**True Hope Village: Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

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| CAC Name: | True Hope Village |
| Date: | Tuesday, February 19, 2019 |
| Meeting Location: | New Hope Missionary Baptist Church |
| CAC members present: | Jenifer Haner, Ben Curtis, Bernie Creaven, Robert Jeffery, Ursula White-Oliver, Natalie Bicknell |
| LIHI members present: | Sasha Koeberling, Sharon Lee |
| City of Seattle staff present: | n/a |
| Members of the public present: | Yendrick Zieleniak, Kieren Nishihata |
| True Hope residents present: | Karen Cain, Yolonda Theodore |
| Note taker: | Natalie Bicknell |

**Introductions**

**Discussing and approving last month’s notes -** January Approved

**Village management report**

· Work order placed on bathroom

· Cars have been picked up by residents that have moved out, but no word from Langston yet about parking lot updates

·  ***Shelby Henkel***, new SPM, previously was a case manager at Othello Village and Northlake Village, specializes in working with families with children, former community corrections officer for WA Dept. of Corrections, BA from Illinois State University, recent appointment to this new position, worked to open up Lake Union Village, has worked previously with Sasha

· True Hope Village managed through the snow, appreciated all donations: hand warmers, salt, blankets, gloves, and food; residents helped out with shoveling - neighbor’s help was gratefully appreciated

· *Question*: Do you have a snow protocol?

-- Pipes were wrapped - left tap running a little bit to ensure pipes don’t freeze - 24 hour staffing was difficult, but it was obtained

· *Question*-- Does LIHI have a budget available for emergencies like this? Sharon: Yes, the budget covers essentials. Mary Cunningham orders supplies. Staff can purchase supplies and be reimbursed, people try to anticipate ahead of time, might need to figure out a better way to deal with exceptional circumstances. LIHI staff may need better communication to ensure supplies are acquired.

· John had been doing ordering for village supplies, but John was transitioning to work at the Olympia Village, which could account for falling behind on some essentials. Between mid January and April, there is a gap for SPM.

· New metal frame tent has replaced the tent that blew in the storm -- will not be as affected by the wind

· Question from Bernie - Could we build a shed to store clothes and shoes in -- like a shop? -- Donations would be hung up and accessible -- would make it easier to see what donations are available -- nurses are in the storage closet and people go in to take out what they need - donations are currently in boxes -- Sharon offers to put shelving in -- or another shed that is accessible

· Additional discussion on development and donations -- too much work for Sasha to complete alone. Are there additional ideas for creating donation connections and partnerships?

· Examples of needed donations for the village include kitchen gadgets, ie. things that can be used for cooking, microwave, crock pot, electric burner, can opener, toaster -- microwaves takes a long time -- could use a new microwave

· Operation Sack Lunch: consensus from residents seems to be that the food is not fresh and tasty. Residents avoid eating it. Sharon will explore other food purveyor options, like Fare Start.

**Case management report**

1. Houses
   1. 44 adults
   2. 14 kids
2. Demographics
   1. 55% Black/African American
   2. 23% White/Caucasian
   3. 8% Asian
   4. 5% other (Hispanic)
   5. 7% US Indian/Alaskan Native
   6. 2% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
3. Move Outs
   1. Permanent: 5
   2. Shelter: 1

*Additional details*

· High rate of success for people obtaining long-term or permanent housing, 42-43% success rate -- as opposed to 2-4% success rate for people who are leaving shelter and a 20% success rate for people leaving an enhanced shelter

We also discussed the need to understand where this data came from (both LIHI and other shelter data) before it can be confirmed here. We also need to understand what is meant by “success” here. Can we trust this stat if not all are tracked or if the stats listed here use different methods in the data analysis.

· Long term affordable housing may include: two year transitional housing, family housing, long-term rental housing

· LIHI Camp Second Chance has been granted a new contract to operate another year because of success. Sharon states that tiny house villages are more successful than other investments the city is making in terms of transitioning people into long term or permanent housing.

· *Question*: Are the populations different? Anyone can access a shelter -- not everyone can move into True Hope Village - might not be an apples to apples comparison.

--At 9 villages, including Licton Springs, Navigation team refers 100% of Clients

· *Question*: How do we track client success after clients leave the village?

--Clients who exit into LIHI housing are tracked for 2 years or more. Tracking depends on what program the clients exit into. It is easiest to track another supportive housing situation because the clients will have a case manager.

Note: no all who exit are tracked, which also affects the statistic noted above. Sharon and Sasha confirmed that not all are tracked and not all are tracked for 2 years or more.

-- Some case managers will track clients for after a year, but it is not systematic

-- Harder to get a hold of people not exiting successfully - successful move outs often have financial checks

**Open discussion**

**·**  Cold shelters and potential safe parking at Genesee Park update

· Request from Sharon to submit a letter to the Mayor to ask for cold weather shelters to remain open during the cold snap. Request was approved and discussion was held about what to include in the letter. The letter was drafted, approved, and submitted the next day.

\*Request was made to Sharon to provide an example of a CAC Charter so that this CAC could better understand the scope and limitations of our involvement with True Hope.

*Next CAC meeting: 3/19/19*