

## MB HAVEN

### MINUTES – FRIDAY, August 16, 2013

1. Call to Order: Shelley Licata called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Attendance: Shelley Licata, Diane Cohan, Phyllis Lyte, James Walter, Wayne Hamilton, Rae Packard, Vanessa Wibble, Susanna Barnett, Michele Bletcher

Absent: Sarann Graham, Cindy Melland, Jessica Hannah, Deanna Luttrell, Elizabeth Kirkland

3. Minutes: Diane Cohan moved to accept July Minutes; approved unanimously
4. Web Site Report by Jim Harvey/I Candy:

Jim said that clicking on any icon will take you to the links for that subject. He asked that we clarify what we need to keep in each directory, so that we don't have a lot of duplication. Shelley will send him the link from the County re: Veteran's Services. Jim reminded us again that whatever he receives needs to be in .pdf format and clearly named. Send your information first to Shelley at [slicata@pacificwesternbank.com](mailto:slicata@pacificwesternbank.com). The web site is: [morongobasinhaven.org](http://morongobasinhaven.org).

5. Homeless Provider Network Meeting. Susanna Barnett shared that there was no July meeting.
6. Family Service Association (FSA). Rae Packard reviewed the services provided for CHILDREN, such as First 5, which is supported by Prop. 10 - a cigarette tax, and for SENIORS, such as the Senior Nutrition Program and Meals on Wheels. They also have applications for Driver Licences/IDs at a reduced cost of \$8 instead of the regular \$27. MB Haven will fund those. To be available for all, the office is open on Tues. until 9:00 p.m.
7. Project H.O.P.E. The first local applicants will be served, Friday, 8/23/13, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Helen Grey. MB Haven is paying for the food. Shelley said that there is a list of items needed to qualify for the program. James noted that if an applicant has already been certified as needing mental health services, other required documents may not be needed.

The H.O.P.E. application is about 25 pages, so it takes a long time to help each client. Once submitted, it may be approved in as little as two weeks. Veterans and the elderly are high on the acceptance list. The following individuals are not eligible for the program: those with criminal status/convictions for selling drugs; anyone who is a convicted sexual predator; and anyone who has been disqualified or "kicked out" of Section 8 housing. Diane asked if a felon can get food stamps. It may depend on the felony.

8. Bus Passes: Due to Sarann's absence, review of the bus log and discussion of policy were tabled to the next meeting. Shelley said that the pick-up of bus passes has moved to the FSA office, as there have been too many requests for Kelly Carson to handle at the Basinwide Foundation office.
9. Old Business: Community Partners. We have been joined by RCAHT, an organization which works to help victims of human trafficking.

10. New Business.

Phyllis gave Shelley information about the County's local literacy program and web site.

Diane Cohan reported on the legal information she has located. The County's representative, Atia Biag, works with individuals age 60+, arranging legal appointments for them. For Yucca Valley, she sees people at the Community Center. Others need to go to the Sportsmans' Club in Joshua Tree; no appointment is needed there. We will invite someone to make a presentation from Inland County Legal Services.

11. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

12. Next meeting: September 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m. in Supervisor Ramos's office, Joshua Tree

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Lyte