

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, October 26, 2015

12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Richard Valle

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

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Shelter Update

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Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, presented introductory comments on the Agency's shelter update. The update is a continuation of an update from earlier in the year. The Agency has collaborated with the Health Care Agency, Community Development Agency and EveryOne home to provide a comprehensive shelter program.

Linda Gardner, Director, Housing and Community Development Manager, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the County's Homelessness Shelter and Related Activities.

The presentation included information on the County's coordinated system of entry to programs for shelters, emergency shelters winter relief programs and the Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Availability 2015.

Elaine de Coligny, Director, EveryOne Home, gave a brief update on Operation Vets Home to end homelessness for Veterans in Alameda County by the end of 2015. Agencies that encounter homeless veterans are working together with the Veteran's Administration to house homeless veterans. Nine hundred veterans and their family members have been housed through Operations Vet Home.

Speakers

Jeanette Dong, City of San Leandro, gave a brief update on City of San Leandro warming shelters. City of San Leandro has between 15 to 30 slots for shelters funded through their General Fund. Shelters are open when temperature drops to 45 degrees and anticipated rain. There is a significant homeless problem along the creeks, with several encampments. The City of San Leandro has limited housing, however they could benefit from outreach along the creeks.

Liz Varela, Executive Director, Building Futures, is involved in warming shelters, family housing resource center, shelter plus care vouchers, but are facing huge shelter cuts in addition to a 3 month funding gap next year, with contracts beginning in October. It is unknown if the shelters will remain open. Ms. Varela encouraged the County to reinvest in safety net services.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

Recommendation from the Social Services Committee: Supervisor Richard Valle will work with Elaine de Coligny and Operations Vets Home to encourage landlords to participate in programs to house veterans.

The Social Services Agency will return to the Committee with a status report on the shelters and homelessness activities in April or May of 2016.

II. Public Authority Update

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Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult, Aging & Medi-Cal Services, Social Services Agency introduced Flora Maki, the new Executive Director, for the Public Authority for In-Home Support Services. Based on Supreme Court Decision IHSS home health care providers will be eligible for overtime and more details will be forth coming.

Flora Maki presented a PowerPoint presentation on the In-Home Support Services quarterly report from July through September 2015.

The presentation included the new reporting format for the Public Authority which includes project status, highlights and focus areas, challenges and key accomplishments.

Rose Acampora, Program Manager, Public Authority for IHSS, gave a brief update of her experiences as an IHSS consumer.

Michelle Rousey, Chair, Public Authority for IHSS in Alameda County Advisory Board requested the support of the Committee for a salary increase and pension package for the Public Authority staff and the Executive Director.

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

III. Update on Unaccompanied Minors

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Magdalena Guadalupe, Immigration Staff Attorney, Centro Legal de la Raza and Jasmine Gonzalez, Senior Clinical Case Manager & Behavioral Health Consultant, Center for Healthy Schools and Communities presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on unaccompanied minor immigrants coming from the countries of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala in Alameda County.

The presentation included how various agencies and schools around Alameda County support unaccompanied immigrant minors to access services such as medical, school and legal.

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IV. Discussion on State Legislation: Training, Oversight & Monitoring usage of Psychotropic Drugs in Foster Care and Juvenile Detention

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Anna Johnson, Lead Consultant, for Behavioral Health Care Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the current state legislation on the use and monitoring of psychotropic drugs for foster care youth and youth in juvenile detention.

- SB 238 (Mitchell) Foster Care: Psychotropic Medication, which would improve court information, training and County alerts
- SB 319 (Beall) Child Welfare Services: Public Health Nursing, which allows public health nurses access an contact medical providers directly for records and treatment history
- SB 484 (Beall) Juveniles, specifies medical log information to be kept on file at group home
- SB 253 (Monning) Juveniles: Psychotropic Medication, proposes to improve information to court judges

Jeff Rackmil, Director, Children's System of Care, Behavioral Health Care Services and Michelle Love, Director, Children and Family Services, Social Services Agency reported on local efforts around training to monitor the use of these medications for foster youth.

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V. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update – *continued to November 23, 2015*

Presenter: Patti Castro, Director, Workforce Investment Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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