

**Mental Health Services Act
401 S. Tustin Street Design Meeting
September 3, 2008**

Program Minutes

MHSA:

Kate Pavich reviewed the reasons that OSHPD (Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development) certification will not be required for the site i.e., the Crisis Residential program will not provide medical care (it is not a hospital or skilled nursing facility) and will be under licensing for Social Rehabilitation Facilities. This was confirmed by Susanne Wilton at the State OSHPD office. We will request verification from this office in writing.

Kate reported that the transfer of the Santiago Creek property to Orange County Flood Control was finalized at the 7-15-08 Board of Supervisor's meeting. Linda Kaye asked for this information and was given a copy of the Agenda Staff Report (ASR).

Kate discussed the increase in our Capital Facilities allocation from Department of Mental Health (DMH). In addition, DMH has created a form that can be submitted to bill "predevelopment costs" for our project. Our analyst, Robert Balma, will be using this form to process Architecture and Engineering payment requests.

Orange County Public Works:

Steve Johsz continues to work with the City of Orange on the Conditional Use Permits (CUP). We need to determine which CUP the site currently has and confirm that a Crisis Residential Facility will be able to be located at that site.

Alexander and Hibbs Architect and Engineering:

Allen Hibbs distributed space lists and preliminary site drawings for the location of the three buildings. Program staff expressed concern that the building for the Crisis Residential Program looked too institutional. A decision was subsequently made to erect a two-story building. There would be no additional cost for the project since the overall square footage would be reduced and the only significant change would be adding the elevator. This would allow the facility to be more home-like, to cluster staff offices and bedrooms to increase visibility, and have a downstairs commercial-size laundry area and an upstairs residential laundry area. The issue of a garden was brought up and Allen confirmed that there would be a garden separate from the other two facilities. The decision was also made to add additional parking spaces along the edge of the property adjacent to the flood control channel. The subject of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance was discussed as well.

The design of the Wellness/Peer Support Center was also reviewed. Comments were made about the size of the catering kitchen with requests to enlarge the oven/number of ovens and add a commercial size refrigerator. Allen Hibbs pointed out that once a kitchen is constructed beyond a certain point it becomes an industrial kitchen and there

are increased regulations and costs to consider. While there is no designated dining room, the furniture in the living room was designed to be “multi-purpose.” Tables and chairs could be moved in for dining and when not in use could be moved into storage areas adjacent to the living room. An additional storage area was also included for gardening tools and maintenance equipment. The overall design of the Wellness/Peer Support Center was supported by the attendees.

Casey Dorman, Coordinator for the MHSA Training department, liked the layout of the two buildings for the Vocational Training Program. An additional classroom was added and a suggestion was made to connect the offices by a walkway. Although the outdoor amphitheater was not needed, it was a nice addition to the building plans.