



MORONGO BASIN HAVEN – MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2015

Chair Shelley Licata called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions:

Minutes were approved by Neil Young and Matthew Cast

Wayne Hamilton informed the group about the qualifications and eligibility for rental assistance. Clients must meet the guidelines and they must pay a portion of their first month's rent, the funding is the ESG grant. If an emergency, client must provide documentation such as receipts etc. County requires the Landlord to complete a w-9 before the money is distributed.

Elizabeth updated the group about the Project Connect event that will be held October 22, 2015 space is still available for programs. All services are to be free.

Elizabeth spoke about her trip to Washington D.C. She spoke with Congressman Cook and he said he would back us up in any way shape or form, he provided her with good contacts and made sure she gets ahold of assembly man Chad Mayes, he will financially back us up with what we do. She also found out that the USDA is the largest provider of funds for rural areas.

The First speaker: Daniel from First Institute of Training and Management. The new location is now out of Hope Academy in Yucca Valley. This program is a post-secondary education for youth ages 16-25 who are on financial aid, right now they are offering a medical assistant training in which they provide the training and the client is certified when completed, they are seeking employers to allow these clients to work in their office for free, First Institute pays the client to work.

The second speaker: Ron Griffin from 2-1-1 he discussed the collaborative entry, this is to help see the what resources there are out in the Morongo Basin that would fit the need of individuals. If you come across a homeless or an individual with mental illness a sheet is provided for you to record certain information that will help 2-1-1 direct individuals to the proper resource needed. The master list will help each program to identify and find a solution for the program provider as well as 2-1-1.

Next meeting will be September 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.