



MORONGO BASIN HAVEN – MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2015

Chair Shelley Licata called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Minutes were approved by Lisa Koehler and Wayne Hamilton after 2 corrections were addressed.

Introductions: a total of 27 attendees were present.

Shelley began the meeting by informing everyone that she has reserved the big room for the rest of the year, and the Point in Time Count was a great success total count for homeless in the Morongo Basin is 164. Shelley is grateful for all the support and participation.

Terrey Kelley from Pacific Clinics spoke on behalf of Elizabeth Kirkland and Wayne Hamilton shared information about the upcoming youth point in time count. Wayne attended the youth Point in time training on behalf of the MUSD. The same rules apply to this count as the adult Point in time count except the surveyors need to be 18 – 25 years of age and will be supervised and will need volunteers to drive. The count will be on April 8 , 2015 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. all day count is still pending. Training for this count will be on April 2, 2015 in the same office as this meeting, volunteers are needed, TAY kids are not eligible to do the count. Shelley asked Terry to explain what the TAY center is to the new members. Ami Davis and Christina Phillips are in charge of the green zones. Morongo Basin Haven is waiting for approval to purchase \$5.00 McDonalds gift cards to give to those who do the surveys for the total of \$200.00, Shelley asked everyone if we all agree to this purchase. The meeting agrees.

Ami Davis expressed concern about the date of the count, being that the students will be in school, and it would be a better idea if the count can take place during spring break. The count is a set date by San Bernardino County and cannot be changed.

A representative from the First Institute training and Management / Youth services is presenting. Training will be provided in Yucca Valley on March 30, 2015. They provide services to income qualified youth and young adults ages 16-21 years of age that are out of school. This program is a 2 year program, it provides 360 hour course training, 3 months of training in job related skills, assistance with employment and/or education, for up to 2 years this program will continue to help the individual with anything that will benefit them. Flyers for the upcoming training were disseminated to the group.

Concerned citizen Astrid Johnson asked about heating or cooling locations in 29 Palms, Wayne Hamilton will contact the City of 29 Palms to get that information.



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Candy from Homeless 101 will make the move to get vouchers to pay for showers that Sands motel offers to the homeless.

23 sleeping bags were donated by Jim Rickerd and are located at the TAY center. Susanna Barnett from Joshua Tree Unity Home has 60 bus passes with her if anyone is in need of any. 10 were given to Reach Out Yucca Valley, 10 to Candy Homeless 101. More bus passes need to be purchased, Shelley asked the meeting if we all agree to purchase \$1000.00 for bus passes, we all agree and Susanna will go to the MBTA to purchase the bus passes. Backpack give away is set for August 8, 2015 at the Joshua Tree Sportsmans club, shots will also be provided for free. Heap will now be in the Morongo Basin 2 times per month and will be by appointment only. Ami Davis shared information on “Palcohol” and reached out to the group for support to ban it when the time comes, this product will be available by this Summer. Reach Out Yucca Valley is having an RBSS certified training class tonight at the Helen Gray Center.

Email Shelley to add any items to the agenda.

Next meeting will be April 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. San Bernardino County Probation will be the guest speakers.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.