



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
 Provider Network – West Valley Regional Meeting
 Tuesday, February 10, 2015 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 2-1-1
 9624 Hermosa Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730**

AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (5 minutes) B. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes) C. Approve November 18, 2014 Minutes (5 minutes) D. Approve January 13, 2015 and November 18, 2014 Minutes	Don Smith
UPDATES & INFORMATION ITEMS	PRESENTER
E. Interagency Council on Homelessness F. Homeless Provider Network G. Office of Homeless Services H. Homeless Provider Network Partners I. Other News, Updates and Announcements	Don Smith
PRESENTATION	PRESENTER
J. CalWorks Housing Support Program and Family Stabilization Program	Patty Carson
DISCUSSION ITEMS	PRESENTER
K. Pathways to Housing in the West Valley Region – Families with children	Don Smith
NETWORKING	PRESENTER
L. Who is missing from the HPN West Valley Regional Meetings? M. Case Management Wrap-Around – Client Needs and Challenges	Don Smith
Next Meeting: West Valley Region will next meet on: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:00 am – 11:00 am United Way 2-1-1 9624 Hermosa Ave. Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730	

In September 2007, the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP) was formed to provide a more focused approach to our goal of ending homelessness within the County. The Partnership consists of city governments, community based organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutes, non-profit organizations, private industry, and federal, state, and local government.

SBCHP was developed to promote a strong collaboration between agencies to direct the planning, development, and implementation of the County's 10-year-plan to end chronic homelessness. The Partnership meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Behavioral Health Resource Center in Rialto. The Partnership facilitates better communication, planning, coordination, and cooperation among all entities that provide services and/or resources for the relief of homelessness in San Bernardino County.

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.

THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP MEETING FACILITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES OR OTHER AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING, REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (909) 386-8297 AND THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 303 E. VANDERBILT WAY, 1ST FLOOR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415. <http://www.sbcounty.gov/sbchp/>

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Minutes for San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services West Valley Regional Meeting

January 13, 2015
9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
United Way ▪ 2-1-1

9624 Hermosa Avenue ▪ Rancho Cucamonga, CA 92324

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Betty Schneider, Secretary I, Department of Behavioral Health

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
<p>Call to Order Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Approval of November 18, 2014 Minutes</p>	<p>Don Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and asked to introduce themselves. • Minutes were not approved, pending corrections. The November minutes will be approved at the February meeting.
UPDATES & INFORMATION ITEMS		
<p>Goals</p> <p>San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP)</p> <p>Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)</p> <p>Homeless Provider Network (HPN)</p> <p>Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Don Smith</p> <p>Debra Watkins</p> <p>Don Smith</p> <p>Don Smith</p> <p>Christy Hamilton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The greatest values to these types of meetings, is the opportunity to share information and make networking connections. Don will work to focus our efforts in that direction. The goal is to stay focused on how to build bridges and pathways to housing for our community. Our role is to focus on how to end homelessness. • In 2007 the Board of Supervisors approved the creation of SBCHP with a goal of bringing partners from all aspects of life together around the issue of homelessness. SBCHP is comprised of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), the Homeless Provider Network (HPN), and Office of Homeless Services (OHS). For more information on SBCHP, visit http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp. If you would like to be on the Homeless RFP mailing list, please contact Tammy Dickey, Secretary I at (909) 386-8297 or via email at www.homelessrfp.sbcounty.gov. • You can find the schedule and meeting minutes for all of the regional meetings on the website for the San Bernardino County Homeless Provider Network at http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp. • The ICH was dark in November and December. In October the ICH approved the latest application for Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Funding. Per Christy Hamilton, funding is approximately \$8 million for renewal projects thru the CoC, which is funded through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). One of the chief responsibilities of ICH is approving the application annually that is submitted to HUD. • The countywide HPN meetings are now held quarterly on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00pm at County Health Services in Rialto. The HPN last met in October 2014. The next quarterly meeting will be held in February. • OHS is conducting the Point-In-Time Count (PITC) Thursday, January 22, 2015. For those interested in participating, we have fliers if interested. This year, the Office of Homeless Services will collaborate with cities to conduct their own PITC with some assistance from the County. • Project Connect will be held March 5, 2015 in Needles, CA. Various services will be offered to low income and to homeless individuals such as housing, job opportunities and medical and dental referrals. Plans are in the works to hold a Project Connect in the West Valley Region during the summer.

