

Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) Housing Work Group Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021

Present: Gerald Richards (Chair; ACOA), Lenore McDonald (Co-Chair; Center for Elders' Independence), Caitlin Sly and Rosa Loya (Meals on Wheels Diablo Region), Elizabeth Verdin (The Hume Center), Jim Donnelly and Dennis Yee (ACOA), Mariana Moore (Ensuring Opportunity), and Anthony Macias and Nhang Luong (Staff Support; Area Agency on Aging).

Introductions

Approved agenda and minutes

Corrections: Home Match had 17 matches in 2020, not 15. Lenore McDonald is with Center for Elders' Independence but mistakenly listed with ACOA.

Agenda and minutes approved with corrections.

Planning Session – Facilitated by Mariana Moore, Senior Director, Ensuring Opportunity

Reflect back on 2020 accomplishments:

- From service provider perspective, it was helpful to have presenters from Senior Legal Services and other agencies provide information and updates on eviction protection, Project Room Key, Rapid Resolution, etc.
- Additional members added in 2020 – membership stayed about the same but more members from ACOA.
- Presentation to ACOA was a success and garnered more interest and members in the Housing Work Group.
- The Work Group got ACOA support for Measure X.

2021 Work Plan

- Work with City Representatives of ACOA to support Home Match program. Covia self-funded Home Match in Contra Costa. The goal is to get funding support from cities and the county.
- Home Match has MOU with City of Concord that provides in-kind use of Concord Senior Center. There is no financial support. Will be looking to renew the MOU.
- Develop support in East and West County. Focus on working with City of El Cerrito in West and Antioch in East.

Land Trust

- Gerry Richard will be the Work Group's champion on the issue of developing community land trusts in Contra Costa. Ensuring Opportunity is interested in community land trust; has been thinking about it as an area of focus and can work with Gerry.
- New organization that started about a year and half ago: Richmond Land Trust
- Make this a two to three years goal. Help bring exposure but might be too ambitious for the Housing Work Group.
- Raise the Roof is advocating for public land to put into a land trust. Housing Work Group will identify ways we could support such efforts.

Measure X Oversight Committee – Supervisors Gioia and Mitchoff are putting together framework for the Oversight Committee and will present on January 19 Board of Supervisor meeting. (This agenda item was later delay to February.)

White Paper on Senior Housing Issues

We need to update white paper with new data. Census data is supposed to be deliver in April. Some data might release in February and March.

First version of the white paper completed last year. Effort to improve the first version delayed.

How important is it to move forward and complete white paper this year? There was general agreement that it is important, especially with federal funding opportunity coming down the pipeline. The data would be helpful for agencies seeking funding.

Add data from Bay Area Atlas on COVID-19's impact on housing in Contra Costa.

Target date of completion: June 1, 2021

Home Match Update – Gabriela Perez, Home Match Director

- Working with LaMorinda Village and has scheduled presentation with church in Richmond.
- Watched testimonial video of matches from San Francisco and Contra Costa. Home Match will send video to current partners and share with media.

Next Meeting is February 8 – A week earlier than our normal meeting time of 3rd Monday because it falls on Presidents' Day

Meeting Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.