

Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee Agenda

303 E. Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92415

March 7, 2016

Welcome & Introductions	Mike Jones & Tom Hernandez
Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red Cross• OES Conference Call	Mike Jones
Sheltering <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faith Based Need	Roundtable
Open Discussion	Roundtable

Minutes for San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

February 1, 2016

3:00 – 4:30 PM

County of San Bernardino ▪ DBH Administration
303 E. Vanderbilt Way. ▪ San Bernardino, CA 92415-0026

Minutes Recorded and transcribed by Amy Edwards, Secretary I, Department of Behavioral Health, Office of Homeless Services

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Mike Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and asked to introduce themselves.
DISCUSSION		
Short Term Goals Long Term Goals Sheltering Faith Based Organizations Discussion	<p>Mike Jones</p> <p>Tom Hernandez</p> <p>Mike Jones</p> <p>Kent Paxton</p> <p>Mike Jones</p> <p>Pastor Alexander</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meeting on January 27, 2016 I gave an update on what our committee has been doing. I informed them that we created a cold weather shelter guide and have been handing out cold weather emergency kits, 250 of them. • Informed them that we've been meeting bi-weekly when able to and I proposed that we make this Ad Hoc committee a permanent ICH sub-committee. Basically this group was formed in preparation for El Niño, but in the long term we need to continue to be prepared for any disaster. • In terms of short term goals for the weather we need to work with the faith based community, who can really be effective in providing cold weather shelters throughout the county. • In long term emergency preparedness we need ICH or Office of Emergency Services (OES) to make amendments or reallocate funds to have a portion dedicated towards homelessness. • ICH will vote on making this committee permanent at the next meeting February 24, 2016. • We needed to take a step back and really look at the immediate need, which is the number of cold weather beds available, which as we all know isn't very many, and how can we increase this. • The Victor Valley Fairgrounds will be closed as of February 2, 2016 for at least one week, due to another event scheduled there. However the Church of Whosoever has 70 beds available along with volunteers and vans to pick people up if needed. We've connected the administrators of the church and the fairground so they can hopefully start working together. • Law Enforcement has been getting the word out about the river bed closures through the media. We've made a PSA video to reach more people about the closures and how important it is to get to higher ground. • Have we identified any churches that are available to open for cold weather shelter? • The only church that has been identified is the Church of Whosoever with 70 beds for the high desert. • Asked if a date has been identified to meet with the churches? If no date has been set can we set a date? She has been in contact with Debra Williams who can assist in sending the invite out to the various church groups and organizations. She suggests before setting the meeting though to come up with a very direct

	<p>Gary Madden</p> <p>Pastor Chris Esteves</p> <p>Mike Jones</p> <p>Pastor Chris Esteves</p> <p>Kent Paxton</p> <p>Gary Madden</p>	<p>and straight forward plan. You need to come in with a specific goal in mind and give them the information they will need to make an informed decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's not only asking the faith based organizations what they are will to do and getting those details from them, it's also how can we support their efforts and coordinate and assist them with whatever their needs are. That way it's more formalized, and they don't feel like they are doing it all by themselves. • Initiated the CARE program, Communities, Actively, Responding, to Emergencies. His attempt was to handle disaster internally and externally. His approach is to build relationships. They get to know the homeless they deal with, they know them by name and what their needs are. When asked if his church would be willing to open for shelter nights, he replied that they would under the right circumstances and the right parameters. • Dena Fuentes mentioned at our last ICH meeting a program up in North County that might be useful. The Interfaith Shelter Network. Their mission is to coordinate the efforts of participating congregations, social service agencies, and governmental programs in order to provide shelter and other resources to homeless individuals and families. Basically it was described as collaboration between over 120 congregations to provide shelter on a rotating schedule. They make a schedule and rotate the shelter nights between the participating congregations, which makes it easier for the homeless as they have a set schedule of where shelter is being provided and the burden isn't all on one congregation. They rely on corporate and private donations as their main source of income. • There are churches that want to partner. They will collaborate if there is a definite plan and knowing what they are asked to do will be carried out and their interest is going to be used in the manner in which they provide it. • Suggests a logic model approach. Use the numbers from the Point In Time Count to generate a letter from Supervisor Gonzales for each region by city stating the need for shelter due to El Niño and ask if these faith based organizations can help in the short term. • Requests a presentation from Pastor Chris to present his program to ICH.
Tasks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set meeting with leaders of faith based organizations, approximately 2 weeks from today. • Draft specific need and parameters for the faith based organizations prior to meeting with them. • Draft letter from Supervisor Gonzales seeking assistance from faith based organizations.
Adjournment		Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.
Next Meeting		The next meeting will be on February 22, 2016 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm at the County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health Administration. 303 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0026

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