<p>Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Job Fair</p>	<p>Doug Fazekas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Vital Signs Initiative is January 21, 2014. This meeting will focus on economy and housing. • Nancy Ramirez, Employment Services Specialist, is hosting a job fair at San Bernardino TAY in the summer of 2015. Doug will provide additional information as he receives it. • Doug will attend a Statewide TAY Employment for Youth conference this month. Doug will provide a report at the February 2015 meeting. • Selma Saldamando, SW II for Housing & Employment, will be stationed at the Mariposa Clinic. She will be the point of contact regarding housing on the West End. She also has previous experience in employment services.
<p>Pilot Grant for Rapid Rehousing</p>	<p>Don Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Services Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) received a pilot grant from the State for CalWorks recipients experiencing homelessness. If clients are eligible they may receive bridge housing or rapid re-housing. Don has invited TAD to be our presenter next month.
<p>1115 Medicaid Waiver</p>	<p>Doug Fazekas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug attended a Statewide 1115 Medicaid Waiver meeting with Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). The group is funding housing and housing based services. The big push with Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) regarding the 5 year plan is to create housing as a major component. The capitol component was eliminated. We are open to looking at rental subsidies by working with the local Housing Authorities. The State is looking to incorporate housing as a major component of the Medicaid Waiver and also promoting substance abuse crisis residential homes as well. The goal is to get this approved by November 2015 to be on the five year plan.
<p>PRESENTATION</p>		
<p>Peer-Driven Room and Board Advisory Coalition</p>	<p>Cynthia White</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced herself as the Chief Advocate for Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Patients' Rights. She also introduced Michael Tinker as Chairman of the Board for the Coalition. • The Mission Statement for the Advisory Coalition: To provide room & board consumers a resource tool to assist in renting healthy, safe, well managed, and quality room and board housing. • Our goal is to empower the consumers and make sure they get everything they deserve. We encourage consumer self-advocacy skills. We facilitate positive partnerships between the consumers and room & board operators. We advocate for the consumers, educate them on resources, and to actively participate in coalition meetings. We help them acquire confidence to develop a sense of personal accountability. • When we think about crisis and mental health, we think about crisis in two ways. Crisis can be an opportunity or crisis can be danger. Our department removed the old room and board list. Employees were directed not to use it. The consumers have a choice where to live. We have laws such as Federal Fair Housing Act, which defines discrimination as "a refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford (handicapped) person(s) equal opportunity to enjoy a dwelling." • We want our consumers to go into less restrictive housing that gives the option of room and board facilities. • Room and Board costs vary between \$350 - \$700 per month. The room and boards provide meals, utilities, and a bed. Board & Cares can cost between \$900- \$1,086 per month. Board and Cares are for those individuals who require medical supervision. • Various complaints from the consumers as well as the providers involved the coalition, and were addressed. From this we developed our Mission, Values, and Goals. We then sought operators to join the coalition who believed in those same principals. After which we developed an array of informational sessions to enhance the housing experience. • We, the Coalition also teach relaxation techniques, provide healthy low cost recipes, low cost socialization ideas, and education on housing laws. • The grievance committee offers assistance between the operator and consumer regarding the rental agreement. When a tenant is evicted, we help them find new housing.

Peer-Driven Room and Board Advisory Coalition (cont.)	Cynthia White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have various participants on the coalition. Some include, DBH, clubhouse members, consumers, community members, Canyon Ridge Hospital., San Bernardino Community Hospital, Redlands Community Hospital, and Loma Linda Behavioral Medical Center. • As of 12/16/14, we had 225 available beds. • If you are interested in joining the Coalition, please complete a member interest form. If you do join, you are required to attend 6 of 10 meetings.
Questions re: presentation	All Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Do Board and Care tenants require assistance with meds and daily living? A: Yes. Room & board tenants do not, they are independent. ✓ Does your network only focus on those who are engaged in the Mental Health system? A: No. The operators will take someone who is not a consumer. They are open to anyone who qualifies. ✓ Is it only for single people? A: We have some operators that house families including an operator who takes men with children. If we see a population which we have a need for, then we will tell the operators. ✓ If I'm a provider working with a client, trying to find them housing, what are my options? A: When you join the room and board coalition you will have the list. ✓ What are the criteria for becoming a member as an agency? A: Contact Patients' Rights and e-mail Gavina Urena @ 421-4657 or e-mail her at gurena@dbh.sbcounty.gov. The list is updated weekly. In order to have access to the list you must be a member of the room and board coalition. ✓ We are seeing an increase in population of battered men for services. We are working to problem solve whether we can house them in our shelter for women. Basically, there is a need for battered men, some of who have children. We can provide the supportive services. But it's the housing we have issues with. A: We can bring this issue to the operator's attention and define that population and let them know of the need. Cynthia asked Sue if she could come to the meeting to present to the providers. ✓ Homeless people often expect help right away when they come in for help. We have families as in mom with 3 kids. Is there a place to house families such as this? A: We have one operator who owns an apartment building. All the apartments are 1 bedroom. The operator provides their meals for them. In that facility there is a mom with two kids. ✓ If I go through the process and discuss with a possible tenant about the room & board option and after the interview, it's decided room & board isn't a good fit, that maybe the consumer would be a better fit for board and care, what is the process? A: You would speak with the case manager. Usually the case manager, social worker, or nurse can answer more questions. ✓ What are the obligations for these operators to follow fair housing and tenant rights in screening applicants? A: We provide them with the information and that's an obligation. They are able to be discriminate to determine if the person is a right fit or not. Mike Tinker stated in his home he has nine tenants, men and women, and a battered man. He provides three full meals a day and interacts with them. ✓ With board and care, if they require transportation to doctor appointments, do they provide that also? A: Yes, for board and care – No for room and board. ✓ With regards to the room and board, do these locations have resident managers? A: Most of them do onsite. ✓ With regards to 211, we have people call, that are in need of homeless assistance, unmarried couples who are both on SSI, and single men. Would we refer them to one of these programs directly, or to a case manager agency? A: Contact the Homeless Program on Mill Street in San Bernardino, who are DBH, they have a current list. Kerry Turner is the point of contact and can be reached at (909) 388-5600. For Kerry's team to work with them, they have to be mentally ill.

January 13, 2015 ATTENDEES:

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