Minutes for Morongo Basin Haven East Valley Homeless Provider Network

04/19/2018

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 |
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| -Welcome & Introductions -Approve Minutes | Elizabeth Kirkland & Heidi Albright | Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions March Minutes were approved by Libby Koenig 1st, Paula Hewitt 2nd, approved by majority. |
| DISCUSSION ITEMS | | |
| -Agenda Items & Updates | Wayne Hamilton | Program Updates: People who cannot make it to the HEAP appointment may download the application online. There is very little rental assistance, but this is not the primary hurdle to housing, lack of affordable units and strict approval criterion remain the primary problem. Resources: |
| | | No new resources. Resource Assistance Committee: |
| | Heidi Albright/Elizabeth Kirkland | Haven has paid two rental deposits allowing two families to become housed after agencies were able to verify that the client would be able to sustain housing after assistance. Measure Y funds were used to pay a water bill. \$500 donation was made by Power Yoga in Palm Springs Reminder to exhaust county and local resources before asking Haven to help. For utilities call the utility company first, then CAP, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army and DAAS. |
| | | Veterans were the focus of the last meeting as a 2 year update on Coordinated Entry efforts was given. Youth program was demonstrated. Final PITC numbers should be released in May. |
| | | Old Business: The Crisis Residential Treatment Facility (CRT) opening pushed back to July or August. Mark Lundquist has offered to provide guided tours of the location prior to opening. Haven members expressed interest. Discussion of future speakers could include HOST, Family Resource Center, Hospital Programs, Family Assistance, Sexual Assault and Unity Home. Libby Koenig reports that Senior Assistance is looking for Volunteers for lobbing with California Legislation. A |

spreadsheet with current assembly and house bills was passed around.

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New Business:

None.

Roundtable:

- Don Smith will be having a capacity meeting on April 26 in regards to Pathways and other homeless services.
- Needles Project Connect will be happening on April 26th as well. Vender flyers were provided.
- Waste Not has surveyed pantries and now needs to identify food insecure area and persons to get a picture of where the need is. They needs numbers of people in need for a grant proposal and need to get stakeholder feedback.
- CRT is already noticing a need for transitional housing.
- TAY is conducting the youth homeless count on April 26 and providing backpacks to persons under 25 years-old.
- Community member June Jarlsberg would like to develop a public forum with the town chambers to discuss housing issues. Her plan is to start in June.
- Reach-Out and Family Assistance program are providing free food at the Yucca community center from 1 pm to 3pm today.
- National Night Out will happen on August 7 in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center Parking lot, venders are encouraged to contact Reach Out for applications to participate.
- A community garden is planned in 29 Palms and Joshua Tree by Reach Out. They will be holding planning meetings on the last Wed of the month at the Joshua Tree Community Center.
- The Methodist Church in Joshua Tree is providing meals on Saturday.
- Riverside and San Bernardino Counties are holding their annual MDT conference – more information to follow
- Meghan Cosgriff of DAAS suggests using DAAS to help with resource connection for persons over 65.
- Pastor Steve Cook of The Way Station spoke about the lack of portable showers and laundry facilities as well as transitional housing. He has been serving the needy for 16 years and feels there has been little progress in this area. Haven members provided information on progress made but all agree not enough has occurred to reduce the suffering in this area.
- Morongo Basin Arch has two sober living facilities with 6 bed open. \$400 a month per person and they do offer a sliding scale for cost. Astrid reports that a deep freeze unit was donated and they had a successful fundraiser at Del Taco.
- Joe Rudden of the Morongo Basin Health Care District talked about the community health fair on 5/12. Vender flyer was provided
- Wayne Hamilton announced that the community Back to School backpack giveaway is scheduled for 8/10 from 9 am to 12 pm. Estimates they will provide 700 backpacks and serve up to 300 people. It will be held at the Sportsman's Club in Joshua Tree.
- Next Haven Meeting will be held in Mark Lundquit's office due to a scheduling conflict with probation. Mark's office is in the same building, meeting date and time will remain.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

| UPCOMING | | |
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| -Next Meeting | Wounded Refuge | THURSDAY 5/17/2018 10:00 a.m11:30 a.m. San Bernardino County Supervisor Ramos Field office Conference Room 63665 Twenty-nine Palms Hwy., Joshua Tree, CA 92252 |

February 15, 2018 Attendees:

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