



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Provider Network – West Valley Regional Meeting**

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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9624 Hermosa Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (5 minutes) B. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes) C. Approve March 10, 2015 Minutes	Don Smith
UPDATES & INFORMATION ITEMS	PRESENTER
D. Interagency Council on Homelessness E. Homeless Provider Network (HPN) F. Office of Homeless Services G. Homeless Provider Network Partners H. Other News, Updates and Announcements	Don Smith
PRESENTATION	PRESENTER
I. Preventing and Ending Homelessness Among Military Veterans	Rolando Perez, US Vets, Inc Edwin Broadnax, VA Loma Linda
DISCUSSION ITEMS	PRESENTER
J. Pathways to Housing in the West Valley Region – Veterans	Don Smith
NETWORKING	PRESENTER
K. Who is missing from the HPN West Valley Regional Meetings? L. Case Management Wrap-Around – Client Needs and Challenges	Don Smith
CLOSING	PRESENTER
M. Public Comment	Don Smith
N. HPN Membership Roundtable	Don Smith
Next Meeting: West Valley Region will next meet on: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 9:00 am – 11:00 am United Way 2-1-1 9624 Hermosa Ave. Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730	

In September 2007, the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP) was formed to provide a more focused approach to our goal of ending homelessness within the County. The Partnership consists of city governments, community based organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutes, non-profit organizations, private industry, and federal, state, and local government.

SBCHP was developed to promote a strong collaboration between agencies to direct the planning, development, and implementation of the County's 10-year-plan to end chronic homelessness. The Partnership meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Behavioral Health Resource Center in Rialto. The Partnership facilitates better communication, planning, coordination, and cooperation among all entities that provide services and/or resources for the relief of homelessness in San Bernardino County.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

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<p>Interagency Council on Homelessness (cont.)</p>	<p>Brenda Dowdy Andre Bossieux</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please bring all donated items to the San Bernardino TAY building located at 780 Gilbert Street building H, San Bernardino, CA. 92415 The HYTF will next meet on Thursday, March 19, 2015. Stuffing day for the “goodie bags” is Friday, March 27, 2015.
	<p>Don Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHS is organizing a Coordinated Entry System pilot project, slated to begin in the spring of 2015 in targeted communities.
	<p>Brenda Dowdy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Needles Project Connect was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the El Garces Train Depot. About 200 individuals and families attended; comments from local vendors as well as community members were positive and stated this was an event that has been needed for a long time, due to the lack of services in the area. It was a learning experience for some of the vendors, who were unaware of available services that could benefit their clients. Many clients and vendors expressed an interest in making this an annual event.
	<p>Don Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an interest in engaging cities in our partnership more effectively. We would like to see city representatives come to the HPN meetings. If you have city contacts that may be interested in coming to these meetings, please encourage them to attend. There was also talk about engaging private market landlords more effectively, including creating a system where we can have a tenant education process which would result in some kind of certification that comes through our partnership. This would then be used in the housing search process for landlords.
	<p>Brenda Dowdy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda suggested the need to connect on various levels and issues of housing to ensure we don't have competing efforts.
	<p>Don Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an ICH Housing Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 11th to be held at the office of Time for Change Foundation, 1255 E. Highland Avenue, Ste. 211, San Bernardino, CA 92404 beginning at 2:00 pm. • Don met with Roberto Gonzalez, Housing Opportunities Collaborative Program Coordinator. They have a Virtual Counselor Network and are interested in what we do with Pathway to Housing and how the Housing Opportunities Collaborative can be a vehicle for this. • The Homeless Provider Network had a great meeting in February 2015. People from the Peer-Driven Room & Board Coalition attended with Kim Savage presenting on Housing for Individuals with Disabilities & Fair Housing. She is a national expert on Land Use and Zoning issues regarding Fair Housing and Civil Rights as it relates to housing. Ms. Savage will conduct a workshop Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 10:00 am -12:00 pm at Victor Valley Family Resource Center. Ms. Savage works with city governments as well as providers. Kim's main message was: “Anytime you have a shared housing situation, it needs to function like a family. Once you start looking like a boarding house that's where you get in a position where regulations can start to kick in”. • Jose Marquez presented on the Community Foundation and the grant opportunities that they offer. The Community Foundation accepts competitive grant proposals from nonprofit organizations serving Inland Southern California. The Foundation's committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Director's, which approves grants. The four primary program areas are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and Human Services, Youth and Families, Arts and Culture and Civic and Public Benefit. • The Foundation is committed to providing support to the nonprofit organizations/agencies in the region. One of the ways in which this is accomplished is by stewarding endowed funds. The above information can be found through the Foundation's 2013 Annual Report. The application is now available and is due Monday, April 6, 2015. • Sharon Green and Brenda Dowdy were both reelected as HPN Chair and Vice Chair

