

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: **October 7, 2020**

Time: **9:00 am – 10:30 am**

Place: **WebEx Meeting – Council Members will be forwarded instructions**

Members of the public may call:

- Access #: **1-415-655-0002**
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Time

Call to Order	Chair or Designee will call the meeting to order	9:00 – 9:05 am
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Introductions	Chair or Designee will lead the Introductions of the ICH Members by roll call.	9:05 – 9:10 am
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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 up to 3 minutes for the record by the meeting secretary.	
	Consent	
1	Approve minutes of the September 23, 2020 ICH Meeting Pg 3-7	9:30 – 9:35 am
	Update	
2	HHAP Update – Tom Hernandez, Chief of Homeless Services Pg. 8	9:35 – 9:45 am
	Discussion	
3	Accept nominations and vote to elect the following position: a. Vice-Chair	9:45 -10:15 am
	Closing	
		10:15– 10:30 am



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**Council
Roundtable**

Open to comments by the Council

**Next ICH
Meeting**

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Via Webex

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.



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

September 23, 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
	Vice Chair, Maria Razo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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 30 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: Kent Paxton, Robert Lovingood, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Bessine Richard, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Keith Metzler, Lana Tomlin, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Wayne Hamilton, Levi Deatherage, Richard Arnold Brenda Dowdy was absent
PUBLIC COMMENTS		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kami Grosvenor – Item #2 ZaZatte Scott – Item #2 Karyn Young-Lowe – Item #2 Anonymous – Item #2 Anna Ulibarri – Item #2 Paul Fournier – Item #2 Vanessa Perez – Item #2 Ujima Moore – Item #2 Angela Pasco – Item #2 Regina Morse – Public Comment Delia Lopez – Item #2
CONSENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Approve minutes of the September 23, 2020 ICH Meeting	Vice Chair, Maria Razo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Metzler made a motion to approve the consent calendar as written. Levi Deatherage made the 2nd. Roll Call vote was taken. 17 were in favor. One (Sharon Green) was opposed and One (Brenda Dowdy) was absent. The motion was approved.
DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Accept nominations and vote to elect the following positions: a. Chair	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Hernandez took nominations for the chair position. Kent Paxton nominated Maria Razo for the position of chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maria Razo accepted the nomination.

<p>b. Vice-Chair</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Green nominated Don Smith for the position of chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dom Smith accepted the nomination • A roll call vote was taken, 11 members voted for Maria Razo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Kent Paxton, Robert Lovingood, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Bessine Richard, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Keith Metzler, Lana Tomlin, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Maria Razo</i>) • 7 members voted for Don Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Richard Arnold, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Wayne Hamilton, Levi Deatherage</i>). • The majority vote went to Maria Razo. She will begin her 2-year term as ICH Chair effective October 1, 2020. • Tom Hernandez accepted nominations for the Vice Chair position. • Kent Paxton nominated CaSonya Thomas for the position of Vice-Chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CaSonya Thomas accepted the nomination. • Sharon Green nominated Don Smith for the position of Vice-Chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Don Smith accepted the nomination. • A roll call vote was taken. 9 members voted for CaSonya Thomas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Kent Paxton, Robert Lovingood, Bessine Richard, Keith Metzler, Lana Tomlin, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Maria Razo</i>) • Sharon Green Voted No Confidence, then rescinded her no confidence vote and changed it to a vote for Don Smith making it 9 members voting for Don Smith. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Erika Lew-Huntley, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Richard Arnold, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Wayne Hamilton, Levi Deatherage</i>) • With a 9 to 9 vote it is a tie. • Discussion ensued. • A second roll call vote was taken resulting in a 9 to 9 tie vote. • Votes for CaSonya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Kent Paxton, Robert Lovingood, Bessine Richard, Keith Metzler, Lana Tomlin, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Maria Razo</i>) • Votes for Don Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Erika Lew-Huntley, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Richard Arnold, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Wayne Hamilton, Levi Deatherage</i>) • Further discussion ensued. • A motion was made by Sharon Green to table the vote for Vice-Chair for the next meeting. Maria Razo 2nd the motion. A roll call vote was taken. • 10 members voted no <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Kent Paxton, Robert Lovingood, Bessine Richard, Keith Metzler, Lana Tomlin, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Don Smith</i>) • 8 members voted yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (<i>Erika Lewis-Huntley, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Richard Arnold, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Jessica</i>
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		<p>Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Wayne Hamilton, Levi Deatherage)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion did not pass. • Further discussion ensued. • Jessica Alexander made a motion to table the vote for Vice-Chair for the next meeting. Sharon Green 2nd the motion. A roll call vote was taken. 9 members voted yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Erika Lewis-Huntley, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Richard Arnold, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Don Smith, Levi Deatherage) • 9 members voted no. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Kent Paxton, Robert Lovingood, Bessine Richard, Keith Metzler, Lana Tomlin, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Wayne Hamilton) • It was a tie; the motion did not pass. • Discussion ensued amongst the members. • Maria Razo made a motion to table the vote for Vice-Chair for the next meeting. Jessica Alexander 2nd the motion. A roll call vote was taken. • 14 members voted yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Robert Lovingood, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Keith Metzler, Richard Arnold, Dena Fuentes, CaSonya Thomas, Veronica Kelley, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Levi Deatherage) • 4 members voted no. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Kent Paxton, Bessine Richard, Lana Tomlin, Wayne Hamilton) • The motion passed.
Council Roundtable	<p>Vice Chair, Maria Razo</p> <p>Sharon Green</p> <p>Jessica Alexander</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Supervisor Gonzales in her absence for her dedication and commitment to ICH. Thanked the board for their trust in her to lead them going forward. • Wants Council Roundtable to be more of a “Ripples of Hope”, where we can share accomplishments, words of encouragement and ask for partnerships. • The Housing Authority submitted a VASH application last week for additional vouchers, in which our county is in a good position to receive. • The Housing Authority also submitted an application for main stream vouchers as well. • The Desert Haven project will finish construction in mid-October. • Expressed her concern and disappointment in this meeting. She is disheartened that the non-profits feel like they do not have trust in this board and that their concerns go unheard. Per HUD the non-profits are the only agency required to be on this board and they are repeatedly diminished. Sharon stated that she is losing confidence in this board. • Congratulated Maria Razo and Thanked Supervisor Gonzales in her absence. As the Chair of Central Valley HPN she extended an invitation to Maria Razo and the candidates for Vice-Chair to attend their meeting and be a guest speaker to help bridge the gap.

