

Fresno Healthy Homes Meeting Minutes

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9:15 am – 12:15pm

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(Many people have multiple meetings scheduled today)

So Bai Deee (Welcome)

We are all in a HUD grant together, and 6-7 years ago it was unheard of that CBOs, the City, and the County collaborated with each other now it is reality.

Issues Discussion:

- Public Health Nurse issues, lead may get you in door, but now you have to work backwards and figure out a whole host of other issues and root causes.

LHCO &EP City contract w/ FIRM

Funding 09-10

The amount that they asked HUD 3million is the amount they (The City) received from the fiscal stimulus.

Los Angeles

In LA City, LAHD they have the LHRP

The outreach entails LSWP, What else is going on like mold, infestations, carpet.

They also know about the inspection process so that they educate the tenants, and go along on inspection. For situations where tenant is afraid of retaliation from owner, organizers may call inspector and obtain access under the pretense of translation, but it helps with inspection.

The reason the LAHD gives LHRP funds to CBOs is also because its easy marketing for the City.

Suggestions for Fresno:

The tenant needs to fill out an application to allow that the building qualifies for the grant. The City deals with the landlord.

Process: Income certification, presence of children <6, blood lead levels for children, (and there is an option to not have their children tested for lead to have a baseline). No residency, SSN etc.

M: You need to have quality to get quality. So we as CBOs are required to do on the job training because the work is important and it is what is required by the City to actually complete the work. But the problem is that are trained to move to another job, and it is unsustainable. Relationships are cultivated, they are not just a 30k grant from the City.

M: This is a sales issue on how to make them want to be responsible. All parents care about their children.

LK suggests they carve out a bit more \$\$ for cultural literacy.

Once in the unit, it is imperative that organizers understand the code and become familiar with the bureaucracy in order to have inspectors visit the unit and rectify discrepancies. This is important because it cultivates a relationship with the CBO and the Inspectors, and puts us on the path of solving root causes by possibly citing an entire structure instead of citing unit per unit.

How do we build the capacity for Healthy Homes?

The City needs to pay for inspector training, part of HUD grant requirement #3

If the unit qualifies for abatement, it is generally good practice to do it with a private company.

Grant Requirements of City:

- A) Private Contractor Training
- B) Inspector/RA private sector training (some cities do not contract out)
- C) Workplan/windows
- D) Tenant Relocation
- E) City supplies the CBO with a contractual letter which can be used to “get in the door”.

CBO:

- A) Should identify to be trained
- B) A CBO should go along on one of the City trainings

Basically

- A) They ID tenants, private contractors and good inspectors to attend the training
- B) As part of the grant they take 20%
- C) They suggest units to enroll
- D) Application for tenant

After the unit is subsidized, there is a covenant for 3 years that they cannot be pushed out and rent can be increased. You also can't sell the building within the 3 years, or else you have to pay back the \$.

We need to ask City when their training is?

And we need to figure out what the CBO 20% matching requirement is for inkind services?

Q: What is the AMI requirement for Fresno? A: Enough people can qualify

HUD currently does not require a covenant so that the owners cannot flip buildings, it is on the City but is unenforceable. Why, how can we change this?

11:20 City finally gets here.

Overview of NCHH, and 5 grants.

About what are the limitations, and opportunities given the national shift towards a holistic Healthy Homes model. Working smart with fewer dollars.

HUD HH Grant

Q: What are deliverables based on the application? (In sheet)

Q: what are the changes? So things that were on the original application need to be changed to reflect the accurate in kind services that will take the place of the \$\$.

Rehab program has cut back staff, and they may not do 30 completion.

So all departments have been moved to the leverage side except for CLPPP

A: Also, with a HUD grant, you can change up to 10%.

Q: But is the 10% still hold over for the fiscal stimulus.

Q: Who is the GTR? A: Bill Nellis

Q: Can we increase the \$\$ for the partners? A: No, City says lets leave everything intact.

Q: How to create a covenant for the City? S: Biggest challenge ensure it is inline with the City's priorities A: Contact Liseth Romero from LAHD, LHR for all questions she is a good resource.

Q: Has HUD come to a conclusion on enrolling an entire building? A: The requirement is for them to enroll 80%. If there are not children in 80% in each unit, you can also count the children who do not live there but spend at least 6 hours per week in the unit.visitors. S: Requirements change constantly and it is difficult to keep track of.

Goal is for by July 1, the lead visual assessment can be completed by the inspectors. They simply haven't had the resources up to this point. SB460 said all inspectors are authorized to enforce lead, The State gave funding for training. In Fresno, the director had left and no one was available to apply for the 60,000 for 5 years from CA.

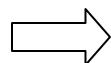
Usually the enforcement side is the last ones to know about lead in the unit, the public health nurse.

1.5 million Lead
Demo

3 Million LHRC

6 CBOs @ 40k/yr over 2 yrs
And a 20% match (in kind) to City
services
The match cannot be from other
federal funding, yes for other
private dollars

SCEP
780K/<1978
Over 4-5 yrs



6 City Council Districts