



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Mountain Homeless Provider Network (MHPN)**

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 • 10:30 a.m. to 11:30

St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Skyforest, CA

AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (5 minutes) B. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)	Wendell Wilson
CONSENT	
C. Approve Minutes from the May 8, 2018 Meeting	Wendell Wilson
PRESENTATIONS	
D. Room & Board Advisory Coalition Network	Rachel Cierpich
DISCUSSION	
E. Shelter & Affordable Housing Possibilities F. County Funded Case Manager and Referral System for all Mountain Providers G. Case Management	Wendell Wilson
CLOSING	
E. HPN Member News, Updates, Issues and Announcements F. Public Comment G. Adjournment	HPN Members/Attendees
Next Meeting: MHPN will next meet on: August 14, 2018 St. Richard's Episcopal Church 28708 Highway 18, Skyforest, CA	

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.

THIS 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 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415. <http://www.sbcounty.gov/sbchp/>

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Attendees: Wendell Wilson, Mountain Homeless Coalition; Don Smith, Vice Chair Homeless Provider Network, West Valley Region; Joyce Garrison, President, Mountain Homeless Coalition; Tanya Perry, Big Bear Representative of Mountain Homeless Coalition; Carol Kinsell, 2nd District Representative on Mental Health Commission; Keith Russell, Volunteer, Mountain Homeless Coalition; Daisy Esparza, SBCSS Homeless Youth Services; Michele Bletcher, SB County office of Homeless Services; Winter Kolfman, DHCS Outreach Specialist; Melinda Eisenhart, Board member of Mountain Homeless Coalition; Kelly Maxwell, Orenda Foundation Veteran's Project; Mike Brewer, Victor Valley Marine Corp League.

Meeting called to order at 10:16 AM by Wendell.

Recap of history of Mountain Homeless Provider Network and Mountain Homeless Coalition, Interagency Council on Homelessness as spearheaded by Glen Thompson and his efforts:

- All organizations collaborate to serve homeless between local mountains and county
- Provider network expended to serve mountain residents
- Trying to get services on the mountain

Wendell has taken the reins following Glen's leadership and is attending county meetings. He hopes to use his experiences working with homeless services in Washington to provide services in the mountains.

Carol discussed the lack of services on the mountain. She asked for TAY, club house and other resources that are available in San Bernardino noting that "We are not Arrowhead." The DAC for 2nd District meets the second Thursday of the month.

Wendell continued to explain that the Mountain Homeless Coalition is a new non-profit that is striving to make things better for our homeless residents. Wendell visited the Victorville cold weather shelter and asked how we could duplicate that for the mountain areas? He introduced Don Smith from Pathways to Housing to discuss services.

Don Smith – presenter – Pathways to Housing Network. Don has been working in the field of housing and homelessness for 20+ years. The programs look to fill gaps in housing. This is a housing crisis and the focus is on the lack of housing county and state wide. Don works toward community based solutions because government can't do it all. Pathways to Housing Network (PHN) addresses access to housing in a systematic way, to pull together disjointed and siloed programs. County/federal funds focus on chronically homeless and veteran, but what about families with children?

- Web based access
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Links for providers and consumers
- Centralized way to gather data in real time
 - Demographics
 - Financial
 - Understand barriers
- 90% of consumers have no resources

TAD – Calworks offers Rapid re-housing through TAD office. Two programs through KEYS:

- Housing Support Program
- Family Stabilization Program for those with mental health, substance abuse and DV history

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Also links to Room and Board Advisory Coalition that certifies homes for room and board providers. This is for those with fixed incomes and need a shared environment and support.

Kelly Maxwell stated that one needs to follow the money.

Don stated that veteran's providers meet weekly and are very good at coordinating services for vets. Homeless Veterans Community Planning Group

Don discussed that Pathways can refer to Bridge housing and Rapid Re-housing as a means to meet the housing crisis. Pathways receives a request with specific data and that is e-blasted to providers to find a fit. Providers identify who can advocate for a family and focus on a strategy. This is how communities take care of their neighbors and includes faith based and other community groups.

Example of a community group that fed people for 4 years. They determined that they needed to work on homeless prevention with a community fund to help in emergencies. This was less costly than long term supports – utility assistance, rental assistance, first and last, etc.

Questions:

How is Pathways coordinated with 211? Pathways is part of 211's prevention and diversion strategies. The difference between Pathways services and Coordinated Entry: Pathways is prevention, diversion, strengths based and promotes progressive engagement. Coordinated Entry is for chronically homeless with a focus on vets and single women (HUD requirements).

Mike Brewer had many questions and comments regarding veteran issues. He and Kelly were speaking to Rim of the World Veterans Assoc. and Big Bear.

Wendell: Mountain Homeless Coalition receives donations from Daniel at Community Hospital Association including blankets and hygiene products.

Joyce stated that Rim of the World SD requested hygiene products for their students.

Don Smith stated that Housing First focuses on how to get people into homes, not shelters:

- Consumer first – where they want to live is where they are connected to
- Don't evaluate deep seated issues to get into housing
- Grants are temporary and not consistent

Upland has Community Restoration Team that rents rooms and homes for homeless

Vets programs include VA permanent supportive housing

Joyce: Realities of our community:

- No government monies for people in between trying to get into housing or shared housing
- How to protect referral agency/organization, client
- What are resources for us?
- Grateful to Josie Gonzalez's support of Pathways

Don Smith shared best practices that include:

- Contract agreements
- Guidance in matching persons with projects
- Promote individual family resources

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Resources – find funds to get a place – rent/buy/home to home/ shared housing

Rapid Rehousing model: Immediate housing crisis which is short term and creates stability – moving costs, financial assistance, and helping overcome past bad credit. Includes short term subsidy with gradual increase of family contribution – time limited

Permanent Supportive Housing: like Housing Authority and Step Up, must meet HUD requirements and are subsidized forever. This is for vets and chronically homeless.

Shelters are most expensive and least effective for long term permanent placement

Shared Housing can help mountain folks with mountain options: people can stay as long as they can pay rent.

Kelly: Discussed Point in Time Count – why in January?

Don: Established on the East Coast where they can easily count people in shelters. Not effective in California. But it has helped collect data on numbers of people from one year to the next. Funding isn't based upon the numbers, but on performance and structure.

Kelly: Discussion about sober living options and veterans needing biofeedback

Don: Substance abusers are offered transitional housing

Joyce: Work with county is difficult and takes tenacity and persistence

Tanya: Discussed the closing of a housing complex in Big Bear and families with children are affected.

Don: Suggested connecting with Fair Housing. Mountain Coalition could look at having funds for 1st and last – utilize a systematic way of helping families. Morongo Basin model.

Announcements:

Winter – DHCS enrollment for Medi-Cal and Medi-Care coverage options. She can help get clients into Medi-Medi services. Also on-line webinars, seniors with disabilities and parents caring for their parents.

Daisy – New CWA for SBCSS – Don English replaced Earl Smith. Expanding Horizons for college to career.

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Adjourned at 12:18 PM