



# Minutes for San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services Homeless Provider Network Meeting

February 17, 2016

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

County of San Bernardino ■ Health Services Center

850 E. Foothill Blvd. ■ Rialto, CA 92376

Minutes Recorded and transcribed by Amy Edwards, Secretary I, Department of Behavioral Health

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and asked to introduce themselves.</li> </ul>
CONSENT ITEMS		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None to report</li> </ul>
UPDATES		
Updates from representatives on progress of regional meetings	Anthony Brazier Central Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We have not met this year; this was our normally scheduled meeting date. We have been working with Ron Griffin from 211 who has been helping us begin our family regional outreach with Pathways to housing.</li> <li>▪ I met with Michael who is from the Room and Board Coalition; we are trying to bring housing vendors and agencies with housing needs for their clients together. This group will meet directly after our normally scheduled Central Valley HPN meeting as well as have bi-weekly phone ins or video chats.</li> </ul>
	Lois Perkins Desert/Mountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We have not met this year; today was our regular scheduled meeting date as well. Updates from last year include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We voted to change our quorum so we can approve minutes and actions</li> <li>○ We talked about the process of applying for CoC grants</li> <li>○ We encouraged all agencies to participate in the Point-In-Time Count that was in January</li> <li>○ We talked about ending Chronically Homeless Veterans, which by the end of the year we were at a soft zero.</li> <li>○ We had presenter, Jim Collins there talking about resources available for the Chronically Homeless. His personal cell phone is available if anyone wanted it.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Elizabeth Kirkland East Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Our focus was the Point-In-Time Count (PITC) in January. At our last meeting in January Michele Bletcher came out and gave us training on the PITC procedures which took up most of our meeting time.</li> <li>▪ The PITC was very successful and we were very pleased with our numbers.</li> </ul>
	Don Smith West Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We continue to meet monthly, right now the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, but we are looking to change that to either the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday or Thursday of every month.</li> <li>▪ We continue to focus on Pathways to Housing and connecting providers to clients.</li> <li>▪ We had several presentations over the past couple of months on rapid rehousing. KEYS did a presentation on the challenge, barriers, and successes of that. Inland Valley HOPE Partners did a presentation on their new rapid rehousing project and the barriers and success of that.</li> <li>▪ Impact Southern California Presented on their privately funded prevention and rapid rehousing program.</li> </ul>

	<p>Tom Hernandez Office of Homeless Services/Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)</p>	<p>Their funds come from crowd funding and private donations. In the 10 months they have been operating they have helped about 50 households with over \$30,000 in private funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are the test area for the new Probation RFP. We need more probation funded housing on the west end. We are helping to identify providers in the area.</li> <li>▪ ICH met last month on January 27, 2016, there wasn't much to report on. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They approved three letters of support for our SSVF providers, KEYS, Lighthouse, US Vets</li> <li>○ Approved letter of support for LaBarge Industries applying for prop 41 money to build veteran housing</li> <li>○ Had a discussion on how to approach cities that are asking internally what they are doing to improve homelessness within their city.</li> <li>○ The Emergency Ad Hoc Committee, led by Deputy Mike Jones has been meeting monthly. They are focusing on getting the homeless out of the flood control areas and into safe places. They have provided safety kits and information on where to go for shelter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The next ICH meeting will be Wednesday February 24, 2016 9:00 am -11:00 am at 303 E. Vanderbilt Way in San Bernardino, Conference room 109A/B. Some items that will be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approve the recommendation to appoint a new Hospital Representative from Kaiser Permanente as an ICH member</li> <li>○ Approve a letter of support for the Department of Housing and Community Development, they are applying for the remaining ESG funds</li> <li>○ Presentation on the PITC and the Veterans Base of Operations</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The office of Homeless Services is focusing on the housing inventory chart.</li> <li>▪ For those of you that are shelter providers, Our Analyst, Christy Hamilton has been in contact with you trying to get your shelter counts for the Point In Time Count.</li> </ul>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<p>Approve recommended changes to HPN Bylaws</p>	<p>Sharon Green, Chair  Tom Hernandez  Sharon Green</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We do not have a Quorum today, but this item was to discuss changing the number of members needed to make a quorum. I want to add this to our next agenda, that way it gives everyone time to review the changes.</li> <li>▪ As of now the quorum requires 50% plus one, so we would need 28 to have a quorum. If anyone here is not a member and would like to become a member you can fill out an application right now and be a member.</li> <li>▪ The change was to switch from 50%+1 to 25%=1</li> <li>▪ It is so ordered to table this discussion until our next agenda April 20, 2016</li> </ul>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>		
<p>Inland Temporary Homes</p>	<p>Jeff Little Andy Helm Sidney Gossett</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Talked about some statistics. Almost 36,000 children were without a stable residence last year in San Bernardino County. Half of those children will go hungry. A fifth of homeless children are separated from their immediate family. Over half are forced to break-up in order to be temporarily housed. Families comprise one third of the total homeless population.</li> <li>▪ Through the rapid rehousing solution in 2015 we were able to house 37 families consisting of 44 adults, 88 children, for a total of 132 individuals. 97% are still housed after our follow up. We only have 1 family still not housed after follow up.</li> <li>▪ It is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we have housed over 700 family.</li> </ul>

Time For Change Foundation	Vanessa Perez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is Rapid Rehousing? We want to provide short term rental assistance and services in the hopes of providing stability and long term housing for families. Its permanent housing for the homeless.</li> <li>▪ Families partner up with our housing navigator and together they find housing.</li> <li>▪ The rental assistance is temporary. We want families to have ownership, so finding them a place they are comfortable, safe, and can afford on their own once the rental assistance period is up is important.</li> <li>▪ Who is eligible? Homeless families with children in San Bernardino County. We work with families that are literally homeless. Living in their car, on the streets, or staying in motels paid for by a church or public assistance. These are families that have no support and are literally homeless.</li> <li>▪ What makes rapid rehousing successful? Families are bought into the program. They are looking for their property. Families help determine how long they need assistance for. Families have direct contact with our staff. We all work together to help make each family successful.</li> <li>▪ We require at least one case management each month, however some families have one each week.</li> <li>▪ Landlord incentives: We are using private landlords so we offer double security deposits or up to two months' rent, plus the first month's rent and a subsidy for as long as the families need it. We also offer case management, in home case management which the landlords love because it is an extra set of eyes checking in on the tenants.</li> <li>▪ Our housing navigator is amazing. He is a licensed realtor that knows the community and builds a relationship with the client and the landlord. The housing navigator is essential.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presented a short video and PowerPoint presentation on the Time for Change Foundation, highlighting founder Kim Carter's background and how the organization was founded as well as their accomplishments and pictures from the 2015 CNN Heroes Award Ceremony.</li> </ul>
<b>RECOGNITION</b>		
Time for Change Foundation – CNN Heroes Award Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement (H.O.P.E)	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognized both Time for Change and the Sheriff's HOPE team for their outstanding work they do. Trophies will be presented to them at the ICH meeting on February 24, 2016</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>		Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.
<b>Next Meeting</b>		HPN will next meet on April 20, 1016 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the County of San Bernardino Health Services Center located at 850 E. Foothill Blvd., Rialto, CA 92376. ***Meeting minutes are available upon request***

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