

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) Housing Work Group

Monday, September 16, 2019
9:35 AM

Present: Mike Awadalla (Care Patrol), Lisa Ho (Adult Protective Services/Area Agency on Aging), Lisa Hicks (Independent Living Resources), Rosa Loya (Meals on Wheels Diablo Region), Anthony Macias (Area Agency on Aging), Annette Balter (Covia), Victoria Snyder (Contra Costa Senior Legal Services), Gerald Richards (Housing Workgroup Chair; ACOA), and Nhang Luong (Housing Workgroup Staff Support; Area Agency on Aging)

Minutes and agenda approved as written, with one abstention

Presentation: Home Safe - Lisa Ho, Aging & Adult Services Senior Staff Assistant

- Home Safe is a new program of Adult Protective Services (APS) funded by California Department Social Services (CDSS).
- Started on July 1, APS has one year to ramp up services. Lisa Ho was hired to help set up the program; she started on July 4.
- \$750,000 three-year grant. Dollar-to-dollar match from the County.
- Serves APS clients at risk of losing their home or are homeless.
- Report to APS alleged neglect/abuse of older adults aged 65+ or dependent adults. If individuals become APS clients and they need housing services or are homeless, APS Social Workers will make linkages to Home Safe services.
- APS Social Workers will refer appropriate clients to Hume, which has a sub-contract to deliver housing services under Home Safe. Hume will also offer case management services to these clients.
- Fifteen people served since July 1. A few of these cases involved APS clients who were behind on their rent payment. In one case, the client needed assistance to relocate. Home Safe provided funds to assist these clients. Funds may also pay for clean-up services for APS clients with hoarding issues.
- Maximum lifetime amount for APS client is \$5,000.
- There will also be a monthly homeless/case management Multi-Disciplinary Team that Lisa will set-up for Home Safe.
- Home Safe funds granted to 10 counties in California. These counties participate in monthly teleconferences to share ideas.
- The program in Contra Costa expected to offer homeless prevention services to 50 APS clients during the two-year grant period, and help 15 homeless APS clients find stable housing.
- Goal of Home Safe: To demonstrate cost savings/homeless prevention using case management interventions and funds to address immediate needs like paying overdue PG&E bills.
- Lisa Hicks shared that Independent Living Resources recently received \$10,000 from Wells Fargo to help clients pay overdue PG&E bills and rent.

White Paper Update:

- Tal Litwin, a Fellow from CivicSpark, who is working with Teri House will help finish the white paper.
- Suggestion: add regulating room and boards to the recommendations in the white paper.

Housing Bills Update: AB-1482 passed the State Legislature and awaiting Governor's signature. It would protect tenants against no fault evictions and limit rent increases to 5% plus inflation, with an annual cap of 10%. There is a sunset clause; protections will expire in 2030.

Home Match Update - Refer homeowners that are lower income and home seekers that have a moderate income.

Plan for the next meeting – October 21, 2019, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity presenter – Will try to schedule for November

Goals, objectives, and accomplishment – Schedule for October; invite Mariana Moore to help facilitate