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**City of Albany
Homeless Task Force
Thursday, March 21, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Avenue – South Room**

Meeting Notes

Members present: April Anthony, Ruth Cashmere, Barbara Chambers, Brian Johns, Lisa Kleinbub, Paul O’Curry, Sharon Pipkin, Steve Thrush and Julie Ann Winkelstein.

Member absent: Gordon McCarter

Staff present: Jeff Bond, Ann Chaney and Isabelle Leduc

1. Adoption of February 21, 2013 Meeting Notes

Motion: Motion was made by Member Pipkin and seconded by Member Thrush to accept the February 21, 2013 meeting notes. Motion carried all in favor.

2. Staff Update

- Staff Leduc reported on the visit to the Bulb by the Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless Program March 14.

3. Presentation on EveryOne Home – Kathie Barkow

- Kathie Barkow provided historical information that led to the Housing First Model.
- The Housing First Model commits to solving homelessness with permanent housing and providing the level and length of rental subsidy needed and supportive services once housed that ensure that people can maintain housing and improve their lives.
- Examples of Housing First/Direct Access to housing programs in Alameda County include Square One in Berkeley, Oakland Path to Rehousing Initiative (OPRI), Full Service Partnerships County-wide and AC Impact which serves the cities of Oakland, Fremont, Hayward and Livermore.

4. Presentation on Needs Assessment – Alex McElree, Executive Director, Operation Dignity, Inc.

- Operation Dignity, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides homeless Veterans, families and people who are homeless with housing and comprehensive support services.
- Services include mobile outreach on the streets, drop in services and referrals, housing assessment and counseling, case planning and management, advocacy, health services and education, transportation assistance, transitional and permanent housing.
- The action plan for the proposed needs assessment would include beginning and maintaining engagement with target population while distributing food, water, coffee, blankets, socks and tents.
- Administer a short needs assessment to determine factors that will affect next steps in housing procedures.
- Time allocation is 90 days
- Cost: \$30,000

5. Review of Options to End Homelessness in Albany

- With the presentation of options to Council fast approaching, staff recommended a special meeting of the Homeless Task Force on April 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM to go over the options.
- All Members of the Task Force said that they could make the meeting
- Staff suggested that until the special meeting, Members go over the current list of options distributed at the meeting and send to staff any comments/modifications.

6. Report from Homeless Bill of Rights.

- Member Johns provided a brief overview of his research and it was suggested that more time be spent on this item at a future meeting.
- Member Johns mentioned that time and effort should be spent on harm reduction methods such as sanitation, water, garbage disposals, advocacy

7. Report on MHSA Advisory Committee – Member Thrush

- Due to lack of time the item was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Recurring item: Research on program that serve people who are homeless

- Due to lack of time the item was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Items for the Next Agenda

- MHPA report
- Homeless Bill of Rights
- Options to End Homelessness in Albany

10. Adjournment: 9:25 PM