

**The Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness
Service Providers Commission
January 13, 2009**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Commission Co-Chair Felix Matlock welcomed the group and began the meeting. Commission members introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed by the group and were approved as written.

III. Elections

a. At-Large Member of SPC Executive Committee

David Esposito of Thresholds resigned his position on the SPC Executive Committee which created an opening. One nomination was received prior to the meeting for Israel Vargas from San Jose Obrero Mission; Christine Achre from Primo Center was nominated in the meeting. An SPC member asked that someone speak to Christine's qualifications since Israel's were made available via a handout. Nancy Radner and Susan Reyna-Guerrero filled in some of the information about her background: Caucasian female, she worked at Beacon Therapeutic for 5 years before doing consulting work, she's now the ED at Primo Center serving women and children on the west side of the city.

An election took place in the meeting and Israel Vargas was elected to the open position.

b. Alternates to SPC Executive Committee

The SPC Executive Committee has been discussing membership responsibilities and has decided to elect some people to serve as alternates so At-Large members have someone to attend in their place if they can't attend the meetings. Alternates would be encouraged to attend all meetings even if they're not filling in for someone. The group meets 6 times a year and a calendar is already in place. The following 6 people were nominated for the alternate positions:

- 1 Ceandra Daniels – Inner Voice
- 2 Christine Achre – Primo Center
- 3 Johanna Dalton – Goldie's Place
- 4 Bridgette Baker – Beacon Therapeutic
- 5 Pete Toepfer – North Side Housing
- 6 Ellen Ray - Humboldt Park Social Services

IV. Calendar for 2009 NOFA Process

Nicole Prichard of the Alliance presented information on the 2009 NOFA process. The HMV Committee and the Tool Committee have started meeting. We're still waiting for HUD to release Chicago's score which will show whether we fell above the funding line. HUD has not set a definite date for the release of the NOFA so the calendar is tentative at this time. The hope is that the entire process is done by July but this is very dependant on HUD. The timeline was not distributed today because it has not received final approval by the HMV Committee, but it will be available on the Alliance's website once it's been approved.

V. Presentation by Staff from the City of Chicago

a. Reorganization

Jim LoBianco attended today's meeting to speak about the new Department of Family and Support Services. He read a letter from Mary Ellen Caron to the staff of the new department. She's currently the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Family and Support Services.

After reading the letter, Jim asked if there were any questions:

- Where are homeless services housed? Lesley Levy is now reporting to Jim LoBianco in Homeless Services and Betsy Benito is now focused on the policy related to the plan and is reporting to Anthony Radon in Policy and Advocacy.
- What about the Low Income Housing Trust? It was never part of the Department of Housing so there are no changes-the office didn't move either.
- What about Veterans? Veteran services are now part of the Human Service Delivery Office.
- What happened with the CDBG denial letters? There seems to be confusion about what happened. Jim will look into and respond.
- What happened to Ellen Sahli? She's now the First Deputy commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of Community Development.
- How many jobs were lost? In Human Services there were seven lay-offs and position/title changes.
- Where is HMIS? This department is now under Jim's supervision.
- Can we get a copy of the letter? No because a public letter will be sent out soon.
- Who will be the public face of the 10 year plan? The Commissioner, Mary Ellen Caron.
- Will there be some changes in the way monitoring happens? The Commissioner has put together a group to look at this so it's easier for agencies.
- What was the thought behind moving the policy portion of the plan away from the implementation of the Plan? It will allow Betsy to focus on policy and not to be drawn into day-to-day operations.
- There was a question about staff such as Tami Cole and other Homeless Services and Domestic Violence team members, are they still around? The only lay-offs were administrative so those people are all still in the department.
- What are your goals for Homeless Services and what do you want to accomplish in the first year? The plan is to follow the lead of the new Commissioner.

b. HMIS

The initial training phase is coming to an end. They're preparing the AHAR submission and expect to meet the deadline of 1/31/09. Some agencies still need to turn in their bed lists so the data can be entered. If you call For Data for assistance please get a "ticket number" so follow-up can occur and they can be held accountable. Once the AHAR is submitted, there will be a focus on improving the quality/accuracy of reports. An online registration process for training registration is being developed.