	Don Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended his congratulations to Maria Razo and acknowledged Supervisor Gonzales and her work. Don expressed his concerns and frustration with the meeting and the message it is sending to the provider communities. He stated that this body needs a balanced leadership to move forward.
	CaSonya Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wanted to remind everyone that this election is an open process, so as we go into our next meeting know that the position for Vice-Chair is open for nominations by all members of the board. This is an opportunity for others to hear the call, it does not have to be just between myself and Mr. Smith. CaSonya extended her congratulations on the election of a new chair and to Supervisor Gonzales for her leadership. The County was successful, as was the Housing Authority in their partnership with the Mountain Homeless Coalition, on submitting three HomeKey projects. Two projects were for the city of San Bernardino and the third was for the mountain communities. Leveraging over \$9 million of state HomeKey funds. We are now in the documentation phase of the process which will hopefully move us from reserved to warded status. Moving Forward is up and running. Through an executive order we were able to streamline the procurement process and with that we reached out to three of our local non-profits who have been active and have the capacity to take up the charge. Keys and The Chance Project responded and said they would partner with us to help move residents out of Project Roomkey isolation and into other housing plans. CaSonya wanted to acknowledge the fact that the County is collaborating with non-profits, being innovative, and building partnerships with them on various projects throughout the county.
	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom wanted to put a common misconception to rest, that the Housing Authority is “Quasi County”. The Housing Authority is an independent agency that has its own CEO or COO. It is governed by HUD rules not by local or state government. The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is reference to the region not an agency when it says “of the County of San Bernardino”.
Adjournment	Vice Chair, Maria Razo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.
Next Meeting		<p style="text-align: center;"> ICH Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Via Webex </p>

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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



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Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Report

Date October 7, 2020

Presenter Chief of Homeless Services, Tom Hernandez

HHAP Update

- HHAP Request for Application release occurred on Thursday, September 3, 2020
- Application Workshop conducted on Thursday, September 10, 2020
- Application deadline occurred on Thursday, September 24, 2020
- HHAP applications received
- High level initial review of applications conducted by the Department of Behavioral Health Contracts Unit
- Tentative meetings scheduled with the five (5) Regional Steering Committees (RSC's) to review and discuss scored applications
- Next steps:
 - Evaluation training for voting members of the RSC's to discuss evaluation process and to disseminate materials and applications for scoring (closed to the public)
 - RSC meetings to review and discuss scored applications and prepare recommendations to ICH (open to the public – meetings scheduled to occur between October 13 – 20, 2020)
 - Recommendations to ICH for review/approval and hear protests – tentative date Wednesday, October 28, 2020