Minutes for Morongo Basin Haven East Valley Homeless Provider Network

02/15/2018

10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

County of San Bernardino Probation Office Meeting Room - 63665 29 Palms Hwy – Joshua Tree, CA 92252

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME	
-Welcome & Introductions -Approve Minutes	Elizabeth Kirkland & Heidi Albright	 Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Introductions January 18, 2018 Minutes were approved by Susie Cartwright 1st, Shelly Licata 2nd, approved by majority. 	
DISCUSSION ITEMS			
-Agenda Items & Updates	Wayne Hamilton	Program Updates: CAP funding for HEAP has been released, so please have clients contact CAP to get an appointment. They are now accepting online applications as well. August 10, 2018 will be the Community Backpack Giveaway at the Sportsman's Club. Organizations and volunteers that would like to participate please contact Wayne Hamilton. Rental assistance is very limited for this area, but still have clients contact CAP or Catholic Charities with requests. 2018 Grants should be awarded in the next couple months, so future updates will be provided. Finding affordable housing continues to be a major issue with placing anyone, especially those with vouchers. It seems that land lords are systemically denying voucher holders and/or the criterion for tenants is too demanding.	
	Heidi Albright/Elizabeth Kirkland	Resources: A revised brochure is being drafted, copies were handed out for review to all members. New brochure will be distributed as soon as this is completed (hopefully by April). Elizabeth has been working on an extensive resource list spreadsheet. This will be distributed to members as well, however, it is lengthy and the brochure may be more appropriate for client handouts. Food giveaway flyers will begin to be updated again in March/April. Resource Assistance Committee: Assistance has continued for cases that have no other options. Reminder that Community Action Partnership (CAP), Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, faith based groups, Edision, the local water districts and direct service provider should be first step efforts to resolve issues because funding is very limited for Haven.	
	Sharon Cisneros	ICH & HPN Update: County would like to bring larger companies to the table, like utility providers and/or housing providers.	

th contradic the	 A sales tax has been proposed, similar to Los Angeles County's HHH tax, to help fund homeless services. This is in the initial stages. Possible re-purpose of an abandoned hotel in 29 Palms, Ray Osborn is spearheading this but no other information was given. Lakita Johnson reports that US Vets feels the base should be more involved with assisting with homeless vets and is reaching out to form a partnership.
	Presentation: Waste Not Morongo Basin
Vala Stults	 Purpose is to link permitted food facilities to organizations that can safely distribute prepared food to those in need. For example, Cracker Barrel in Victorville is working on a prepared food donation to a local agency who will package and transport the unused foods (sauces, pastas, meals, etc) and distribute through a community free meal program. Implemented through CA AB 1826 and AB 1219 Reduction in Waste measures. 3 Step approach 1) Food Recovery; 2) Identify those who are food insecure; 3) safe distribution & education. Waste Not will NOT be storing food or act as a pantry, they will function primarily as the packaging and logistics coordinating entity for participating food facilities and service providers. They are working with the local school district and healthcare district to map out strategic planning and operational planning. Waste Not needs a commercial kitchen to package foods safely and a commercial freezer to store foods between donation and distribution if necessary. San Bernardino County is holding a stakeholders meeting on 2/23/2018 to discuss areas of services and other stakeholder issues. Volunteers are needed. Waste Not meets monthly in different locations. Please contact Vala for more information. All food handlers will be trained and certified and transportation of the food will be strictly monitored for food safety.
	Old Produces
Elizabeth Kirkland/Heidi Albright/Shelley Licata	The Crisis Residential Treatment Facility (CRT) will be opening in June 2018. This is a crisis stabilization unit for adults who are experiencing a mental health crisis and need a higher level of care than out-patient programs can offer but do not meet the 5150 criterion. They are planning to have 16 beds open and wraparound services provided (multiple groups a day, medication management, individual therapy, case management, social services, life skills, etc). The client must be voluntary and able to commit to 30-60 day residential treatment. Substance abuse may be part of the treatment but is not the primary criterion for admission. This is NOT a homeless shelter or housing provider. The Measure Y, Community Partnership Activities Grant, from the town of Yucca Valley was awarded to multiple agencies last month. Haven received \$12,000 and is required to use these funds to prevent, resolve or ease the suffering of

homelessness. All grant funds must be spent w/in 12 months. This money will be used to purchase sleeping bags, bus passes and other supplies as well as expanding our Resource Assistance program. If a service connected client is in need of

	Shelley Licata	assistance, please have the Haven partner organization contact the board with information on the background, circumstance and efforts already made for the client. Email contact is preferred as it can be disseminated to all board members more efficiently for discussion and voting. Please note that in order to assist a Haven partner client, the client MUST be able to sustain their own housing after assistance is provided. Funds are a one-time only assistance. Reminder that all individuals facing a housing crisis, to complete a Pathways to Housing as well as a 211 interview. Even if they do not meet the 211 criterion, the interview can be the "time stamp" for the HUD required duration of literal homelessness. A link to the Pathways site will be sent out to all. Point in Time Count update, the count went very well and the new mobile app was a fantastic resource for real-time results and location tracking, however, it was a bit cumbersome and the paper surveys quicker to complete with the actual person. Issues with the app have been brought to Justin and he agreed to look at ways to make it more efficient. Also, the shelter numbers were in last week but a total has not yet been released. We did note that our physical count was close to the same number as last year showing that homelessness remains a problem and no permanent solutions have been introduced to the area. Next year, Probation will act as a pit-stop as it was discovered that their homeless probationers have to check in frequently anyway. Finally, our volunteer numbers were up and our teams especially active this year, fantastic job all the way around.
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		New Business: Basin Wide Foundation is hosting a golf tournament on 3/30/2018. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Shelley Licata for more information.
	All attendee's	Roundtable:
	e	 Lakita Johnson with Molding Hearts, will be opening a women w/ children home by April 2. This will be a 30-90 day transitional housing program with 7-8 beds per site. The population will be 26-59 (18-26 is served by the existing site) Copper Mountain College will be hosting a job fair on 3/22/2018, a flyer was distributed to members. April 19, 2018 there will be an Emergency Response meeting at 10 am at the LDS Church on Onaga and Sage in Yucca Valley. The Marine Corps will be there to present their role in a community emergency. Morongo Basin Community Health Center will be having their bi-annual Health Fair on May 12, 2018. Vendors and participants are encouraged to complete an application and turn it in as soon as possible. Please contact Sheree Fansler or Billie Flatter at 760-365-9305 for more information.
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UPCOMING	10.100 10.00	THURSDAY 03/15/2018 10:00 a.m11:30 a.m.
-Next Meeting	No Presentation	San Bernardino County Probation Office - Meeting Room 63665 Twenty-nine Palms Hwy., Joshua Tree, CA 92252

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