Questions:

- Is there a timeline for administrative training? Jim will get that sent out today but he thinks it should be in February.
- The help desk typically refers questions back to Rafael-several people agreed with this statement. Jim will follow-up on this feedback.
- Has HUD asked for access to agency data? No not yet though there's talk that they will be asking for more detail in the future.
- There are problems with pulling migrated data into reports. The goal is to improve this soon-February is the target.
- Are paper reports being developed in case there are problems with electronic reporting? Yes
- Right now HMIS doesn't accurately track all the activities-is that being addressed? Yes
- Will there be on-going training? Yes
- What's the protocol for clients who refuse to be entered into HMIS? Some agencies say they've been told to enter everyone even if they refuse. Clarity is needed for the process to accurately count and track the services they receive. The HMIS Committee will need to clarify this in the HMIS SOPs.
- Can you refuse to provide services to people who refuse to be entered into HMIS? No. Be sure to track the number of people who refuse to be entered into HMIS but continue to serve them as usual.

- Who should we contact about training? The standard people-they haven't changed.

Jim encouraged people to direct any other questions to him-his contact information has not changed.

VI. Presentation on State Plan for the Neighborhood Stabilization Act

Christine Harley (312-793-2347 or christine.harley@illinois.gov) is the Assistant Project Manager to Grace Ho at the Illinois Department of Human Services. Last fall HUD announced that \$4 billion dollars would be released to help buy up homes in foreclosure so entire neighborhoods wouldn't be destabilized.

Nancy Radner met with the City to try to get supportive housing included in the City's plans for the money and was told that the initial focus would be on single-family homes. Illinois received a total of \$173 million dollars (Chicago got \$56 million dollars from this program and the funds are being distributed via a part of Mercy Housing-someone will come to a future meeting of the SPC to give information on the city's plans for the funds).

Eligible activities include purchasing or rehabbing properties, providing down payment assistance or loan assistance, public buildings (ex. shelters or supportive housing-HUD mentioned parks and child care) demolishing vacant or abandoned buildings and then redeveloping the land. The funds need to be spent quickly-18 months is the target for identifying how the funds will be spent and then 4 years to get the projects completed.

IDHS (lead agency), IDA, and DCEO are working together to distribute the funds in Illinois. They want to target funds to people at 200% of the poverty level (at least 40% of the funds should be targeted to this group) and the target IDHS populations in the state (Ex. people with disabilities, elderly people, ex-offenders, etc.). The state has targeted the funds to non-CDBG areas, CDBG areas that didn't get funds. The CSH will be providing technical assistance for the process.

Questions

- If an agency gets IDA tax credits could they apply? Yes
- Can Chicago agencies apply for Illinois's funds since the city is already getting money? Since Chicago is not focusing on the low income population or the supportive housing they'll consider applications from Chicago.
- Can these funds be used for a social enterprise? Maybe-you would really need to show how it's stabilizing to the neighborhood
- What's the application timeline? Illinois has made revisions and resubmitted the plan. Once the plan is approved the 18 month clock starts ticking. The application will be out by the end of 1/09, application workshops will be held throughout the state in 2/09, applications should be back to IDHS in 3/09, decisions on funding will be made and announced in 5/09. Some funds might be held back for another round of applications for groups that can't submit an application with this timeline.
- Will information be on the website? On the IDHS website there's a link for the program on the home page. An application guidance document will be posted by the end of the month. Workshop information will also be there.
- Is there an allocation listing for various counties? It's on the website.

Additionally, people can apply for operating and support dollars as part of this program.

VII. Report from the SPC Representative to the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness

Susan Reyna-Guerrero distributed a handout with a listing of our representatives to the Planning Council and 2009 meeting dates.

VIII. Announcements

a. Homeless Count

The count is coming up and handouts were provided about trainings for the 1/27/09 count. The city is looking for hundreds of volunteers. Nancy spoke with Alderman Schiller and she said that Alderman will be sending letters to the DFSS about where homeless people are most frequently found. There was a suggestion that the police department be consulted about ideas for where homeless people are located. The police are involved in this year's count which is different from previous years. There was a question about whether police stations are still warming centers?

b. SPC Meeting Dates for 2009

A handout of the meetings for 2009 was distributed.

