

Minutes for San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Grant Review Committee

August 22, 2018
9:00 am – 11:00 am
DBH Health Services – Auditorium
850 E. Foothill Blvd., Rialto, CA 92415

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Amy Edwards, Secretary I, Office of Homeless Services

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION
Call To Order	Kent Paxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M.
Introductions	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made by all Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Grant Review Committee Members and members of the public.
CONSENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Approve minutes from the August 6, 2018 Grant Review Committee Meeting	Kent Paxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made to approve the August 6, 2016 meeting minutes as written. All were in favor, none opposed or abstained. The minutes were approved.
WORKSHOP	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
State Funding Opportunities	Joe Colletti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was given that gave an overview of the new state funding coming to the County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Place Like Home – Approximately \$190 million in Noncompetitive Allocation funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated allocation: \$2,537.144 ▪ Provides deferred payment loans to counties for the development of permanent supportive rental housing for people with serious mental illness, who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at-risk of chronic homeless. ○ Homes for a Healthy California – No estimated allocation released yet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released spring 2019. ▪ Funds must be used to address the problem of high costs incurred by health system for homeless person while living on the streets. They must be used to implement a solution that ties rental subsidies to health care service funds included in the final 1115 Medicaid Waiver. ○ California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) – Estimated allocation: \$1,459.234 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligible applicants are Administrative Entities, local governments, non-profit organizations, or unified agencies. ▪ Applications are due September 27, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. ▪ Funds can be used for one or more of the following eligible activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services • Operating subsidies • Flexible housing subsidy funds ▪ Operating support for emergency housing interventions, including, but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigation centers • Street outreach services • Shelter diversion ▪ System support for activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless services and housing delivery system, including CES, data, and HMIS reporting, and homelessness planning activities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative entities cannot use more than 40 percent of any funds in a fiscal year for operating support for emergency housing interventions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigation centers • Street outreach services • Shelter diversion ○ Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) – Estimated allocation: \$9,389,654.30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NOFA release will be September 5, 2018 ▪ Established for the purpose of providing localities with one time flexible block grant funds to address their immediate and emergency homelessness challenges. ▪ Program funds shall be expended on on-time uses that address homelessness. ▪ All participating cities/counties must declare an emergency shelter crisis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A county may only declare a shelter crisis in the unincorporated areas of the county. • The county acting as an administrative entity may not declare a blanket shelter crisis for the entire county and all its jurisdictions.
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION		
Discussion to prioritize for HEAP	<p>Kent Paxton</p> <p>Mike Jones</p> <p>Sharon Green</p> <p>Shaniqua Freeman</p> <p>Kent Paxton</p> <p>Eric Gavin</p> <p>Rachel Molina</p> <p>Miguel McQueen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach – Enhance outreach to make it a more robust system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand the HOPE Team. Have a team in Desert and a team in the Valley. • Coordinated Entry System (CES) – CES is mandated by HUD and severely underfunded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance capacity, CES needs more individuals to answer phones, take assessments, and do outreach. • We need to make an impact on those people seen on the streets and that are in encampments. A lot of them have some sort of income so we need to determine what they need to help them get off the streets and find stability. • Bridge housing and vouchers are needed. We do not have enough resources in place to help those that have a permanent place to go but are in transition. • Diversion • As a housing provider CES is broken. I don't know if giving them more money is the solution but it needs to be fixed. • I do not agree with Motel Vouchers because we tend to lose contact with the individuals and then money is wasted. • To Piggy Back off of outreach I think active engagement is important so we know where individuals are. • Engagement is a great idea. Ultimately it would be nice to have a navigation center or "One Stop" where individuals could go to have an assessment, get a few nights stay, and is placed with a case manager who ultimately would place them. • Subsidy dollars for rental assistance, deposits, and utilities. • Post housing follow-up • Rapid Rehousing Support – Since it is one time funds • I would encourage us to support programs already in place and establish partnerships. • Are there any shovel ready projects that could just use a boost to really get it off the ground and running? A project that can ultimately sustain itself or could succeed with future funds.

	Mike Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For CESH it would be important to have funds available to help individuals that are trying to get back home, maybe out of state or out of county. To have funds to buy a plane ticket or bus or train ticket would be a good idea.
	Miguel McQueen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We keep talking about CES and how it needs to be fixed. Do we know what that fix is? I think we need to do an assessment and determine exactly where those bugs are and what is needed to remedy it. If this is our backbone, the system HUD requires us to have then we need to identify those areas that need to be improved rather than just throw money at a system and say we need another person. You may need another person but you may need other things as well.
	Kent Paxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are going to start focusing on performance and technical assistance for all of our providers including CES.
	Eric Gavin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We base everything off of three principals. Find them, House them, and Help them stay. Using those three principals I would recommend that we use HEAP money to find them (Outreach) and help them stay (subsidies) and then use the CESH money to house them (RRH or PSH).
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice Varela

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