Healthy Sacramento Coalition Meeting  
November 6, 2017  
Meeting Notes

Meeting Outcomes:
- Review Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) timeline and process
- Overview of current housing developments in Sacramento

The vision of the Healthy Sacramento Coalition (HSC) is to eliminate health inequities in Sacramento through advocacy and integration of resources. With a mission to eliminate racialized health inequities in Sacramento through movements that advance policy and system change resulting in neighborhood impact.

Welcome and Overview
Kaying Hang, Director of Health Programs, Sierra Health Foundation, welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda. Coalition members introduced themselves.

Healthy Sacramento Coalition Review
Kaying Hang provided an overview of the development of the Coalition, how it started and its current priorities. A visual of the timeline is below.

Update on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Campaign
Veronica Beaty, Land Use Policy Director, Sacramento Housing Alliance, gave an update on the AFFH plan process and timeline. The AFFH influences how neighborhoods of opportunity are built and how communities make sure everyone has access to safe affordable housing that is connected to quality jobs and transportation.

Additional Resources

Overview of Fair and Affordable Housing Developments in Sacramento
Malaki Seku-Amen, President and CEO, California Urban Partnership, introduced Urban Strategies Inc. and provided background and framing on current housing developments in Sacramento as connected to the HSC and AFFH.

Case Study of Twin Rivers Housing Complex
Edward Lewis, Associate Project Manager, Urban Strategies Inc., gave a presentation and update on the Twin Rivers Housing complex.
Discussion:

- Twin Rivers/Dos Rios was developed in 1942 so it is long overdue for revitalization. The aim is to create a mixed income community near downtown with amenities, facilities and services readily available.
- It is a 212 unit complex. 63% adults, 60% are female-led households, 63% African American, 23% API, 15% Native: a community of color.
- When the development is finished it will consist of close to 500 units.
- This is the second year of a five-year grant, and currently Urban Strategies is preparing residents to relocate to other communities. The goal is for residents to be able to return in two years (by 2021). These residents have a right of return as long as they are in good standing with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) and the leasing agreement.
  - The right of return is an area of concern for housing advocates because good standing means that residents do not have any felonies, are not in breach of their lease agreement and have no convictions. How this is defined is determined by SHRA. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) only provides two stipulations and SHRA determines the other policies that decide what good standing means.
- Urban Strategies will act as case managers during the two years of relocation, connecting residents to services, providing a network for residents and keeping them informed. However, they are understaffed.
- Urban Strategies also provides classes, training, healthcare support, education and information to residents to provide opportunities for improvement and connection.
- There is some uncertainty around what will happen if current residents choose not to return to the development once it is complete. However, due to the funding used for this development, the units designated as affordable housing must remain so for 40 years.

Reflection and Group Discussion

Connie Chan Robison, Executive Director, Center for Collaborative Planning, and Kim Williams, Director, Sacramento Building Healthy Communities, asked Coalition members to break into table groups and consider the following questions:

- Given what you have heard today, what remaining questions do you have?
- Please identify how this housing crisis is affecting your communities.
- Use this opportunity for self-reflection and converse with each other around the community engagement component of the AFFH and also larger housing, land use and community issues.

Group Report Out

Connie Chan Robison and Kim Williams led table groups in reporting back on their discussions.

- Need to look at the big picture including integrating shared opportunity for growth, social determinants of health, racial health equity lens.
- What is the consistency between HUD and housing elements in the General Plan?
- What other examples exist of racial impact statement for housing policies?
  - Seattle, Minneapolis, Charlottesville
• What is the tie in with SB1000? New law that environmental justice needs to be included in General Plan.
  o Do we need to create way for more alignment between processes (e.g. AFFH, Housing elements, SB1000, SCS)?
• What is our philosophical belief in terms of how we approach this work?
• Need to have a regional economy shift toward equity strategy.
• AFFH needs to focus on racial equity.
• We need to define what a neighborhood/community of opportunity looks like and what equitable policies are.
• We have to have a vision of inclusion and racial equity and activate people around it – need to integrate the vision into policies.
• What is the metric of success for Twin Rivers? Defining outcomes.
• How robust is the case management during the relocation/return process?
• How do we encourage residents to use services provided by Urban Strategies, Inc.? What prevents them from doing so?
• Utilizing residents as champions.
• Engaging policymakers.
• Developer incentives and tax credits.
• Extensions for transitional housing to ensure residents do not lose Section 8 vouchers.
• Suggest zero down payment incentives, student loans, educational hardship.
• Considerations for families with disabled members, inclusive community engagement.

**Next Steps, Call to Action, Closing, Appreciation and Evaluation of Meeting**
Coalition members were given the space to share appreciation for each other and were reminded to complete their evaluation forms before leaving.

**Next Coalition Meeting Date** – February 28, 2018
Timeline & History of Healthy Sacramento Coalition (2011 – present) & Sacramento Region Equity Initiatives

Parallel Health Equity-Related Initiatives (complete)
2007-2012: Coalition on Regional Equity (CORE)
2015-2016: Government Alliance for Racial Equity (GARE)

Healthy Sacramento Coalition
Founded 2011
Funded by CDC—CTG funding awarded to SHF

2011-2014
CTG: Focus on chronic disease prevention—grants/projects
2013 CHNA: Focus on 15 ZIP codes (Focus Communities)

2014-2015
Loss of CTG funding > planning year
Adoption of focus on SDOH and racial equity
2016 CHNA update

2016-present
Mission to eliminate racialized health inequities in Sacramento
Adoption of All-in-Cities agenda & racial impact assessment tool
2017 PolicyLink report

Parallel Health Equity-Related Initiatives (in progress)
2010-2020: BHC South Sac (Cal Endow)
2012-present: ValleyHi HEAL Zone (Kaiser/HEC)
2015-2025: Sacramento Promise Zone (HUD/SHRA)

An Equitable, Thriving Sacramento All-In-Cities Framework
1. Healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods
2. Equitable jobs
3. Economic security/mobility
4. Strong cradle-to-career pipeline
5. Resilient, connected infrastructure
6. Affordable and secure housing
7. Just policing and courts
8. Civic engagement