c. Announcements

1. Lincoln Park Community Shelter has been talking with Ed Stellan about doing a basic training on Harm Reduction on the evening of 2/9. The estimated cost will be \$30. An Email will follow with more details.
2. Social Entrepreneurial follow-up: Nancy has been hearing from people interested in this. There will be a Track I (for agencies considering starting one) and Track II (to expand existing businesses). There will be a very limited number of spots in Track II (most likely 4)
3. La Casa Norte housing openings: They have openings in their housing program for male 16-21 y/o. You can check their website for more information on making referrals.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

**The Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness
Service Providers Commission
April 21, 2009**

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sol Flores welcomed the group. A brief explanation of the purpose of the group was provided for new members. Commission members introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 13, 2009, meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

III. Election of At-Large Alternate to SPC Executive Committee

The election for the At-Large Alternate was discussed and conducted. It was stated that this was important because the Executive Committee has a mandatory attendance requirement. Ballots were collected. Voting remains open through Wednesday, April 22nd and members can vote via e-mail to Sherise Alexander. Results of the election will be announced on Friday, April 24th.

IV. Report on 2009 Ranking Policies

The Planning Council directed the Executive Committee to develop ranking policies for HMV funds. The Executive Committee began working on this project in October. There was concern that the evaluation tool previously used to score renewals is also used to score new projects. Without APR data, new projects are at a disadvantage. Executive Committee came up with a panel review process for new projects, but needed direction regarding how much to set aside. Therefore, panel developed Ranking Policies which were submitted to the committee and will be voted on tomorrow. The Policies were distributed for comment on 03/26 and any amendments were to be submitted by 4/16. All amendments and ranking policies will be reviewed tomorrow.

An important threshold requirement is timeliness of application. Applications are due on 05/13/09 at 5:00 p.m.

A question was raised regarding whether supportive housing money is up for renewal.

A question was raised regarding how much would be delegated to HMIS. It was said that it would be the same amount as last year - \$300,000.

A question was raised regarding whether the Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing money would help in replacing funds for the system. It was clarified that it would not and that it would not be desirable because it might prevent us from getting funds from other sources. HPRP funds are not intended for replacement. Although CSBG money is coming in to DFSS that could replace some money.

It was discussed that the Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing fund is for new programs. 60% of the stimulus package is to be spent in two years and the remaining 40% in the following year.

It was suggested that we frame this money as one time funding.

The proposal for Ranking Policies was reviewed and discussed. The set aside may be reduced from \$800,000 to \$600,000. If it is passed at \$800,000, money will still be lost because of the money going to SHI. (Would need \$960,000)

The following issues were discussed in the Executive Committee: Rational for ranking (upheld), the course of decreasing service money to improve national score, cuts in service only programs based

upon performance, discussions around focusing on policy, the question of the fairness of having any models that are exempt from the threshold score, and the impact of cuts to the SSO.

It was discussed that there are six representatives from SPC on the Executive Committee but they did not have directions as to how to vote to represent the SPC.

A question was raised whether the application of the ranking criteria to historical rankings would result in an improvement in the balance between supportive vs. permanent housing. It was decided that the ratio would improve because new programs are limited to 10% of funding to services.

A question was raised regarding how many permanent housing programs were below the 50 point margin. It was stated that there were about five or six programs below the margin of mixed type.

It was stated that the scores were received yesterday and are being analyzed. There are some questions as to whether the scores will be good enough to be re-funded.

A question was raised regarding if the idea is to improve the score, will the actions being taken impact the score and create an increase? It was discussed that it will likely improve the score because adding new PH units with small amounts of services dollars will result in a higher score and that HMV felt the minimum score should be included in the system.

The results of the meeting will be available tomorrow afternoon. SSO's will be the most impacted by the changes. Are we prepared to manage significant reductions in SSO's?

Concern was expressed that supportive services continue to be cut due to HUD believing that their money should just go to housing. It was discussed that HUD hasn't clearly and directly stated this but it's indicated through their year (Nicole, do you understand this sentence?). The problem is others are taking similar steps to our steps and, therefore, everyone's scores are increasing similarly.

A White Paper from last year contained information regarding rural communities that had very high scores due to having very small amounts of dollars dedicated to support and that they primarily focus on permanent housing.

