

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

October 28, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Department of Behavioral Health-Training Institute
303 E. Vanderbilt Way
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TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.
Introductions	Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions were made by all ICH Members. Guests were also invited to introduce themselves.
REPORTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Homeless Provider Network (HPN)	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HPN West Valley Regional Meeting in October featured a presentation and dialogue on “Challenges, Pitfalls and Successes of Rapid Rehousing Interventions” led by Dawn Spencer, with Knowledge Education for Yours Success (KEYS). The West Valley Regional Meeting attendance in October included representatives from the Office of Supervisor Rutherford, the City of Upland and the City of Chino along with many of our regional and countywide agency partners. West Valley Regional housing partners have been meeting in preparation for the HPN Regional Case Conferencing Pilot Project in collaboration with 211 and in support of the development of <i>Fast Linkage and Secure Housing (FLASH)</i> and the Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System The HPN High Desert Region had Presenter: Megan Joyner from “For the Record Bookkeeping.” She works with nonprofit- fix books of nonprofit organizations. She covered common errors in accounting that affects non-profits on a larger scale. The next presenter was Ron Griffin from “211” presenting information on Case conferencing. The pilot through HPN is progressing well. The members were made aware that is it necessary to close the service gaps. The housing providers that were present had been involved on small level and are all encouraged to work with the Regional chairs to ensure success in ending homelessness in our county. Morongo Basin HPN had a meeting on healthy generations with speaker Julie Jensen from Lutheran Social Services. She shared about the services they offer to areas in San Bernardino County including rental assistance, food, clothing, and much more. They also have disaster preparedness. Jeff Moritz, President of Conversion Center was also a special guest and he shared with the group his plan to build homeless centers in the Basin. He is looking to collaborate with other non-profits. Special recognition to our HPN members that were first responders along with the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) team. Kim Carter, Lois Perkins, and Travistine Lockhart who opened their doors several times when I said I needed housing. Thank you!

Office of Homeless Services (OHS)	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier this year, <i>Opening Doors</i> was amended to reaffirm the strategies proven effective in preventing and ending homelessness and added additional goals that are critical to its success. As such ICH has already adopted the tenets and goals of <i>Opening Doors</i>. The amendment included the following goals and timelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ End Veteran Homelessness by 2015 ○ End Chronic Homelessness by 2017 ○ End Family and Youth Homelessness by 2020 ○ Set a Path to End All Homelessness by 2020 • On September 24, 2015, the OHS through the Department of Behavioral Health released a Request for Proposals (RFP) from nonprofit and local government organizations providing assistance to homeless populations within the County of San Bernardino to create new and dedicated Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to serve the chronically homeless and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) to serve families. • The RFP sought project(s) to implement a local continuum of care-wide Permanent Housing program that will implement a "Housing First" approach in accordance with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness. • On October 16, 2015, the ICH Grant Review Committee met to review the seven applications received. Their recommendations will be discussed during Item #4 on today's agenda. • On October 15, 2015, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued the U.S. Winter Outlook forecasting cooler and wetter weather in Southern Tier states with above-average temperatures most likely in the West and across the Northern Tier. The NOAA forecasts that this year's El Niño may be among the strongest on record, expected to influence weather and climate patterns for our area. • On October 13, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors received a report by the Director, Office of Emergency Management, Chief Executive Office, Director of Public Works, Fire Chief and the Sheriff on El Niño preparedness. Recommendations included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extending winter shelter operational periods ○ Funding additional beds at winter shelters ○ Engaging homeless individuals living in flood control areas • OHS will work with 2-1-1 to identify shelter providers, however based on current providers; the current capacity may be insufficient to accommodate all the potential needs of the region. • The Office of Homeless Services (OHS), HMIS section routinely monitors agencies data quality to ensure accuracy and meet HUD standards for data quality maintenance. Please note: We have encountered an issue that has affected our ability to accurately run the monthly Data Quality reports. HUD has required changes to the universal data elements starting on October 1, 2015. The changes appear to have negatively affected our overall data quality in the HMIS for the month of September. Client Track is currently working on this and is expected to have a resolution by October 26th. • Agency report cards are posted for review on individual agencies participating in HMIS at the following website: http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/HMIS.aspx • The 9th Annual Homeless Summit will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the Ontario Convention Center located at 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm, with check-in beginning at 9:30 am.
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Bylaws and Membership Committee	Chris Rymer Kim Carter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year's speakers will include Ted Alejandre, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Philip Mangano, Founder and President of the American Roundtable to Abolish Homelessness, Amy Sawyer, Regional Coordinator for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement Team, and Fifth District Supervisor and ICH Chair, Josie Gonzales. • On August 31, 2015, the Performance, Education and Resource Center (PERC) conducted the third stakeholder group of the ICH, consisting of city service providers. Representatives from 9 cities attended the consensus building workshop. This group was tasked with coming to a consensus and forming goals for the cities related to the recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Outreach and Education Campaign. ○ Community Outreach, Engagement, and Treatment for ○ Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families (see attached, Report 2B). • PERC will be available to perform a follow-up training for city administrators at the request of ICH.
Housing Committee	Kim Carter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We sent out a call for applications and the actual application to our list serves, we're hoping to reach out to Universities and Hospitals. The Deadline for the application is October 30, 2015.
Homeless Youth Task Force	Supervisor James Ramos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The housing committee is looking to see how the County can get behind the development of new housing. Right now the supply does not meet the demand so we are asking the members of ICH how they can help with the support of available housing. • We've reached out to Landlord and Apartment associations, and bringing them on board and making sure they are educated on services but that has not gone very well. The supply needed is short for affordable housing in the community.
Legislative Reports	Otis Greer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Taskforce have completed the report on the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Survey conducted on April 9, 2015 which we will present later in the meeting. Recommendations were given and we will present them to ICH in hopes of getting them approved. • We were out at the Morongo Basin Project Connect highlighting the need that homelessness is not a criminal condition but we have to make sure resources are available. • Two bills of interest the Governor signed were AB870 and AB388. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AB870 would require the department to develop guidelines to select 4 counties and private nonprofit organizations to receive these grant funds and require that eligible counties and private nonprofit organizations include those that are eligible to receive funds from the state pursuant to the Emergency Solutions Grants Program with a demonstrated high funding need.

