



MORONGO BASIN HAVEN – MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2015

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

Introductions:

Minutes were approved by Heidi Albright and Matthew Cast

Elizabeth updated the group about the Project Connect event that will be held October 22, 2015, she is still in need of volunteers, Celeste De La Torre offered to bring up to 9 volunteers.

The grant for bus passes is still pending.

Healthy Generations cannot offer showers due to maintenance problems.

The First speaker: Julie Janesin from Lutheran Social Services. Julie showed a short video about the program. Lutheran Social Services help the needy families in the San Bernardino County area. They provide rental assistance, food, clothing and more. They are also into Disaster preparedness also know as C.E.R.T. There are specific guidelines they must take before anyone can receive benefits. Julie has a good relationship with many landlords in the Morongo Basin in which she makes contact with once the client is qualified to receive benefits. Clients can receive rental assistance the same day if all requirements are met.

Jeffrey Mortitz President of Convergent Center was a special guest invited by Sharon Cisneros. He shared with the group about his plans to build Homeless centers here in the Basin. He came to the meeting for possible collaborations with non profit organizations, and program providers to help with the project that he is working on. He is currently seeking land for the shelters. Several group members offered land for his project. This project is in the works and could take up to a few years.

Next meeting will be November 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.