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Agenda: Special Meeting of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

Meeting date, time, and place **THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 DATED MARCH 17, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**

Date: **May 13, 2020**
 Time: **9:00 am – 11:00 am**
 Place: **WebEx Meeting – Council Members will be forwarded instructions**

- Members of the Public may call:**
- **Access #: (877) 820-7831**
 - **Participant Passcode: 470718#**

Note: Please remember to silence your cell phones.

		Time
Call to Order	Chair or Designee will call the meeting to order	9:00 – 9:05 am
Introductions	Chair or Designee will lead the Introductions of the ICH Members	9:05 – 9:10 am

Agenda Items: The following items are presented for informational, consent, and discussion purposes.

Public Comment	Open to the public for comments via email only at homelessrfrp@hss.sbcounty.gov . In the subject line provide your full name and public comment next to it or item #. Your comments will be read for the record.	
	Consent	
1	Approve minutes of the April 22, 2020, ICH meeting.	9:30 – 9:35 am
	Presentation	
2	Coming Soon - A Revolutionary New Way of Working Together to Help People, Including the Unhoused – Gary Madden, Inland Empire United Way and Kent Paxton, Homeless Policy Advisor	9:35 – 10:00 am
	Regional Steering Committee Reports	
3	Receive oral reports and updates from the Regional Steering Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Valley Regional Steering Committee – Jessica Alexander, Operation Grace and Bessine Richard, City of San Bernardino 	10:00 – 10:30 am

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Regional Steering Committee – Sharon Green, Victor Valley Family Resource Center and Keith Metzler, City of Victorville • East Valley Regional Steering Committee – Wayne Hamilton, Morongo Unified School District and Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Town of Yucca Valley • Mountain Regional Steering Committee – Wendell Wilson, Mountain Homeless Coalition and Richard Arnold, Mountain City Representative • West Valley Regional Steering Committee – Don Smith, Creating Community Solutions and John Gillison, City of Rancho Cucamonga
	Discussion
4	<p>Receive input from cities on the obstacles and progress tackling the homeless crisis within their jurisdictions and improving coordination with the homeless Continuum of Care – Josie Gonzales, Chair of the ICH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 – 10:50 am</p>
	Closing 10:50 – 11:00 am

Council Roundtable

Open to comments by the Council

Next ICH Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting is scheduled for:

May 27, 2020 (subject to change)
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Meeting venue to be determined

Mission Statement

The mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

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Minutes for San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Meeting

April 22, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Via WebEx – Teleconference

