



**Mountain Homeless Provider Network**

August 13, 2019, 10:00am-11:30am

Fire Station 91, Community Room

301 S Hwy 173, Lake Arrowhead, CA

**Agenda**

Opening Remarks	Presenter
A. Call to Order (5 minutes)	Wendell Wilson-Chairman-MHP Network
B. Welcome and Introduction (10 minutes)	Wendell Wilson-Chairman-MHP Network
Consent Items	Presenter
C. Approval of the Minutes from 6.11.19 mtg	Wendell Wilson-Chairman-MHP Network
	Presenter
D. Andre will discuss HEAP and transitional housing for homeless youth and the possibilities for our mountain communities.	Andre Bossieux, Program Manager, San Bernardino TAD
Discussion Items	Presenter
E. MHC HEAP grant	Wendell Wilson-Mtn Homeless Coalition
Closing	
F. Public Comment	

**Next Meeting: September 10, 2019, 10:00-11:30 AM**

Sothebys International Realty

27201 Hwy 189, Blue Jay, CA 92317

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

Date June 11, 2019

Time: 10:00 – 11:30am

Location: Sotheby's International Realty (Board Room), Blue Jay, CA

Minutes Recorded and transcribed by: Paul Fournier, Housing Navigator, Mountain Homeless Coalition

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Wendell Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and asked to introduce themselves.</li> </ul>
CONSENT ITEMS		
None		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
UPDATE		
	Wendell Wilson	Wendell explained that, despite today's low attendance, the Mountain Homeless Provider Network seeks to coordinate providers of services to poor and needy from Cedarpines Park (Crestline) on the west to Sugarloaf (Big Bear) on the east in order to prevent and resolve homelessness.
PRESENTATIONS		
Update on the work of the Mountain Homeless Coalition, HEAP Funding, and imminent hiring of its first employee	Paul Fournier, Housing Navigator, Mountain Homeless Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mountain areas are accustomed to dealing with problems on their own, without government assistance. Help for the poor among us has been no exception, and the job has been done up to now primarily by the churches and a few nonprofits.</li> <li>• HEAP funding brings \$100k per year to the mountains, which will provide some hotel vouchers, some rental assistance, etc., but it will not fix the problem.</li> <li>• What it WILL do is provide a framework and infrastructure for the existing efforts to help the poor and homeless work together better. Building relationships and improving communications (among churches, nonprofits and county agencies) will allow us to serve people better while simultaneously reducing fraud, waste and duplicated efforts.</li> <li>• We are regularly meeting with churches/pastors and other organizations. Our message: whatever you have been doing, keep doing it and do more of it. We will help put together an infrastructure that will help us all serve our constituents better. If a family is on the edge (needing meals or things like utility bill assistance, these are leading indicators that loss of their home might be on the horizon. Let us help them connect to employment, job training, help them apply for disability if appropriate. Also, can you introduce us to one person in your congregation who has some compassion, spare time, lots of patience, and some problem-solving creativity, who may be able to come alongside just one person or family and help them move past their current situation? Can you introduce us to one person or couple who would be willing to rent out a room, guest house or vacation home at a discounted rate, and allow us to place clients (with appropriate levels of case management)?</li> <li>• Even though categories give us perspective and sanity, no two cases are alike.</li> <li>• We have had some success with a high-touch, low-money approach to working with our clients. Come alongside them with a lot of handholding, like a family member, with love, help them move past their</li> </ul>

		<p>current situation, advocate for them in the system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals for clients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housed</li> <li>○ Whole (health, mental health, addiction treatment)</li> <li>○ Self-sufficient (ideally employed. If not, help with applications for disability, retirement, et.)</li> <li>○ Connected to the community</li> <li>○ Contributing to the community.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
United Way/211 Update	Gary Madden, Director, 211 San Bernardino County	<p>Gary suggested the idea of building a relationship with banks' foreclosure / REO department as a possible source of discounted housing</p> <p>Gary mentioned 211 Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveys of callers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leading indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Food assistance</li> <li>▪ Utility assistance</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ High percentage of callers interested in more focused assistance with employment</li> <li>○ State workforce accelerator grant \$150k <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resume</li> <li>▪ Soft skills</li> <li>▪ Job fair</li> <li>▪ Practice interviewing</li> <li>▪ Motivational interviewing</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ They have state money for re-entry, veterans and homeless for jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have written several grants</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Partnering with Workforce Development</li> <li>○ Their employment specialist has been around a long time.</li> <li>○ They will be holding events in Rancho Cucamonga, High Desert.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Gary mentioned that United Way has good sources of demographic data for use in grant applications.</p> <p>Gary suggested that ConnectIE might be a good platform to use among mountain service providers such as churches to be able to exchange case notes, etc. He noted that the Sheriff's HOPE team utilizes it.</p>
Adjournment	Wendell Wilson	Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM
Next Meeting:		<p>HPN will next meet on <b>Tuesday, August 13 at 10:00 am</b>  <del>Sotheby's International Realty (Board Room)</del>  <del>27201 CA-189, Blue Jay, CA 92317</del>  <b>Changed to:</b>  <b>SB County Fire Station 91</b>  <b>301 CA-173, Lake Arrowhead, California 92352</b></p>

**June 11, 2019 ATTENDEES:**

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