ASTHMA TASK FORCE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Environmental Committee
Minutes - DRAFT

Date: July 7, 2004 **Location: DPH, Fox Plaza**

Committee Members Present: Karen Cohn, DPH; Mae Ling Dea, DBI; Aimee Ganz, San Francisco Housing Authority; Beth Saiki,ALA

Advisory Present: Neil Gendel, Healthy Children Organizing Project
Staff and Guests: Anjali Nath, ATF Advocacy Coordinator: Tirtza Rosenberg, DPH;

Absent: Louise Kimbell, DBI; Louise Hill, USEPA;

And Item	Meeting Notes/Decisions	Desired Outcome
I	**Introductions & Sign In** **Facilitator: Karen Cohn** **Recorder: Tirtza Rosenberg**	
II	**Review Agenda**	
III	**Discussion** **1. CAFA Report** 1. Hosting conference calls regarding asthma and housing. Tenants don't know what their rights are. 2. Suggestion that the brochure might better serve as a training document 3. An issue that hasn't been addressed is "Healthy Public Housing" 4. RAMP held a conference with speakers from all different aspects of housing, i.e. affordable housing, housing rights, green housing 5. There are code enforcement outreach groups who try to get people to clean up mold before it becomes a violation. **2. Updates** 1. HERC has been entirely laid off, at least for the summer. They lost their funding. 2. Analysis of addresses given to SF Housing Authority 1. 5 or 6 addresses and their work histories were reviewed **2.** Which "tools" are there recommendation about 1. What are part of normal business transactions?	1. CAFA is issuing a brochure on tenants' rights. Anjali will tell them about various existing sources. 2. Neil spoke to RAMP about starting to include the issue of asthma issues in private homes in San Francisco. Karen responded there are various opportunities in place for private home owners to receive education through insurance or the Paramedics.

IV	2. What are part of how business is done in this setting? 3. How long after completion of the work do they "close" the case? 3. CEHP has posted a bus placard which offers help with peeling paint and mold 1. Referrals have come in from people who are living in Housing Authority 4. Karen had arranged with Dee Epps-Miller to distribute fliers at her Health Center. So far Dee hasn't had any response. She will keep trying. **3. Key informants testimony** 1. SFHA staff 2. Code enforcement staff 3. CBO staff 4. Tenants 1. Do we want to pursue tenants? A report can be issued stating the limitations the committee has or there can be no report issued. **4. Social Determinants** 1. Violence 1. People staying indoors with closed windows 2. People unwilling to relocate 3. Stress from witnessing violence 2. Education Tell people how to get what they need regarding asthma. 3. Trust/Respect 4. Community building 5. Long-term feeling of neglect **5. Tools** 1. Lease 2. Reasonable Accommodation 3. Work order system 4. Database/Analysis 5. Public relations 6. Service contacts that effect tenants 7. Ombudsman 8. Quality assurance Do they follow the guidelines of the Department of the Environment and The Department of Health? 9. Bars on windows	1. Anajli still trying to talk to tenants. 1.Karen will put in a call to see who in the Health Department is working on violence. 2. Cynthia Selmar has a new grant to work on violence intervention. 5. Have a health advocacy person at Housing Authority? 4. Housing Authority will be getting a new database in the next six months to a year. 8 Beth will contact Debbie Raphael regarding pesticides. 9. Niel researched the code regarding having bars on the windows. They must be able to open the bar in case of a fire.

V.	**6. Topics for the joint meeting with SF Housing Authority** 1. What are interventions that are cost effective for them in the adverse conditions they operate under? 2. Could the database be extended to include vacancies? 3. If a repair is not marked urgent, how does it get prioritized? 4. Discussion of another meeting?	1. Karen and Anjali will create and prioritize the topics for the meeting.
VI.	**Next Meetings of Committee:** a. July 7, 2004 2-4pm, Fox Plaza Suite 210	