It was discussed that we need to advocate to legislators regarding the impact of losing SSO programs. It was pointed out that SSO's also serve as a method of bringing people into the system to obtain services and gain access to benefits. It was pointed out that we need to work with Health and Human Services, SAMHSA and other agencies that specialize in mental health issues to address service needs.

A question was raised whether the requirement that only 10% of funds are allocated to service is required of agencies in renewal as well. It was said that agencies are working on reducing the percentage of services dollars and last year agencies reduced service dollars by 10%. However, this is not a requirement and agencies are managing this on an individual basis.

It was discussed that we need to develop an organized strategy for advocating regarding supportive services. A question was raised regarding whether the Wrap Around Services constituency group was doing this already.

A motion was made to develop a Task Force of the SPC Council be formed to look at the impact to service provision in Chicago of reducing SSO dollars and to develop an advocacy strategy around this issue. This motion passed. One person opposed due to concern about lack of discussion. The concern was raised that advocacy for SSO would conflict with the needs of permanent housing.

V. Update on 2009 NOFA Process

An evaluation instrument was e-mailed to all agencies. Training sessions were held last week. About half of the agencies sent a representative. All information regarding new and bonus projects is on the website. Included with the tool is a FAQ page.

There is an early bird special being offered where HMV committee volunteers will review the application attachments and provide feedback. These will be held on May 7th and 8th. Agencies can sign up for a 30 minute time slot.

Applications due May 13th by 5:00 p.m.

HMIS direct users should have received an e-mail yesterday with the report that is needed to clean up data for HMIS reporting for the evaluation instrument. This will help agencies clean up their clients' data in order to improve the score on the tool.

The evaluation is a word document that has to be printed out.

VI. Report on Supportive Services Funding

The alliance work plan is in support of this being treated separately as a key issue. Frustration was expressed over HUD's lack of support for these programs as they are proven to be effective.

HUD McKinney-Vento is going to be re-authorized for the first time in ten years. It passed the house last July. It is being introduced to both the house and the senate this year. It is expected to pass. As it is written, it allows off-line renewal for permanent housing. This would free up \$10 million which may create opportunities for the Alliance to expand programs. Since this would introduce new money into the system, it would mean that service dollars would not need to be decreased to increase Permanent Housing.

This also may give more local control to priority setting.

In addition, ESG money cannot be used for homeless prevention.

Also, will be able to use 10% of money for housing for the non-disabled.

The new HUD McKinney-Vento would not be fully implemented for 18 months after the bill is passed.

Senator Durbin is an original sponsor of the bill. We should talk to our legislators about the bill. The Alliance will send an e-update regarding this issue.

There was an increase in Federal Appropriation levels.

SAMHSA money was increased last year. There is more money for programs for the homeless. If we don't apply for it, they will assume it's not needed.

The Alliance intends to push for another increase in HUD McKinney-Vento and in SAMHSA dollars.

There is a member appropriation for \$500,000 for housing and services for the chronically homeless families for services and housing. The intention is to create a state of the art program that could be duplicated across the country. To get it approved, the proposal needs to be in the top five.

The new HUD secretary mentioned getting HHS to fund homeless services. The Alliance wants to pressure him to make this happen. There is a committee that meets quarterly to coordinate shared projects among federal agencies.

The state may launch a demonstration with the Department of Mental Health around the issue of the homeless population being chronically under-funded by Medicaid. It was proposed to DMH that they come together to provide housing and get services. A small project is being conducted to get Medicaid funding for services.

Supportive services line item advocacy – agencies got state support for rental housing support.

Alliance is working in the private sector with foundations and corporations. Boeing and People's Gas held a breakfast. Alliance has also met with grant groups.

The Chicago Community Trust is considering providing \$400,000 to replace 10% of funding. Trust sets priorities as to who would be funded and how much. The Trust has expressed concerned that this may be duplicate money to the CSBG money.

The Alliance works to provide input to the Mayor regarding the prioritization of service funding any time that there is a transfer of assets such as with the Midway deal and with parking meters. There is a rumor that \$100 million is being set aside for supportive services.

There needs to be a multilevel strategy to raise awareness that affordable housing without supportive housing is the same as the CHA, a failed experiment (in the Mayor's words).

A question was raised about the decisions HUD makes to fund projects not in fundable decisions and how agencies would go about advocating for this. It was said that this is not an advisable strategy, that agencies that have done this have been de-funded.

