

## San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership West Valley Regional Steering Committee

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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## **AGENDA**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order     B. Welcome and Introductions	Erika Lewis-Huntley Don Smith
REPORTS & UPDATES	
C. Interagency Council on Homelessness D. Homeless Provider Network E. Office of Homeless Services F. General Updates & Announcements	Erika Lewis-Huntley Don Smith Tom Hernandez/OHS staff Committee Members
CONSENT ITEM	
G. Approve Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2020	Erika Lewis-Huntley
DISCUSSION ITEMS	
H. Discussion of Recommendations for Action Steps based on San Bernardino County Homeless Cost Study and 2020 Point-in-Time Count	Kent Paxton Tom Hernandez
County Community Development & Housing Agency / ESG-CV Funding	Shanikqua Freeman
J. Updates on COVID-19 Response for People Experiencing Homelessness and those At-Risk of Homelessness     a. County Project Roomkey activities     b. Regional CARES Act Funding	Don Smith Erika Lewis-Huntley Committee Members
CLOSING	
<ul><li>K. Public Comment (3 mins)</li><li>L. Steering Committee Member Comments</li><li>M. Adjournment</li></ul>	Don Smith Erika Lewis-Huntley
Next Scheduled Meeting: West Valley Regional Steering Committee Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 9:00 – 11:00 pm Goldy S. Lewis Community Center – Creative Corner Room (tentative) 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701	

## 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 Continuum of Care West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting

June 10, 2020 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Via Zoom Video Conference hosted by City of Rancho Cucamonga

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Dawn Spencer, RSC Secretary & Programs Manager, Knowledge Education for Your Success, Inc.

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	SC Secretary & Programs Manager, Knowledge Education for Your Success, Inc.  ACTION / OUTCOME
Call to Order	Don Smith	Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions	Erika Lewis- Huntley	The meeting opened with the following message on the screen — "Please join us as we begin today's meeting with 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silent reflection on the current state of affairs in our nation and in our communities and re-dedicate ourselves to being part of the solutions 'indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
		Attendees were welcomed to the meeting. Introductions were made by all attendees.
REPORTS & UPDATES		
Interagency Council on Homelessness Homeless Provider Network Office of Homeless Services Committee Member Updates	Don Smith	<ul> <li>National statistics show that homeless persons are not immune to racial disparities. Recent study shows that 55 out of every 10,000 African Americans are currently experiencing homelessness on a given day in America; in California, 194 out of every 10,000 African Americans. Comparatively, only 11 out of every 10,000 White Americans are currently experiencing homelessness. African Americans are over-represented among those experiencing homelessness in all 50 states and in 98% of the CoCs while White Americans are under-represented in 93% of the CoCs. 40% of African Americans experiencing homeless are in families with children while only 22% of White Americans are in families with children.</li> <li>ICH meeting held on 5/27/20 – received report on Project Roomkey. As May 19, 2020 there were 178 occupied rooms under the project, hosted by a number of community-based service agencies. Of the 20 trailers at Glen Helen, 7 were occupied. The City of Ontario also had 57 rooms (93 persons) sheltered in motels.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>San Bernardino County reported to state that the obligation of having 15% of homeless population sheltered under the pandemic (488 persons) was met. Of the \$975,000 we received in March for COVID, \$94,600 had been spent. By the end of that week, county secured an additional motel in San Bernardino for Project Roomkey.</li> <li>Report from a cost study is completed and available on the OHS website. Examines cost of serving individuals who are chronically homeless and veterans. Compares services and cost range for individuals on the street versus those placed in supportive housing.</li> </ul>

		Next ICH meeting scheduled for June 24, 2020 at 9:00am.
		<ul> <li>PITC numbers have increased the last 3 years. Slides with PITC numbers from 2019 &amp; 2020 were presented showing increase/decrease per city in the West Valley Region.</li> </ul>
		National Alliance to End Homelessness will not be holding annual conference. Instead a National Town Hall Webinar Meeting will be hosted on July 15, 2020.
		Workforce Development will be reopening. Refer those under employed or those who have lost employment.
Participant announcements	Jessica Candela	Foothill Family Shelter office open starting next week June 16, 2020, Tuesday - Friday.
	Judy Conner	Mercy House walk-in center hours Monday through Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am to 1:00pm.
	Delia Lopez	<ul> <li>Rolling Starts has motel assistance for those with disabilities experiencing COVID-19 related challenges including need to isolate from exposed or at-risk persons and other public health and safety issues.</li> </ul>
	Noel Wiggins	Red Cross Blood Drive, June 22, 2020, at Loveland Church, 17977 Merrill Avenue, Fontana, 9:00am - 4:00pm.
CONSENT ITEMS		
Review of Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2020		Leif Ozier corrected phone number – 909-391-4882 ext. 202 or 909-906-5980 ext. 902.  Jessica Candela added as meeting attendee. Minutes approved as written with corrections listed.
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
Update on the County & Regional COVID-19 Response for People Experiencing Homelessness and those At-Risk of Homelessness	City of Ontario	• Katryna Gonzalez: - \$1.1 million in additional CDBG and \$552,000 additional ESG CARES Act funding. Rent & utility assistance for very low-income renters in Ontario, up to 3 months assistance. Has a virtual application process that can be completed on the website. Utility assistance up to 3 months for homeowners or small rental property owners (1 to 4 units). Up and running by July is a program for small businesses to create or maintain low income jobs — loan to help with equipment, building repairs and job training. ESG funds went predominantly to RRH targeted for exit strategies for those unsheltered and housed during COVID and rest of the funds went to motel vouchers. Ontarioca.gov/housing
		<ul> <li>Judy Conner – 4 people moved in shelter program that will need assistance to go on to programs that can help them further. 14 people couponed for apartments and looking for landlords that will work with them. Placed elderly households into board and care. Focus on placing people where they can sustain housing. 35 to 40 people still in motel.</li> </ul>
	City of Chino	Ted Bistarkey- collaborating with SWAG team and police department, providing education on COVID and care packages, provided assistance to 3 individuals on exiting the streets, providing rental assistance to residents.

