

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

HIV Health Services Planning Council

Meeting Date: February 6th, 2002
Meeting Place: 25 Van Ness Ave., Room 330A
Meeting Time: 3pm - 5pm
Members Present: Brad Hume; Margot Antonetty; Norman Tanner; and Ali Riker.
Others Present: Amy Cunninghis (SF AIDS Foundation); Andrew Williams III (HUH); Rodney Murphy (CCASF); George Simmons (CCASF); Chris Harris (SFRA); Marshia Herring (HIV Health Services); Jennifer Oberly (SF Redevelopment Agency); Laura Thomas (SF DPH - AIDS Office); Bill Hirsh (ALRP); Ben Kuhm (ALRP); Ellen Novogrodsky (ALRP); and Robert Owens (Council Admin. Asst. - Minutes).
Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6th, 2002, 25 Van Ness, Room 330A, 3pm - 5pm

Introductions

Announcements / Public Comment

Chris Harris gave an update on the expanded outreach program of the Bridge Housing Corp., which has focused its efforts on getting PLWA/H into HOPWA units; the Mission housing units have one and two bedrooms available. Providers will be receiving applications in the mail on Monday, February 11th. There were no public comments.

ALRP Rollover Funds Update

Bill Hirsh gave an update on how the rollover money was used at ALRP. The CARE rollover money from last year was used to hire law clerks to support the Advocacy Project. This year's CARE money of \$15,000 is slated to hire law clerks for the Advocacy Project. In 2001, ALRP served 639 clients with housing issues, which constitutes 30% of ALRP's caseload. ALRP's commitment is to have a strong presence with outreach, by having a regular column in the B.A.R. The articles from the B.A.R. will be turned into brochures. In addition, there will be a training on Fair Housing for clients and providers; cost is \$45 per person, scholarships are available with ALRP. With the rollover money ALRP was able to serve 50 additional clients, pay for written materials, and case management. *Bill Hirsh* announced that ALRP will be moving in two weeks; their new address will be 1663 Mission Street; ALRP phone numbers will remain the same. See *Attachment A*. *The committee* discussed the reduction in rents, consumer

handbook provided by ALRP, and feedback from the consumer forum held by ALRP.

Update on Broderick, Camelot, Star, and Emergency Housing

Margot Antonetty gave a status update on Broderick, Camelot, Star, and Emergency Housing Vouchers. The Star has reviewed half of the applications and expects a move-in date for the end of March; they will begin interviewing clients next week. The Camelot's HUD loan has been approved and they expect a move-in date of end of July, beginning of August; next week there will be a meeting for the providers. Broderick has admitted 7 respite clients, one in process, and two beds are still available. The population of Broderick is mostly Asian-Americans from convalescent hospitals. The Emergency Housing Vouchers Program is doing well at the Rivera; there are 18 beds available at the Rivera and 2 at the Keen Hotel. The committee discussed the visitors' policy and length of stay.

Needs Assessment

Brad Hume and Laura Thomas announced that the survey is being finalized and discussed the housing questions concerning CARE. The committee then had a discussion about Quality Assurance.

SRO Task Force

Brad Hume discussed the need and procedure of having a council member obtain a seat on the SRO Task Force. The SRO Task Force was formed by the Mayor; it is a two step process for appointment approval: the appointment needs to be confirmed by the SRO Steering Committee and the Mayor/Board of Supervisors. Brad Hume announced that Ann Kronenberg has taken the council's request to the SRO Steering Committee. The SRO Steering Committee would like a presentation from the council on the reasons why they should appoint the council a seat. The committee then discussed who should attend the SRO Steering Committee meeting and who should give the presentation. Several proposals were given suggesting a person from the PWA Caucus, Housing Committee, and a co-chair. *Norman Tanner* announced that he would be interested in the seat on the SRO Task Force. Brad Hume announced that he would be going to the SRO Steering Committee. The committee decided to send this discussion to the full council.

Retreat Discussion

Brad Hume gave a brief synopsis of the decisions and need for further discussion made at the retreat, including:

- Prioritization - one year versus two year planning.

- Use large group process for discussion about Prioritization.
- A retreat to be held at the end of Prioritization, to finalize it.
- Housing Committee, when it was implemented and it's function.

CARE Subsidy Program Update

Amy Cunninghis gave an overview of the CARE rental subsidy program and the changes in the program. Due to rising rents from January 2000 to 2002, SFAF has lost 34 slots. The cost for clients' share of rent will increase to 31% from 30%, about \$20 per month. *See Attachment B.* Amy also discussed the current FMR, rent caps, restriction on clients, and client's eligibility at SRO's. These changes will save the program \$115,000 this year.

George Simmons gave a report about the changes in the requirements for clients to participate in the program. The monthly income level has been raised to \$900 per month; thus client's with incomes from \$0 - \$500 will automatically receive \$200, with incomes from \$501 - \$900 will receive from \$165 to \$175 in housing assistance. They serve about 181 clients per year. Clients who have children will receive \$300 in subsidy. The "Back to Work" Program serves 122 people per year with collaboration with DOR and PRC.

HOPWA Loan Committee

There are possibly two seats available on the Loan Committee; the council needs to nominate and vote on the matter.

Time & Day

The committee decided to send an email out to the council to elicit their opinion on the time and day the Housing Committee should meet.

Next Agenda

- Emergency Housing Vouchers Update
- Update on Broderick, Star, and Camelot
- HOPWA Loan Nominations
- Needs Assessment
- Priority Setting and Housing Information to be presented to the council
- Three Year Plan

Adjournment