General Announcements	<p>Doug Fazekas</p> <p>Don Smith</p> <p>Rolando Perez</p> <p>Mike Tinker</p> <p>Debra Watkins</p> <p>Don Smith</p> <p>Roberto Gonzalez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing California 2015 Conference is April 27 -29, 2015 in Sacramento, CA. A wide spectrum of various housing related topics will be discussed. Each spring, the Housing California Annual Conference convenes as a means to bring together advocates, consumers, builders, lenders, lawmakers, and other leaders in the affordable home and homelessness community. They will also provide financial tools to help nonprofit agencies and/ or developer to access additional funding as leveraging to projects. Banking institutions will also be there. This year's keynote speaker is Kent Larson, with the MIT Media Laboratory. • The Los Angeles County Mental Health is hosting their 8th Annual Housing Institute: "Making a Difference...Celebrating our Work & Vision" will be held on Wednesday, June 24 through Thursday, June 25, 2015. There will be presenters from multitudes of special need projects throughout Los Angeles and statewide. • The State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department has released its Veteran's Housing and Homeless Prevention RFP. It is focused on property rehab. If you are partnering with a developer, it's available. • The Emergency Housing Assistance Program Capitol Development (EHAPCD), is looking for proposals to convert emergency or transitional housing into permanent housing. • The County Notice of Funding Availability for Affordable Housing Development or Rehabilitation of Housing closed Friday, February 20, 2015. • U.S. Vets still has assistance available for homeless veterans. • The Peer-Driven Room and Board Coalition will host a Board and Care workshop on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at County of San Bernardino Health Services (CSBHS) in Rialto. Various vendors will be in attendance. • Lifeway Church Ministries in Rancho Cucamonga is hosting a Corporate Business Expo/Job Fair Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm located at 7477 Vineyard Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 • The City of Upland is hosting a Community Connect Event on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm located at 1100 E. Foothill Blvd., Upland, CA 91786 • Housing Opportunities Collaborative provides virtual counseling. They connect residents to counselors and resources via online services. They have kiosks located throughout San Bernardino and Riverside counties. They refer to nonprofit organizations and local government agencies throughout the region. The San Bernardino kiosk is located at El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center, 972 N. Mt. Vernon Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92411. The Fontana kiosk is located at the Lewis Library and Technology Center, 8437 Sierra Ave., Fontana, CA 92335 They are looking for two more locations in the West end region. A suggestion came up that Roberto speak at the April 15, 2015 HPN Quarterly meeting.
PRESENTATION	PRESENTER	
Opportunities and Options for Permanent Supportive Housing in San Bernardino County	Doug Fazekas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and Employment has been around since 1994. Doug was hired by the Federal Government to work with the County to create Housing for this particular special needs population. We created the county's first Shelter Plus Care (SPC) Program with the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino. Since then, we've created thirteen SPC programs. • The Housing and Employment Program Provides qualified DBH consumer's permanent, supportive, subsidized housing and/or employment. The program is comprised of two separate functions to provide housing and employment services.