VII. Advocacy Team Sign-Up

The Advocacy Committee decided to form an Advocacy Team that would extent the committee's working members so that, when an Alert comes out, the team can take immediate action. Each agency was asked to identify and designate a staff person and a consumer to be on this team. These individuals will be directly contacted for action when an Alert comes out. Agencies are to e-mail contact information for team members to Nicole Sauler by May 1st.

A question was raised regarding the membership structure of the Advocacy Committee. It was explained that it is comprised of representatives from every constituency group, three at large members from the SPC, and three at large members from the consumers group. The composition of the committee is being reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Lists of the constituency groups are on the Alliance website.

VIII. Announcement

Next Wednesday, April 29th, at St. Leonard's there will be a meeting to discuss outreach and engagement efforts.

April 30th from 10:00 – 12:00 at Deborah’s Place there will be a Town Hall meeting to provide feedback on HRPR. The goal is to leave the meeting with the top five comments to present to DFSS.

IX. Adjourn

**The Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness
Service Providers Commission
Unapproved Minutes
July 24, 2009**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sol Flores, Co-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 21, 2009 meeting were distributed for review. A change was made to page 2, second paragraph to read "...are six representatives from SPC on the Planning Council but they...". The minutes with approved with the above mentioned change.

III. State Budget Update

Nicole Sauler gave an update on the state budget. On 7/15/09 a budget was finally passed. On paper human services were spared cuts but it doesn't include a tax increase so the budget has been built on borrowing and delaying payments. Even with borrowing and delaying payments funds will most likely run out in January 2010 so another budget debate will occur so the year can be finished out.

\$2.3 billion in funds are to be distributed which is roughly 86% of 2009 budget funding levels. Some programs/agencies are hearing from DHS about revised contracts while others haven't heard anything yet. Though Homeless Prevention Funds were to be zeroed out in the 2009-2010 budget it now looks like it will only be cut by 20%.

Nicole encouraged people to continue to advocate for fair funding for human services. She has sample letters if you need them. Nancy Radner and Nicole will meet with IDHS in two weeks to press for equitable funding for homeless services and also explore opportunities to develop a statewide campaign to give homeless services a stronger presence in Springfield.

IV. Upcoming Elections

It's been two years since the first round of elections for commissions so it will soon be time to hold new elections. Sherise Alexander talked through how the Service Providers Executive Committee and how at-large representatives can be elected.

On August 10, 2009, Alliance staff will be emailing out a nominating form which will be due back on August 24, 2009. Information about terms and responsibilities will also be sent out. If you plan to nominate someone please talk with them first to be sure they want to serve. If you want to nominate yourself, please be sure to read the responsibilities so you know the number of meetings and duties you are committing to. Information about how many people from one organization can serve on the SPC Executive Committee, how many votes per agency, etc. will be included with the email. Voting will take place via an on-line survey tool to make it accessible to all Alliance members.

It was suggested that we have the election done by the next Planning Council meeting. According to Sherise, the timelines for nominations and voting as set, the election will be done before the October Planning Council meeting.

If anyone needs information about the election process for the Consumers Commission, please contact Sherise. Per Nancy, there is a core of 12 members who routinely attend so there's room on the Commission. People were encouraged to think about consumers who might want to get involved. The Consumers now have a

nominating committee of 3 members who can talk with potential Consumer Commission members about serving. There's a policy on stipends for consumers who participate which Alliance staff will email out.

V. NOFA Process

Nicole Prichard explained that we're completing the local evaluation process. Appeal decisions have been made and final scores will be emailed out next week to the agency's primary NOFA contact.

The Continuum has to complete registration in esnaps by the end of August. Agencies will be able to do their entry into esnaps in September. For renewal projects, esnaps will be easier this year as they will most likely be updating information from last year as necessary.

HUD recently announced that we are not able to reallocate funds this year. Ceandra Daniels explained that the Planning Council's ranking policies indicate that funds for new projects were going to come from defunding programs that fell below a score of 50, and SSO programs. The Planning Council will be revisiting these policies once the NOFA is released, which will not be before August 31, 2009. HUD also announced that this year, the bonus project will not be for chronically homeless individuals only; it will be for permanent housing. We can have more than one project and if we have more than one project, one of them should be for chronically homeless people. We now believe that HUD is not going to use the housing to services ratio other than as part of the bonus project. Per Nancy Radner next year HMIS seems to be the place we need to focus on improving our score-it was 56 this year.