	City of Montclair	<ul> <li>Gabe Fondario- Currently hosting 13 people from multiple west end communities under CoC Project Roomkey. Set-up meetings with IEHP rep for each participant. Working with Pastors Rucker to provide wrap around services and Za Zette and Don on exit strategies.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Pastor Rucker – currently providing case management for 30 people in families receiving motel bridge housing under Montclair HEAP funded project. 3 families currently preparing to move into new housing.</li> </ul>
	City of Rancho Cucamonga	<ul> <li>Erika Lewis-Huntly: allocations for providers increased for eviction prevention, housing counseling and mobile home rental assistance. City still deciding how to spend CARES Act funds.</li> </ul>
	City of Upland	Janice Elliot – tomorrow CDBG committee will be meeting with applicants looking to access CARES Act funding.
		<ul> <li>Marcelo Blanco: tracking number of those at risk for homelessness public comment on fund to then put CARES Act funding into situations where people need to save their housing. 18 households right now at risk of being evicted and expects that number to increase as COVID continues.</li> </ul>
	City of Chino Hills	<ul> <li>Brandy Larson - Looking to use the Cares Acts funds for business reforms and housing. The City is interested to see what could be used for homeless if there is any available information.</li> </ul>
Determine and Adopt Regional Priorities for CoC Homeless Housing and Assistance Program	Don Smith	<ul> <li>CoC received over \$2 million in HHAP funding to consider for application process, to be applied for by region. West Valley Region has \$390,648.61 for projects. Need to identify priorities for funding.</li> </ul>
(HHAP) Funding Application		See slides for HHAP Eligible uses.
		There was no public comment on strategy for funds. Moved to steering committee deliberations.
		<ul> <li>Za Zette Scott: recommended funds be utilized for eviction prevention, pursuing motel conversions in cities. Spilt funds (example) \$190,000 to RRH and the rest to conversion of motels or permanent housing structures in the region. Most importantly, use funds for conversion: modular homes or tiny homes on properties, creating communities by duplicating communities already made with those placed in community housing.</li> </ul>
		Andre Bossieux: Would like to see tiny home model and inquired on the initial cost of building then the cost of sustaining these communities.
		<ul> <li>Don Smith: suggested collecting rent payments to sustain properties. Could be through vouchers or standard rent payments. Goal is to create affordable housing space for low income households.</li> </ul>

- Judy Conner: explained that having done motel conversions in the past, the cost is in the millions. To sustain it we would need vouchers and grants to run it. Tiny homes can be less expensive but need to consider once you have the land, plumbing and other considerations need to be made that are also costly. Staffing is also a cost consideration. Cafeteria would be needed for those who are unable to cook. Successful because able to house the most vulnerable.
- Don Smith: If conversions listed as a priority for region, a developer would be needed.
- Peter Palleson: Stated he echoes motel conversion, as it is a need in the region. However, with our allocation, we would need substantial additional funding to sustain it. Recommended on the limited funds RRH, prevention and landlord incentives.
- Leif Ozier: agreed that conversions are needed but the cost is concerning. Agreed that one priority is landlord incentives and getting landlords on board.
- Judy Conner: Agrees that RRH and landlord incentives are a priority.
- Erika Lewis-Huntly stated she echoes the priorities as well and that modular homes may be more realistic. Recommended rental assistance, RRH, landlord incentives and added system support to create regional partnerships (creating a regional plan) to build a systems approach for regional priorities. Put together a framework for these projects moving forward. Look at resources and gaps using a strategic plan.
- Don Smith: Explained further what Erika was stating is to set aside a small portion to establish regional planning process. In addition, up to 5% can be used to support system infrastructure (CES & HMIS) so the structure can support the use (services) of the funds.
- Gabe Fondario: Are the funds to address short term crisis or long-term solutions? Recommended motel vouchers, case management, rental assistance, landlord incentives to get people off the streets now and immediate implemented.
- Don Smith: It is up to the committee to decide short term or longer-term activities.
- Erika Chavez: rental assistance and landlord incentives recommended.
- Brandi Larson Would like to see the money used to get landlords on board and rental assistance. This way it would not have only one city benefiting from the project.
- Ken Bell: rental assistance and RRH as CES sees the need coming during and after COVID.
- Don Smith: explained that landlord incentives is broad. Can be used to incentivize shared housing approach with landlords.
- Kami Grosvenor: agree with RRH and landlord incentives are essential especially with COVID impact. Also agreed with the regional coordination to be less reactive and make plans like communities more possible in future. Recommended using funds for system infrastructure/ CES.

