



MORONGO BASIN HAVEN – MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2015

Chair Shelley Licata called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes were approved by Wayne Hamilton and Ben Costello

Introductions: a total of 25 attendees were present.

Shelley began the meeting by going over the balance sheet. Funds are available when needed for events and other approved items, etc.

Elizabeth Kirkland gave an update about the youth Point in Time that took place April 8, 2015. The report has been released unfortunately Elizabeth could not get access to the information due to technical issues, but she provided the website where anyone can see the results. www.sbcounty.gov/sbchp. The number of homeless youth that did the survey totaled to 62.

Elizabeth attended the HPN meeting and informed everyone that there is agencies that will provide grants to help assist individuals to and from work regardless of the time of the day it may be. Funds can be utilized but we need to get MBTA on board and agree to provide the transportation. A representative from the Morongo Basin Haven should attend the next MBTA meeting and speak about the grants and the routes. The need for mailboxes have been mentioned several times, information about pricing and availability is needed from the Post Office and Oasis office supply.

An email was sent to everyone on the email list, with a needs assessment attached, the purpose was to get everyone's feedback of what they feel is a major need in the community. The top 3 needs so far is housing, Inpatient & transportation. Telecare crises walk-in center will no longer be providing services as of June 30, 2015, Valley Star Behavioral Health will be the new crisis provider and will be at a new location. Services will not be interrupted during the transition and the new provider will continue services July 1, 2015. The Panarama Ranch is up for sale and ideas to raise the money have been brought to attention, MB Haven can raise the money that is needed to purchase the Ranch, the only issue is finding an agency whom is willing to run the shelter. Wayne mentioned contacting USDA to see if they are willing to match the money raised if we have a fundraiser.

Wayne shared about the KEYS program. The KEYS program is for anyone that is receiving TANF. The KEYS program a housing program that will help with the first month's rent, it also helps Vets, this program is



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available through Calworks, unfortunately most of the staff is not aware of this program, so there has been complaints about being turned away by staff. If you are turned away there is a number to call and they will resolve the issue. For individuals receiving TANF assistance call 1-877-410-8829 for Veterans call 951-571-3533. Wayne is able to help families, or individuals out of the MUSD if needed, but the client must contact him, nobody other than the client is to contact Wayne, please make all your clients aware. Also make them aware that there is a 3-4 week process once housing is arranged.

The Heap program will be at the Sportsman's club in Joshua Tree Monday the 20th must have an appointment. Heap is having a community forum at the Sportsman's club April 27, 2015 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, it is encouraged that we all attend, the purpose of this forum is to get feedback from low income residents on what they feel is a need.

Sharon did research about the 2015 point in time count and found some important facts about the Morongo Basin that has been overlooked by San Bernardino County. Yucca Valley is number the 4th highest number of homeless, Yucca Valley has a greater need for shelter and resources.

Candy Moulton spoke with the Desert Sky Motel regarding showers for the homeless, they are asking \$10 per head. More details and arrangements will be discussed. Homeless 101 will take lead and rules and regulations will be strickly enforced.

Resource Guides are complete and ready to disseminate throughout the Morongo Basin. Christina Phillips from Reach Out Yucca Valley did a great job providing technical assistance in making these Resource guides, any program, organization or Business who can use assistance with brochures, flyers, media, power point presentations contact Christina or Ami at 760-365-7130.

Next meeting will be May 15 , 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.