

**Minutes for Morongo Basin Haven
East Valley Homeless Provider Network**

May 19, 2017 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

County of San Bernardino Probation Office Meeting Room - 63665 29 Palms Hwy – Joshua Tree, CA 92252

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Welcome & Introductions Approval of Minutes	Elizabeth Kirkland & Heidi Albright	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 10:00 am Introductions Catherine Sexton motioned to move to accept April minutes as written and Susie Cartwright seconded the motion, all in favor
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
Agenda Items & Updates	Wayne Hamilton Heidi Albright Committee	<p>Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HEAP has been funded for 2017 and is now accepting applications at the 2 Joshua Tree sessions a month. Typically applicants can get a credit of \$300-\$400 on their chosen utility (electric or gas), more may be available for special situations. CAP Rental Assistance has not been funded yet. Catholic Charities has funding from multiple sources and is open for intake appointments. They have both utility assistance and rental assistance among other resources. Salvation Army has limited funds to help w/ utilities and supplies. <p>Resource Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shanese Campbell from Spirit and Truth Worship Center Church announced that every Tuesday they have food distributions from 5pm to 7pm and on the 3rd Tuesday it is enhanced by the USDA. Wayne Hamilton reports that a property owner was approached by an organization to use a building for food distribution and possible food pantry in Yucca Valley. Unknown status at this time. Discussion began about available affordable units in the local area. Many available units are being converted to short-term vacation rentals or AirBnB's and are not available to those in need. Discussion began about how to protect property owners from damage caused by tenants, especially those referred by housing providers. The only protection afforded property owners, per this discussion, is the property owner's personal insurance companies. Housing providers cannot insure for damages. Crystal at Step-Up does confirm that the housing authority does do an annual inspection of the home for both the property owner's interests and the tenants' rights to reasonable standards of living. There was a discussion about available resources for elderly and medically needy persons. It was determined that there are no specific services for this population as medical conditions often disqualify persons from transitional and supportive housing. <p>Grant Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee met on 5/11/2017 to discuss parameters for financial assistance in the community using MB Haven funds. Committee members are Elizabeth Kirkland, Heidi Albright, Shelly Licata, Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Cisneros. MB Haven receives donations to resolve, prevent or reduce the suffering of homelessness in the Morongo Basin. Originally, the funds were to be distributed to a housing provider that agreed to build an emergency shelter in the Morongo Basin and/or has been used to purchase supplies such as hygiene kits, sleeping bags, socks, bus passes and food gift cards. These items will continue to be purchased and distributed by MB Haven.

	<p>Elizabeth Kirkland</p> <p>All Attendees</p> <p>All Attendees</p>	<p>programs and/or property owner relationship building. Case Management and one-on-one therapy linkage will begin immediately for high tiered individuals.</p> <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point-In-Time Count final report is available online. Elizabeth notes that the numbers for the Morongo Basin have not changed much but that the need for homeless services in this area are becoming more apparent to the county and state officials. <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those interested, please call our congressional representative, Cook, to advocate for services in the area. The number is 202-224-3121 and 202-225-5861. HPN East Region is proposing a free training for Training Informed Care that will focus primarily on unaccompanied women. The Proposed date for this training is September 20 at Loma Linda University. A list of interested persons was taken by Elizabeth to submit to the HPN for consideration. Room & Board Advisory Board will be presenting in June. This board is a peer directed advisory coalition. Joshua Springs Church has a sobering living house on Paxton in Yucca Valley. Admissions are limited to church members. Lori Cosgriff at the 29 Palms Food Pantry is bringing together community food distribution and service providers along with Waste Not from Orange County to discuss implementation of Waste Not program in the Morongo Basin. Kelly Schumacher reports that this would include partnerships with restaurants, grocery stores and the like. Meetings TBA. Members had heard about a meeting that occurred on 5/19 at 1 pm that was called "Reach Out to the Homeless" no members had attended and most were not aware of the event. <p>Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzie reminded the group that the Pacific Clinic's Santa Fe Social Club is a peer-lead drop in center for persons with a diagnosed mental illness and that free meals are served daily as well as monthly food drives and bread/pastry giveaways. Mental Health Systems in Yucca Valley also offers a low-demand drop in center for persons aged 13 and over. MHS provides snacks, activities and resource linkage services. Reach Out Yucca Valley is holding a Bar-B-Que for Teens on the first Friday of each month from 3pm – 5pm at the Yucca Valley Community Park. The purpose of the event is to interact with local Teens and build rapport. Wayne Hamilton has agreed to bring left-over hygiene bags and sleeping bags from the PITC to Reach Out so they may distribute to persons in need. Reachout Yucca Valley has a new program that provides Nutritional Classes and Obesity prevention programs. Contact for this is Kendra Griffin 760-365-7130 or kendra@we-reachout.org Desert Arch has put together 30 bags of food and supplies and has given these to service providers to distribute to the needy. Desert Arch was also awarded money from the Joshua Tree Sunrise Rotary to help fund the purchase of food for the needy. Astrid Johnson accepted the check for the organization. Food for Life continues their Saturday free meals from 3pm to 5pm at their 29 Palms location. Kelly Schumacher reports that Food for Life is currently delivering 150 meals to shut-ins in the area and continues to provide emergency food provisions.
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UPCOMING

Next Meeting	Presenter To Be Room & Board Advisory Committee	June 16, 2017 San Bernardino County Probation Office - Meeting Room 63665 Twenty-nine Palms Hwy., Joshua Tree, CA 92252 10:00 A.M – 11:30 A.M.
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