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

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.
Introductions	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Hernandez took ICH Member roll call. Members of the public were not introduced but we had over 80 members of the public join us via telephone.
ICH Members Present		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following ICH members were present for the meeting: Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Supervisor Robert Lovingood, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Bessine Richard, Debra Breidenback-Sterling, Keith Metzler, Lana Tomlin, Brenda Dowdy, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Wayne Hamilton, Levi Deatherage, Richard Arnold
PUBLIC COMMENTS		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darryl Evey (Public Comment) Ujima Moore (Public Comment) Mike Jones (Item #3)
DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	CONSENT
Approve minutes of the February 26, 2020, ICH meeting and the March 26, 2020, Special ICH Meeting.	Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair made a motion to accept the consent calendar as written. Supervisor Lovingood made the second. Roll call was taken and all members were in favor. No one was opposed. Unable to get response from Jessica Alexander. The motion was approved.
DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	UPDATES
COVID-19 Taskforce Update	CaSonya Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County and Homeless Taskforce have met three times for about an hour and a half each time. The Department of Public Health has daily update on their websites as well as an updated list of testing sites. As of Close of Business on Monday, April 20, 2020 the County of San Bernardino had 1406 cases of Covid-19 and 60 Covid related deaths. On April 13th the Governor introduced his proposal for Project RoomKey. This initiative is to secure hotel/motel rooms to safely house homeless individuals to protect them from Covid-19. The state's effort, Project Roomkey, has set an initial goal of securing up to 15,000 rooms for this purpose These emergency protective measures will protect public health by isolating the medically vulnerable, thinning out the shelter population for social distancing, slowing the rate of spread of COVID-19 and, in turn, flattening the curve. To provide safer options during the COVID-19 pandemic, Project Roomkey isolation units serve three critical public health purposes:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prioritize individuals experiencing homelessness who are asymptomatic, but are at high risk, such as people over 65 or who have certain underlying health conditions, and move them into motel or hotel units where they can more safely self-isolate. ○ Provide isolation capacity for individuals experiencing homelessness who have been exposed to COVID-19 (as documented by a state or local public health official, or medical health professional) that do not require hospitalization, but need isolation or quarantine; and ○ Provide isolation capacity for individuals experiencing homelessness who are COVID-19 positive, but who don't need hospitalization. Without these isolation units, their only choice is to return to a congregate shelter setting or back to an encampment – both of which would lead to further spread of COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HMIS data shows 84 rooms have been occupied since early March when the order went into effect. This is important because local governments will receive up to 75% cost-share reimbursement from FEMA for hotel/motel rooms and wrap around services. ● With our collaborations with Public Health and Behavioral Health we have set up a central phone line for our medical staff to use to coordinate housing for individuals that are Covid positive and are being released from care but need to be quarantined. ● The taskforce has secured two locations with hotel rooms with a capacity of 50 rooms each. We are currently utilizing 39 rooms. ● We have received a donation of 20 trailers that are housed at the Glen Helen Regional Park. This site is being used to house Covid-19 positive individuals that do not require hospitalization. We currently have 4 trailers occupied. ● Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is currently providing case management at the trailers. Individuals receive food, laundry, housekeeping, and medical care. ● High risk individuals (those being: elderly, individuals with underlying health conditions, or pregnant women) are being housed in the hotel/motels and are receiving the same services as the trailers. ● Our outreach teams through DBH InnRoads and the Sheriff's HOPE Team are assisting with transportation and getting these individuals to these sites. ● The County is coordinating with our cities to help increase capacity so this process is taking a bit of time to develop and strategically execute. ● The taskforce has developed the Covid-19 Homeless Hotel/Motel Emergency Response Plan which lays out policy and procedures we are implementing. It is currently being reviewed by the CEO's Office for Approval. ● At the March 26th ICH we approved Item #3 where we gave the County's CEO the authority to utilize any unspent HEAP funds under certain parameters. ● HEAP funds need to be expended by June 30, 2021 or they will be reverted back to the state. At this point we have passed the 50% thresh hold and our expenditures to date have not kept up with the milestone. ● To prevent reversion and to capitalize on potential new funding streams, including federal funding streams, we will look at where we are and what we are forecasting to prevent reversion. ● Tom Hernandez has already communicated with the providers that they have the opportunity to modify their scope of work to adapt to the current urgent needs. If a provider wants to add more housing, more food services, more vouchers, this is the time to do it, as it has been approved to modify. ● Even with the adjustments there is still a considerable amount that is at risk of reversion. It will be up to this group to
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		make some hard and fast decisions for us to capitalize on funding sources that are available right now, particularly through FEMA which will allow us to capitalize on that 75% cost sharing, and also for us to expand on some of the Cares Act funding. The Cares Act funding will allow us to have more investments into our Community Development and Housing under some more relaxed and streamed protocols.
DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Accept the 2020 Point-In-Time Count Report submitted by Urban Initiatives	Dr. Joe Colletti, Urban Initiatives and Kent Paxton, Homeless Policy Advisor 5 th District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,125 persons were counted as homeless on Thursday, January 23, 2020. • The previous homeless count and subpopulation survey was completed in 2019 when 2,607 persons were counted. • A comparison of the last two counts reveals that 518 more persons were counted in 2020, which represents an increase of 19.9% when compared to 2019 count. • There was a 67.5% increase over the past three years. • 28.6% or 434 of 1,517 adults answered Yes that they became homeless for the first time in the past 12 months. • 24.4% or 310 of 1,517 adults answered Yes, that a medical professional diagnosed them with a chronic health condition. • 22.8% or 346 of 1,517 adults answered Yes that they were released from prison or jail during the past 12 months. • There was an increase of 234 persons age 55+ between 2018 and 2020, which represents an increase of 95.1%. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 2020, the number of persons counted as unsheltered who were ages 55+ was 480. • The recent destructive evolution of local homelessness should be recognized as a human services crisis that must be met with a wide-range of human services that mitigate primary factors that contribute to persons languishing homeless on the streets. Factors include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managing life-threatening illnesses while living on the streets; ○ Coping with progressive end-stage diseases leading to terminal illnesses; ○ Aging on the streets; ○ Declining mental illnesses. • A Strike Force Team should be created and coordinated to care for life-threatening illnesses, progressive end-stage diseases leading to terminal illnesses, aging, and declining mental illness. Strike Force Team members should include the following county departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Health; ○ Behavioral Health; ○ Aging and Adult Services; ○ Transitional Assistance; ○ Children and Family Services; ○ Sheriff's Department HOPE Team; ○ Office of Homeless Services. • Nearly three-fourths (72.6%) or 2,270 of the 3,125 homeless adults and children were counted within eight cities that include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barstow ○ Colton ○ Fontana

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ontario ○ Redlands ○ Rialto ○ San Bernardino and ○ Victorville. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Steps should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage each city to adopt its unsheltered homeless count numbers as baseline numbers. ○ Increase the Number of Permanent Supportive Housing Units. ○ Set an annual quantifiable number of permanent supportive housing units to be developed based on the number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals identified in the recent Point-in-Time homeless count, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Coordinated Entry System (CES) ○ Prioritize through the Coordinated Entry System the most vulnerable and frail persons who are languishing on the streets including those with life-threatening health conditions and/or who are aging on the streets ○ Completely align with a Housing First model and low barrier approach for chronically homeless individuals and families consistent with federal, state, and local approaches. ○ Completely align with a rapid rehousing and low barrier approach for non-chronically homeless individuals and families ○ Align the current homeless services delivery system with a goal of ending homelessness among unaccompanied women. ○ Increase Rapid Rehousing Assistance.
Adjournment	Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In closing the Chair discussed the possibility of having more ICH meetings and meeting twice a month. During these times meeting more often to make funding or program decisions is crucial. The Chair proposed meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 9:00 -11:00 a.m. ● The Chair proposed starting an ICH Monthly Newsletter where she would like the members of ICH to come up with topics and events to contribute. This newsletter would be a place where current information regarding items the board is working, community events, or provider information is located in one place and is shared with public. ● The Chair wants to make sure that the Webex/Teleconference information is being posted when public meetings are being held so the public is able to listen to meetings and have an opportunity to submit public comments. ● Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.
Next Meeting		<p>ICH Meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Location: Webex</p>

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LEWIS-HUNTLEY	ERIKA	City of Rancho Cucamonga		
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SMITH	DON	Creating Community Solutions		donsmithsolutions@outlook.com
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TOMLIN	LANA	Assistant Sheriff	909-387-3636	ltomlin@sbcasd.org
WILSON	WENDELL	Mountain Homeless Coalition	360-350-8692	wendellcw200@gmail.com

*Please note we did not take attendance of members of the public that joined via tele-conference