HOUSING + HEALTH

STABLE HOMES WITH SERVICES: KEY PRESCRIPTION FOR IMPROVED HEALTH
By Steven Shum, CSH

Taking advantage of health reform, Bay Area communities are integrating healthcare efforts with affordable homes to better serve the most vulnerable individuals.

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) organized May’s Brown Bag on Health and Housing – highlighting new opportunities with Medi-Cal funding for supportive housing targeted to chronically homeless individuals and frequent users of crisis services. CSH trumpeted recent developments with California’s plan to implement the Health Homes option under the Affordable Care Act and the State’s submission of its 1115 Medicaid Waiver. These efforts represent key opportunities for local communities to leverage federal funding for supportive housing.

“We have been working diligently for more than 20 years to ensure steady and reliable funding to create and operate high quality supportive housing,” said Steven Shum, CSH’s Senior Program Manager in Northern CA. “And we’re on the cusp of exciting changes in the health and housing sectors.”

Panelist Preston Burns, Provider Services Specialist with Health Plan of San Mateo, shared an update of their Community Care Settings Pilot – an innovative partnership targeting housing services and case management support to vulnerable seniors and other adults using health plan funding.

Panelist Margot Antonetty, Interim Director of Housing and Urban Health with the San Francisco Department of Public Health, discussed the City’s long-standing supportive housing efforts for homeless individuals, including 2,100 supportive housing units currently in their portfolio. Their evidence shows that supportive housing efforts have resulted in reduced emergency and inpatient medical costs and improved health outcomes and quality of life for tenants.

To participate in upcoming informational sessions on the State’s plan for Health Homes implementation, please contact: steven.shum@csf.org

HOUSING + EDUCATION

NPH member Eden Housing, our subregional partner Housing Trust Silicon Valley and Microsoft hosted a Housing & Education Policy Breakfast in May.

Featured speakers Deb McKoy from UC Berkeley Center for Cities and Schools, Muhammed Chaudhry from Silicon Valley Education Foundation, Chris Funk from East Side Union High School, Jennifer Peck from Partnership for Children and Youth, Sunne McPeak from California Emerging Technology Fund and Linda Mandolini, President of Eden Housing, focused on housing as a key input to education outcomes.

Deb shared that 2/3 of educational success is contingent upon non-school factors, with affordable and healthy homes topping the list. As those that work in housing know, students often bounce between schools while their parents search desperately for a permanent home. Superintendent Funk noted that while students who change schools just one time in the school year are 50% LESS likely to graduate, some students in his district change high-schools 8-9 times in a year.

Key takeaways from the breakfast include solutions that support both housing and education:

- Build more quality homes
- Focus on inclusionary housing for naturally diverse schools with better overall education outcomes
- Connect school and education workers with housers to break down silos
- Push educators, as well as transit, public health, and technology folks to tell their legislators that housing matters

For panel slides, contact Nathan Ho at Eden Housing. To learn more about Housing + Education or to join an NPH Working Group contact Pilar Lorenzana-Campo who has ideas on how to reach councilmembers who fight housing due to school capacity issues.
NPH’s top policy priority of 2015 is supporting State Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins’ Californians for Homes & Jobs bill package.

NPH’s Policy Team has been integral to this campaign since its inception, and we’d like to thank all of the NPH members who wrote letters of support, made phone calls, met with legislators and championed this bill package. Our strategic advocacy depends on the powerful voices of our community and we are proud of the work that our members and team have done.

Due in part to these efforts, AB 35 (Chiu), AB 90 (Chau), AB 1056 (Atkins), and SB 377 (Beall), another key NPH legislative priority, have passed their houses of origin!

AB 1335 (Atkins), the Building Homes and Jobs Act, was amended on the Assembly floor to require a direct allocation of 50% of the funds to local jurisdictions and dedicate 10% of the funds for farmworker housing. The bill has not been taken up for a vote yet and, because it contains an urgency clause, is not subject to any legislative deadlines. We will continue our advocacy efforts on 1335 in preparation for an Assembly floor vote in the near future.

To get involved in NPH’s State Legislative advocacy contact Michael Lane.
THOUSANDS ATTEND AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEKS ACROSS BAY AREA

This May our subregional partners, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo (HLC) and Housing Trust Silicon Valley (HTSV) hosted 42 affordable housing focused events across the Bay Area as part of three regional Affordable Housing Weeks.

These events, including a screening of the documentary short film Hotel 22 hosted by the City of San Jose, a Social Justice Forum on the two worlds of San Mateo and the graduation ceremony of EBHO’s Leadership Academy, drew over 4,000 people from across the region.

Housers and Bay Area citizens donned hard hats and bike helmets for affordable housing tours, called for public land to be used for public good, celebrated partnerships and victories at numerous groundbreakings and heard from residents, elected officials and community groups about housing solutions to build equitable communities.