Board Agenda Review Report	Kent Paxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AB388 would require the evaluation of any program established by the department pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 to include information relating to the effectiveness of assisted projects in helping veterans occupying any supportive housing or transitional housing development that was issued funds pursuant to that act, as specified. ● The Board of Supervisors met on October 20, 2015 and we had three items of interest on the agenda. We had 15 units out of 55 dedicated to housing the DBH population through our partners at Sienna Partners in Fontana. ● Item 20 was an initiative to approve the allocation of \$248,300 of Discretionary General Funding to augment existing resources for homeless Veterans as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department of Community Development & Housing in the amount of \$148,300 to support temporary and permanent housing solutions for homeless Veterans; and, on behalf of the Housing Authority of San Bernardino County to establish the Repair Guarantee Program Fund for Veteran Housing, in the amount of \$100,000, to be approved by the Board at a later date. ○ Authorize the use of up to \$78,000 in existing County Housing Funds, and \$5,800 in ESG funds to use in support of efforts to house homeless veterans. ○ Approve Amendment No. 1 to the following contracts, effective October 20, 2015 increasing contract amounts for the provision of additional services related to the Homeless Veteran Housing Initiative, with no change to the termination date of June 30, 2016: A) Community Action Partnership, \$230,050, and B) Family Service Association of Redlands, Inc., \$230,050.
Reentry Collaborative Report	Jose Marin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRIDGES Final Evaluation Report was due on October 31, 2015 and we will get that to you soon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ **UPDATED RECIDIVISM RATE** ○ Final Recidivism Rate is 11.5% (9 individuals) ○ Update due to revised information ● Public Health is overseeing a Recidivism Reduction Program funded by the California's Bureau of State & Community Corrections (BSCC). Public Health finished its RFA process and was able to contract with 10 community- and faith-based organizations to provide recidivism reduction services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Self-help groups ○ Anger management ○ Employment and Education Services ○ Referral Services ○ Juvenile/mentoring Services, and ○ Basic life skills services ● 8 of the 10 selected providers are new vendors to the county. ● Goal of the program is to reduce recidivism rates in our community by using local community- and faith-based organizations that have been providing services to the population for at least 5 years.
CONSENT ITEMS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME

DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Approve Recommendations for the Continuum of Care Renewals, Reallocation, and Permanent Housing Bonus applications	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Recommendations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Renewals, Reallocation, and Permanent Housing Bonus applications. • On September 23, 2015, the ICH moved to approve the recommended CoC redirect of funds in the amount of \$403,137 to establish a functioning Coordinated Entry System for our CoC geographic region. • On October 17, 2015 the ICH Grant Review Committee met to review seven applications for the Housing Bonus and they recommended one application to move on. That application was for Step up on Second. They will be offering 112 permanent supportive housing beds for the chronically homeless. • The 2015 HUD funding that is available is as follows (note: we try to get this number as close to zero as possible): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Renewal projects we requested \$7,012,108.00, unused \$0.00 ○ Reallocated projects we requested \$403,137.00, unused \$0.00 ○ Permanent Housing Bonus we requested \$1,528,358.00, unused \$150.00 ○ Planning funds we requested \$305,672.00, unused \$0.00 ○ Annual renewal Demand we requested \$7,415,245.00, unused \$0.00 ○ Potential Award requested \$9,249,275.00, unused \$150.00 • Tier 1 is equal to 85 percent of the CoC's FY 2015 Annual Renewal Demand approved by HUD on the final HUD-approved Grant Inventory Worksheet, finalized either during the FY 2015 CoC Program Registration process or during the 10-day grace period after this NOFA was published. • Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) plus any amount available for the permanent housing bonus. There is no new money available for new programs this year, other than what could be carved out of existing programs based on performance and line of credit control system drawdowns. • The total amount available for Tier 1 is \$6,302,958.00 and for Tier 2 \$1,112,287.00. • OHS is requesting the approval of the following CoC Grant Renewals, Reallocation, Planning, and Permanent Housing Bonus applications, as indicated. We will be submitting by November 19, 2015 • Please note: Pursuant to statute and the program regulations, the ICH retains the ability to revise the funding levels, and reallocate funds as needed for the benefit of the CoC, and negotiate applications for the maximum benefit of the CoC, through the Office of Homeless Services. • A motion was order by Ray Osborne and moved by Don Smith, the Recommendations for the CoC renewals, Reallocations, and Permanent Housing bonus application was approved as order.
Regional Preparations and planning for El Nino	<p>Tom Hernandez</p> <p>Mike Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Niño is coming and in our area the ground has been very dry for some time, therefore any over saturation of water won't be easily absorbed into the ground causing surface water. • Our cold weather shelters only open when a certain temperature has been reached (forecasted 32 degrees) but with El Niño we will have mild temperatures and lots of rain. The need for cold weather shelters, faith based organizations, and other homeless partners to open their doors are greatly needed. • There is potential for flooding and in that instance it won't be just the homeless that will be affected. • We also have the PC290 population (registered sex offenders) living in the flood control channels that will be displaced along with other homeless encampments in the channels. • We have about 60 individuals in San Bernardino County living in the water ways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the high desert Mohave River area there are about 136 homeless individuals, 32 living in the river bed ○ About 200 homeless in the City of Victorville

	Tom Hernandez Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the Valley there are about 26 individuals living in the water ways ● I have reached out to the Office of Emergency Services and they are conducting public outreach meetings regarding preparations for El Niño, they will be held: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 at the Yucca Valley Community Center, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway in Yucca Valley ○ 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, 12505 Cultural Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga. ● I encourage all of you to reach out to our faith based partners and other providers regarding resources and opening their doors during these wet days to provide shelter. ● We should create a sub-committee or Ad Hoc committee to develop a plan and a list of resources should there be a state of emergency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should anyone be interested in joining this Ad Hoc Committee please talk to me after the meeting.
COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Public Comment	Kim Carter Gary Madden Sharon Green Chris Rymer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to all of my supporters and the leadership of this Board for acknowledging the CNN recognition. It is now a global competition so vote for Kim Carter now through November 15, 2015 at www.heros.cnn.com ● Proposes a need for a monogram or logo for this board to use in marketing campaigns, Informative handouts, etc. ● In regards to cold weather shelters and ending homelessness please keep in mind the cities that are planning to put ordinances in place to prevent that when planning. It is a battle as we try to end that and provide housing. I have agencies that are coming and people that are offering houses as project and we have to battle ordinances. ● I just want to share a news segment I saw on CNN, in the City of San Francisco they have turned out of use buses into portable showers and laundry services for the homeless. It was a non-profit that started it and now the city is backing them up. I thought it was a good idea and something to look into.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Public Comment	Kyra Stewart Zazette Scott Brett Kadel Alice Varela Osvaldo Maysonet Debra Watkins Jesse Gonzales	
Adjournment	Supervisor Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.
Next Meeting		<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Department of Behavioral Health Administration Building, Rooms 109A and 109B 303 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92415</p>

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