

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**  
November 19, 2012

**Present:** Richard Dier, Jonathan Istrin, Eric Leh, Elizabeth Lyons, Scott Shepard, George Stevens, and Joan Watson-Patko – Committee Members  
Linda Dier and Gabriele Hooks - Guests  
Erica Beall and Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Members

**Absent:** Steve Miller and Kim Rolfes

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Richard Dier, chair, at 12:10 p.m.

**II. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

Item IV.F. was added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as modified.

**B. Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2012 Meeting**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**III. Public Input** – There was no public input.

**IV. Committee Business**

**A. Presentation: Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)**

Gabriele Hooks, senior program manager, gave the committee an overview of CSH. For 20 years, CSH has led the national movement to end homelessness through supportive housing. They serve the needs of the most vulnerable families and individuals, while improving the way that public systems work. They opened their offices in Los Angeles in 2003. Since that time, CSH has distributed over \$22 million in funding to stimulate the development of over 2,000 units of housing throughout Los Angeles County.

**1. Mission:** CSH helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness.

2. **Vision:** CSH strives to solve homelessness by making supportive housing work for the most vulnerable people in our communities, including chronically homeless people, veterans, kids in foster care, Native Americans, the elderly, and people involved in the criminal justice system.
3. **Values:** CSH's core values are integrity, respect, persistence and making a difference. We incorporate them into our daily work and our management policies and practices.

**B. Approved Priorities for FY 2012-13**

The Board of Trustees approved the committee's priorities for this fiscal year. Copies of the approved list of priorities were provided to the committee for their information.

**C. FY 2011-12 Action Log**

All of the actions taken by the board and its committees are recorded. Logs of these actions are provided on an annual basis to each committee for their information and to show them what the previous committee's work product was. The log also provides committee members with the opportunity to make sure all of the actions they wanted taken were accomplished. Copies of the Housing Committee's Action Log were provided to the committee.

**D. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities**

Information on the status of the center's CPP start-up projects was provided to the committee. The center currently has 15 projects which include twelve 4-bed facilities, two 5-bed facilities, and a day program.

**E. Update on Housing Legislation**

Information about federal and state legislation was provided to the committee.

1. **Federal:** The Obama Administration has initiated negotiations on tax extenders, the debt ceiling, and sequestration. Sequestration is defined as draconian budget cuts, totaling \$1.2 trillion, that are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2013. These cuts are evenly split between defense and domestic discretionary spending (with some exemptions, such as Social Security, Medicare, and veterans' benefits).

**2. State:** California has 3 new housing-related laws that will go into effect on January 1, 2013:

- AB 1585 (Perez): This bill appropriates \$25 million each to the existing infill infrastructure Grant Program and the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program. Californians with very low incomes will be prioritized.
- AB 1699 (Torres): This bill authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to restructure existing loans under specified conditions.
- AB 1951 (Alkins): This bill allocates \$30 million more into the Multi-family Housing Program. This infusion comes from a transfer of unutilized programs in the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund.

#### **F. Future Presentations**

The following suggestions were made for future committee presentations:

1. Keeping the family home for your consumer.
2. National trends in housing.
3. An overview of cuts that have been made to housing budgets.
4. A Community of Friends (a nonprofit affordable housing developer in L.A. County)
5. George Braddock (wrote a book on how to handle autistic children in the family home by modifying the home). Perhaps we could Skype him in?
6. How to make set-asides for people with developmental disabilities (in addition to homeless, risk of homeless, or elderly) to help consumers access Section 8 housing vouchers.

#### **V. Identify any Specific Items for Board Discussion** (for the next board meeting)

##### **A. Minutes of November 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

#### **VI. Announcements / Information**

**A. Next Quarterly Meeting:** Monday, February 11, 2013, at 12:00 p.m.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Richard adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

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