VI. Report from SPC Representatives of the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness

Ceandra Daniels gave the update from the last Planning Council meeting. On July 15, 2009, the Planning Council reviewed a report from Alliance staff on the NOFA process. The report will be posted on the website for review.

- Chicago was funded for \$4.7 million
- the score total changed from 60 to 100
- we had a score of 78.5 and were above the funding line by .25 of a point
- Recommendations and notes:
 - utilize HMIS to complete and check the quality of the housing inventory chart
 - change meeting structure of the Planning Council from 4x/year to 6x/year
 - limit number of committees on Exhibit 1 to those related to the Planning Council
 - we lost a point for lack of d/c planning from health providers
 - quarterly reports from HMIS to help us improve our HMIS score

Other topics included the HMV Committee giving a report on ranking policy suggestions, an update and discussion on the HEARTH legislation, and an HMIS Committee report where issues around problems with interface agencies were discussed.

Concerns about HMIS were discussed, mainly the lack of timely technical support and assistance. The HMIS Committee is trying to get a budget from the city so we can learn how much money is available. Having 1-2 people dedicated to supporting HMIS seems critical given the importance of improving our score for the next NOFA. Sherise thanked Nicole Prichard for a report she compiled for the HMIS Committee.

VII. Ad-Hoc SSO (support service organizations) Group

Susan R-G reported from the group. They developed a plan to get the word out about how the system will be impacted because of SSO cuts. The group developed a paper detailing the impact (it's been distributed but it will also be posted on the Alliance website). Group members also met with Alderman and other political officials. Now given the change in focus that appears to be coming from down from HUD it doesn't appear that

the cuts will occur. Nancy has been advocating with the city on getting some money from the parking meter sale to go towards services for homeless people.

VIII. Alliance Board of Directors Update

Audrey Thomas explained how the Board has developed and transitioned since the development of the Alliance. 2 consumers (Dorothy Yancy and Lonnie Fulton) and 2 service providers (Art Bendixen and Audrey Thomas) are serving on the Board along with a variety of community leaders.

On June 23, 2009, the new Board met for the first time. A list of Board members was distributed to the group-another person will be elected to the Board at their next meeting. The Board will have 18 members after the next meeting. At the June 23rd meeting, four board committees were created which are: Audit and Finance, Development, Marketing and Rapid Response. Expectations on meeting attendance and participation, financial contributions, and committee membership have been outlined for all Board members.

The Board is responsible for the fiduciary management and the direction of the Alliance. They are to raise the visibility about the alliance and the goal of ending homelessness, they're to be ambassador's to the community to help us end homelessness, and to help us raise the necessary resources to end homelessness.

The Board signed an open letter to the media and legislators decrying the impact of the state budget cuts.

IX. Announcement

-Margaret Haywood announced that Inspiration Corporation has begun a new training program for restaurant customer service (ex. cashier, servers, etc.) is beginning. They hold orientation for their training programs at 1pm every Wednesday in their Uptown location.

-Art announced that the AFC Supportive Housing Program will have 195 subsidies for homeless singles with a chronic medical illness available this fall. AFC will put out an official announcement once HUD has given them final approval.

-Nancy talked about CSBG funds. A comprehensive approach to homeless outreach for youth has been funded. A program to target Englewood, doubled-up families with case management, housing and employment has been funded. It was suggested that we look at who has been funded and how they fit in our system

-Mercy Housing will start filling shelter plus care spots this fall. A formal announcement will be going out.

-Volunteers for American is hosting a back to school fair for kids. Doctors and dentists will be there giving exams and they're trying to arrange for haircuts. Backpacks will be given to children in grades K-12 who are at the fair. It's a block party and will be at the Dr. King Boys and Girls Club at Washington and Sacramento on Saturday, August 15.

-HPRP partners have been selected but it appears that the word isn't out publicly yet. In the meeting, 3 agencies were in attendance and said they've been funded: Featherfist, Heartland Human Care Services, and La Casa Norte. We talked about the importance of getting clear and transparent information from the city on which agencies have been awarded funds. We also talked about making the most of the opportunity afforded by the funds.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm.