



Morongo Basin Haven Minutes - September 19, 2014

Chair person Shelley Licata called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. The meeting was held at Telecare Crisis Walk-In Center of Morongo Basin. Those in attendance toured the facility and learned that the facility if opened year-round, 24/7. Contract provider is San Bernardino County. Susie Petro, RN is the Administrator and presented an overview of all services and the support system. Ms. Petro stated that they work closely with the Sheriff's department. She expressed the critical need in the Morongo Basin Region for a shelter.

The Point-in-Time Count Day is scheduled for January 22, 2015 and Kevin Fist is developing the volunteer list. Volunteer training may be held at the County Building in Joshua Tree but needs to be confirmed. A trial run may be planned for October.

MB Haven will be gathering sleeping bags and will hold a bike drive. Flyers will be developed and distributed to all community wide partner organizations. It was mentioned that duct tape, tarps and ties are needed for Homeless 101 group. MB Haven will provide the funding for purchases. Sleeping bags will be available for pick up from the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Chairperson Shelley stated that the Social Security Office employees donated food that was donated to the Homeless Vets and Homeless 101 who feed the homeless families at the Town of Yucca Valley community center park every Saturday. A letter of appreciation will be sent to SS employees.

The group discussed the need for showers and storage. Future follow-up needed to evaluate property location and a non-profit that would operate.

Chair person Shelley and Co-chair Sarann will schedule a meeting with Supervisor Ramos to discuss some of the concerns of the homeless families in our region.

The San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership and Inter-Agency Council meeting needs representation from our area. Susie Petro, Telecare and Elizabeth Kirkland, Pacific Clinics volunteered to attend as our representatives.

The Homeless Summit will be held on November 5 at the Ontario Convention Center and all community partners are encouraged to attend.

The MB Haven Committee approved the amount of \$1000 to purchase bus passes and they will be distributed through Unity Home.

No further business was brought before the committee. November's meeting will be held at Roy's in Palm Springs and will include a tour of their facilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarann Graham