton Library Conference Center