

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' JOINT HEALTH and SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 27, 2017
12:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wilma Chan, Chair Health Committee
Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair, Social Services Committee
Supervisor Richard Valle, Social Services Committee member

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
County Administration Building,
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Addressing Homelessness in Alameda County

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Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, presented introductory comments and Elaine de Coligny, Executive Director, EveryOne Home, PowerPoint presentation on Ending Homelessness in Alameda County: Building a Coordinated Response.

The coordinated response system would ensure that homelessness is rare and brief and resolves people's housing crises efficiently. The target is that by the year 2020 the system would rehouse more people than the number becoming homeless. The goal is that no one spends more than 90 days homeless.

Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Emergency Shelter Update.

Shelter Standards guiding principles: Health & Safety, Equity & Inclusion, right to privacy, support services
Approach

- The Collaborative initiated a County-wide effort to stabilize funding for Emergency Beds through researching a flatbed-night rate.

Methodology

- Research on bed-night rates were assessed on 5 communities (San Francisco, Sacramento, New York City, Massachusetts, and Bergen County, NJ).
- 18 Alameda County Funded shelters provided budgets that were analyzed through their participation in a survey.
- Based on Single Room Occupancy (SRO) rates, the Collaborative purposed a standard rate of \$34 bed-night. This is equal to dividing the fair market rent for an SRO unit (\$1,035) by 30 nights. This would be intended to cover the basic cost of shelter provision, not meals or services.

Proposal

- Adopt a standard bed-night rate of \$34 a night for all SSA shelter beds.

Recommendation from the Social Services Agency:

- Approve Emergency Shelter Standards
- Adopt the standard bed night rate of \$34/night.
- Amend the current contracts to include the recommended RBA Measures.
- Continue to collaborate with County-wide housing efforts.

Linda Gardner, Director, Housing & Community Development, and presented a PowerPoint presentation on Addressing Homelessness in Alameda County.

The presentation included information on shelter beds available and associated costs, in addition to coordinated efforts with the City of Oakland and various County departments to address homelessness in Alameda County.

Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director, Health Care Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Services to Homeless Encampments.

The Health Care Services Agency housing work focuses housing for people with physical and mental illness. On request from city or other agency partners with consent, the Agency uses names of individuals to find those eligible for our many services. In addition the Agency offers:

- Outreach to connect people with services
- IHOT behavioral health crisis team services
- Admission to sobering center/detox and transportation
- Street Medicine evaluation of those who are sick
- Urgent rehousing for high needs individuals
- EMS services.

Keith McWoodson gave testimony on his experiences being homeless. He stated that the biggest issues are affordable housing, mental health care and access to jobs. The Board members thanked Mr. McWoodson for his testimony.

Speakers

Several speakers gave testimony regarding homeless situations and possible solutions to homelessness.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Health & Social Services Committees Recommendation or Position
- Other:

Recommendation: Support the Social Services Agency Shelter Standards: 1) Emergency Shelter Standards, 2) Adopt the standard bed night rate of \$34/night, 3) Amend the current contracts to include the recommended RBA measures, 4) Continue to collaborate with Countywide housing efforts and move to the full Board of Supervisors.

II. County-Wide Older Adult Plan Update – continued to April 24, 2017

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III. Annual “Boomerang” Funds: Housing and Homeless Programs Update

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Linda Gardner, Director, Housing and Community Development Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation to give an update on Annual “Boomerang” Funds”.

The chart is the proposed allocations for fiscal year 2016/2017 and projected allocations for fiscal year 2017/2018.

	FY16/17	FY17/18 (projected)
Total	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Homeless Housing Resource Centers/Coordinated Entry	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Anti-Displacement	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000
Homeless Encampment Response	\$250,000	\$500,000
Housing Bond-related CBO/Faith Capacity Building Program	\$250,000	\$500,000
Administration/Program Delivery	\$500,000	\$500,000

Speakers

Several speakers addressed the committee regarding the Annual Boomerang funds.

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Recommendation: The Housing and Community Development Agency will bring forward proposed programs for the Annual Boomerang Funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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