Motion made	<ul> <li>Gabe Fondario: When people are seeking help the number one need is a place to live. Case management needed for those who are not ready for permanent housing longer term. Need to get people off the street immediately while case management services get them ready for permanent housing. \$1,400.00 per month at a discounted rate for one household in motel for one month.</li> <li>Don Smith: Amounts by category do not need to be decided right now. Today need to decide on the categories.</li> <li>Za Zette Scott made a motion that the top three priorities be rental assistance, RRH, and innovative solutions such as landlord incentives, hotel and motel conversions.</li> <li>Don Smith: region is not restricted to three priorities.</li> <li>Andre Bossieux seconded motion.</li> <li>Dawn Spencer: Clarified that motion made would limit region to spend in only those three areas. Don Smith stated he would clarify that point.</li> <li>Erika Lewis-Huntley – other regions identified more than 3, should we hold ourselves to only 3?</li> <li>Don Smith: No, the motion can be amended.</li> <li>Peter Palleson: recommended to not limit to three priorities. Include more priorities to allow for that flexibility.</li> <li>Erika Lewis Huntley – Asked for clarification on if the funding was enough to do a motel conversion.</li> <li>Don Smith: explained no, it could go towards a conversion but not fully fund one.</li> <li>Za Zette Scott: would like to amend motion but needs to hear from others what categories to add.</li> <li>Ashley Esquivel: recommended innovation, getting people off the street and into immediate housing and cooperative living. Utilize motel vouchers for bridge. Upland's outreach has been successful in getting chronic homeless off the street, but case management is important.</li> <li>Andre Bossieux: needed to leave call and trusts decision of the group.</li> </ul>
	Andre Bossieux: needed to leave call and trusts decision of the group.
	Dawn Spencer: in agreement with setting aside a small amount to put together a regional plan for future.
	Erika Lewis-Huntley: clarified that motel falls under emergency housing category.
Motion amended	Kami Grosvenor: added to motion systems support.
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		Peter Palleson: seconded the amendment.
		Gabe Fondario: asked how we can include motel vouchers?
		Don Smith: identified that motel vouchers could be included under navigation centers and emergency shelter and cited the additional requirements for requesting funding under this category.
		Kami Grosvenor: can we include motel vouchers under Prevention and Diversion activities?
	Motion amended	Gabe Fondario made a motion to add navigation centers and emergency shelter.
		Za Zette Scott: accepted amendment to motion and added infrastructure support.
		Don Smith reviewed and clarified the category options on the table with the committee members. Members came to the following consensus on the West Valley Regional priority categories for the HHAP Application –
		<ul> <li>Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing</li> <li>Landlord Incentives</li> <li>Systems support to create regional partnerships (up to 10% regional planning)</li> <li>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing</li> <li>New navigation centers and emergency shelter</li> <li>Innovative Housing Solutions</li> <li>5% set-aside for system infrastructure development</li> </ul>
	Roll call vote	<ul> <li>Erika Lewis-Huntley Yea</li> <li>Erica Chavez Yea</li> <li>Brandi Larson Yea</li> <li>Gabe Fondario Yea</li> <li>Petter Pallison Yea</li> <li>Ashley Esquivel Yea</li> <li>Leif Ozier Yea</li> <li>Kami Grosvenor Yea</li> <li>Dawn Spencer Yea</li> <li>Judy Conner Yea</li> <li>Zazette Scott Yea</li> <li>Ken Bell Yea</li> <li>Don Smith Yea</li> </ul>
Postponement of Election Process to select 2 additional West Valley Regional Steering Committee delegates to future date	Don Smith	Postponing election of 2 additional delegates until we are able to meet in person or an appropriate format for conducting the election by video conference is identified.
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CLOSING			
Public Comment		No public comments submitted or voiced.	
Adjournment	Don Smith	Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.	
Next Meeting		The next West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2020 at 9:00 am via Zoom.	

May 13, 2020 Attendees: West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting

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May 13, 2020 Attendees: West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting (cont.)					
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