Below are a few of our favorite photos courtesy of EBHO and HTSV!

UPCOMING EVENT: ELPN AND NPH HOST ADVOCACY BOOTCAMP

District Advocacy and Policy Bootcamp
July 9th, 10-12:30pm * lunch provided
NPH Conference Room - 369 Pine St., Suite 310
San Francisco

Whether you barely know how a bill goes through the legislature or you’re a seasoned pro looking to get involved in regional advocacy for statewide bills, we invite YOU to join the ELPN for a 2.5 hour District Advocacy and Policy Bootcamp!

The training will include an overview of state legislative systems, information on current statewide legislation for affordable homes, lobbying 101 training, and prep and practice for upcoming District Advocacy in late July and August. Together, we can ensure that California invests in affordable homes, good jobs, and healthier, inclusive neighborhoods!

Please register here or contact Charlotte Rosen for more details.
We want you to get the most out of NPH Membership and strive to harness the collective energy and power of our community to push our movement forward. Looking for a way to get more involved with NPH? Email Gina with general membership questions and click on the links and buttons below to sign up!

JOIN A WORKING GROUP

NPH currently runs a Legislative Issues Working Group, sponsors the Emerging Leaders Peer Network and will be reactivating the Housing Advocacy Network this year. Connect with peers, discuss solutions to pressing issues and help shape NPH’s policy agenda.

ATTEND AN EVENT

NPH offers capacity building and networking events throughout the year. Attend our upcoming Brown Bag Discussion on Cap-and-Trade revenue for energy efficiency projects and join us for our 36th Annual Fall Conference, October 5th in San Francisco.

EDUCATION + NEWS

Use NPH as a resource! Sign up to receive our bi-weekly news and events bulletin, our in-depth Newsletter stories, research-based publications and follow us on Twitter for breaking affordable housing news.

BECOME AN ADVOCATE

We need you to write letters and support key legislation, meet with legislators to remind them of the importance of home, and join our delegations in Sacramento and around the region. Attend our upcoming Advocacy Bootcamp or contact Pilar to get involved.

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Renew as a partner-level member to see your name acknowledged in our next issue!
NPH STAFF WORKED ACROSS THE REGION THIS QUARTER - PRESENTING AT CONFERENCES, HOSTING EVENTS AND WORKING TO IMPROVE THE EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

APRIL
• NPH hosted a Media Briefing for Bay Area reporters to discuss solutions to the affordable housing crisis.
• NPH Deputy Policy Director, Pilar Lorenzana-Campo, moderated the Regional Prosperity Plan Capstone Conference. She chairs the RPP Steering Committee and co-chairs the Housing Working Group.
• Pilar also moderated a Jobs-Housing Fit Workshop at the Housing California Conference.
• NPH staff worked with members to submit dozens of letters supporting Speaker Atkins’ 2015 bill package.

MAY
• 300+ people attended NPH’s 19th Annual Leadership Awards, recognizing Speaker Toni Atkins, Barney Deasy and Kara Douglas.
• NPH, TransForm, Greenbelt Alliance and MidPen Housing convened a workshop of Bay Area elected/appointed officials on regional strategies.
• Pilar joined San Jose’s Wayne Chen and Kevin Zwick from HTSV to discuss Housing Policy and Development during a Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Week event hosted by SPUR.
• NPH hosted a Brown Bag on Health and Housing: New Models for Caring Communities moderated by Corporation for Supportive Housing.
• NPH hosted a joint event on affordable housing production and preservation strategies with partners EBHO and MTC.
• Michael Lane provided state-level updates at HLC’s Legislative Breakfast.

JUNE
• Michael Lane hosted an AHSC Program Developer Debrief with partners California Housing Partnership and Housing California.
• NPH hosted a Brown Bag on Equitable Transit-Oriented Development moderated by Linda Wheaton at HCD.
• NPH hosted a Brown Bag: 2015 LIHTC Audit & Tax Season Debrief moderated by Lindquist, von Husen & Joyce, LLP.
• NPH, MTC and Commissioner Jack MacKenzie facilitated a Sonoma County workshop on affordable housing findings and policy priorities emerging from the RPP.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

36TH ANNUAL NPH FALL CONFERENCE

Our Fall Conference aims to provide our members and partners with the tools, knowledge and network to strengthen our collective work and advance our advocacy agenda.

Join us:
Monday, October 5
Parc 55 Wyndam, San Francisco

To sponsor this event or for more information, click here.

PUBLICATIONS COMING SOON:

NPH works hard to deliver the resources and information that our members need. To get on the list and receive the below publications when complete, please contact Sarah Gudernatch.

HOUSING PRODUCTION FACT SHEET

JOBS-HOUSING FIT FACT SHEET

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOOLS ONE PAGER

NEWS TO BUILD ON SUMMER 2015