<p>Opportunities and Options for Permanent Supportive Housing in San Bernardino County (cont.)</p>	<p>Doug Fazekas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Goal is to provide permanent independent housing for homeless, chronic homeless, or at risk of homeless mentally ill or dual diagnosed DBH consumers. • We review housing referrals and interview applicants, submit housing applications and make recommendations to the Housing Authority. We also advocate for both consumers in the housing program and those applying for housing. We assist clinics and contract clinics with the housing application process. • The Housing Program maintains United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements in the submission of Annual Performance Reports (APR's). We also assist clients in maintaining compliance and eligibility. • We are in collaboration with agencies such as the City of Ontario, Mercy House, and Beacon Property Management. • We maintain HUD requirements of uploading data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). • We have five SPC tenant based voucher programs which is Federal. They are: Cornerstone, Whispering Pines, Stepping Stones, New Horizons II, and Good Samaritan. These projects are our chronic homeless only type projects. • We have three SPC Project Based Voucher Programs: Laurel Brook, Lantern Woods, and Gateway. • Master Leasing is a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded Emergency Shelter Program. It is designed for DBH Full Service Partnership (FSP) consumers who are at risk of homelessness. If qualified, the consumer can move into a Shelter Plus Care Program. • Our MHSA Housing Programs are: Vintage at Kendall for seniors, Magnolia @ 9th for seniors, Mt. Breeze Villas for ages 18 and older, and Phoenix Apartments for ages 18-25. • We have three MHSA Housing projects in the works. Horizons at Yucaipa for seniors, Siena Apartments for adults and small families, and Project Bloomington for adults. • The goal of our Employment team is to help DBH consumers obtain and maintain employment. To assist housing DBH consumers secure qualifying income, and to provide direct services independently and in conjunction with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). • The Employment staff interview consumers individually to assess their current employment strengths and needs. They also provide pre-employment training in a group or individual setting. They assist consumers to develop their resumes and interview skills. • The Employment staff collaborates with other DBH clinics and contract agencies. They link consumers and collaborate with the DOR and Victor Community Support Services. Job leads are provided and consumers are transported to employment related activities.
<p>Questions re: presentation</p>	<p>All Attendees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ With regards to Master Leasing, is DBH the lease holder? When people will find a marketplace they are interested in and come to housing, then we negotiate a lease arrangement through the landlord? Is it short-term? A: we arrange housing through the HACSB. It is a short term lease of up to six months. ✓ After those six months, if it doesn't work, do they just go back to the streets? A: We don't send them back to the streets. We work with the case managers and housing navigators for alternative resources in the community. ✓ Can you use MHSA funds to house people in room and boards? A: It's not the intent for Room and Board. Master Leasing was the bridge at looking at long-term housing. ✓ With regards to the Bloomington Project, will there be a percentage outside of the low income? A: Yes. It is an affordable Housing project for the community. ✓ How many MHSA units are at the Siena Project? A: We have 15. All are one-bedroom units and furnished. ✓ Can providers and individuals reach out to the Housing Navigators and get connected with housing options? A: They have to go be a DBH consumer receiving services to access housing through Housing & Employment.

Questions re: presentation (cont.)	All attendees	✓ Do you transport consumers to employment? A: We can. We have vans but we also have bus passes for consumers seeking employment.
DISCUSSION ITEMS	PRESENTER	
Pathways to Housing	Don Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today we focus on housing access points in the West Valley Region for people dealing with behavioral health issues and options available to them. The goal is to identify agencies or providers who have access to various housing options. What options are there for those who are chronically homeless or dealing with Mental Health and/or Substance abuse issues or behavioral health challenges? What types of housing options are there? Whether it's emergency, bridge or permanent supportive housing? • Some resources identified were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DBH – Selma Saldamando is the housing referral contact for the West End region ✓ Foothill AIDS Project - they have housing vouchers for people living with HIV or AIDs. ✓ Cedar House - residential substance abuse. ✓ Frazee Community Center - sober living transitional housing (in San Bernardino). ✓ Inland Valley Recovery Services (IVRS) – residential treatment and transitional housing. ✓ Peer Driven Room and Board Coalition – we need to identify more West End providers. <p>Please submit information on additional housing access points in the West Valley Region to Don Smith</p>
COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Public Comment	Don Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None to report
Adjournment	Don Smith	Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.
Next Meeting		The West Valley Region will next meet May 12, 2015 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at United Way 2-1-1 located at 9624 Hermosa Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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