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Agenda: ICH Meeting of the

Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

Meeting date, time, and place Date: May 24, 2023

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Place: Dorothy Inghram Learning Center- North Entrance

670 E Carnegie Dr. San Bernardino, CA 92408

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Time

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Call to Order	Chair or Designee will call the meeting to order	9:00 – 9:01 am	
Invocation/Pledge	Chair or Designee will lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	9:01 – 9:03 am	
Introductions	Chair or Designee will lead the Introductions of the ICH Members by roll call.	9:03 – 9:05 am	
Agenda Items:	The following items are presented for informational, consent, and discussion purposes.		
Public Comment	Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the ICH Board will need to submit a request to speak prior to the time the Chair calls for public comment. The public can submit a <i>Public Comment Request form</i> or if virtual by typing in the <i>chat box</i> that you have a public comment. The Chair will call on you in the order the requests are received. Once your name has been called, please proceed to the microphone, or unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to speak.		
	Consent		
1	Approve Minutes of the April 26, 2023, ICH Meeting – Jessica Alexander, Chair Pages 4-15		
2	Ratify the Action of the Chair to Approve Letter of Support for the City of San Bernardino's Homekey Round 3 Coordinated Entry System (CES) Participation and Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination Application for San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus - Jessica Alexander, Chair Pages 16-18		



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4	Ratify the Action of the Chair to Approve Letter of Support for the City of San Bernardino's Homekey Round 3 CES Participation and CoC Coordination Application for 6th Street Interim Housing - Jessica Alexander, Chair Ratify the Action of the Chair to Approve Letter of Support for the City of Big Bear & Mountain Homeless Coalition Homekey Round 3 CES Participation and CoC Coordination Application for Tulip Lane Cabins - Jessica Alexander, Chair	
	Information Sharing	
5	Office of Homeless Services (OHS) Update – Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) round 3 and 4 Updates, Homeless Summit, CoC All County Trainings, Protocol process for Letters of Support/Applications and/or Forms, California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Update, Unsheltered NOFO Update -Kristin Stevens, Office of Homeless Services	9:15 – 9:25 am
6	Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee Update -ZaZette Scott, Chair of Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee Pages 30-31	9:25 – 9:35 am
	Presentation	
7	Governance Ad Hoc survey results and ICH/CoC Roles and Responsibilities -Dr. Pat Leslie, Urban Initiatives and Dawn Lee, Pages 32-46	9:35-9:55 am
	Discussion/ Action Item	
8	Approve the date of November 8, 2023, to conduct the 2023 Homeless Summit -Jessica Alexander, Chair Pages 47	9:55 – 10:00 am
9	Approval of Grant Review Committee as a Standing Committee – Jessica Alexander, Chair on behalf of the Bylaws & Membership Committee Pages 48	10:00 – 10:10 am



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10	Approve the recommendation by the Outreach and CES Committee to reallocate the five percent HHAP round 2 set-aside in the amount of \$72,656, originally allocated for the CES, and award the funds to Inland SoCal United Way 211+ (ISCUW 211+) to strengthen existing CES operations – Sharon Green, Chair of the Outreach and Coordinated Entry System Committee	10:10 – 10:20 am
11	Special Election of ICH Vice Chair – Jessica Alexander, Chair	10:20 – 10:35 am
	Council Roundtable	
	Open to comments by the Council	10:35 – 10:50 am
	Adjournment	10:50 am
Next ICH Meeting	The next regularly scheduled Interagency Council on Homelessness scheduled for: ICH Meeting (Regular) In Person Wednesday, June 28, 2023 9:00 am – 11:00 am Address: Dorothy Inghram Learning Center-North Entrance 670 E Carnegie Dr. San Bernardino, CA 92408	-

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.

THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES OR OTHER AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING, REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (909) 501-0610 AND THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 560 E. HOSPITALITY LANE, SUITE 200, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408-0044. https://sbchp.sbcounty.gov/ AGENDA AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT 560 E. HOSPITALITY LANE, SUITE 200, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408-0044.



Minutes for San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership

Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Meeting April 26, 2023

April 26, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. In Person

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Joy Woodard (Secretary), Office of Homeless Services

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Jessica Alexander, Chair	The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
ICH Board Member Introductions	Jessica Alexander, Chair	Tom Hernandez took ICH Member roll call. Members of the public are not introduced. There were 53 members of the public who joined the ICH meeting via Webex and/or telephone.
ICH Board Members Present		 The following ICH members or their alternates were present for the meeting: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Councilmember Sandra Ibarra, Councilmember Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Jerry Gutierrez, Stephanie Bruce, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Sue Walker, Ruben Mendoza Late: Astrid Johnson; Approx: 9:53 am Absent: Brenda Dowdy
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
		The Chair recognized Public Comments from: Kyra Stewart (Public Comment) Leonard Serrano (Public Comment) Anna Ulibarri (Public Comment) Anthony Brazier (Public Comment) Zazette Scott (Public Comment) Christian Shaughnessy (Public Comment via Webex)
NEW MEMBERS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Introduction and Bios of New ICH Members and Alternates	Jessica Alexander, Chair	The Chair formally recognized new ICH Alternate Board Member: Acquanetta Warren-District Director, alternate for Second District Supervisor Jesse Armendarez; and ICH Board Member: Diana Alexander, Assistant Executive Officer- Human Services.
		 Acquanetta Warren and Diana Alexander gave the following brief introductions: Acquanetta Warren – Stated she is excited to be a part of this great effort and looking forward to working with everyone on homelessness. Ms. Alexander – Informed the board she is enthusiastic to be a part of the board and brings transparency and partnership. Ms. Alexander stated that she is excited about the future of the partnership between the community and the county.
CONSENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Approve Minutes of the March 22, 2023, Special ICH Meeting	Jessica Alexander, Chair	The Chair requested a motion to be made for the consent calendar portion of the agenda.

		 Supervisor Baca made a motion to approve the consent calendar and was second by Councilmember Ibarra. Ms. Green requested corrections to the minutes on page 12, under her name "How much better we can serve those in need" and corrections to the mention of Diana Alexander instead of Pastor Alexander. A roll call vote was taken. 17 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Councilmember Ibarra, Councilmember Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Jerry Gutierrez, Stephanie Bruce, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Sue Walker, Ruben Mendoza. 0 members were opposed. Absent: Brenda Dowdy, Astrid Johnson The motion made towards the consent calendar was approved.
INFORMATION SHARING	PRESENTER	The motion made towards the consent calendar was approved.
OHS Update - CESH and 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant Competition Awards Announcement	Kristin Stevens, Office of Homeless Services	The Chair recognized Kristin Stevens, on behalf of the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to provide an update on the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) and 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant Competition Awards Announcement. The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members. Discussion ensued: • Don Smith – Stated the CESH contract has been four years in the making and it is critical that the money gets into the coordinated entry system. Mr. Smith stated that an RFP was released for CoC homeless assistance consulting agency. Traditionally, the consultant served the CoC and the funding for that consultant is paid from the CoC planning dollars. Mr. Smith stated that the CoC should be involved with the selection of the consultant for the CoC. • Kristen Stevens – Confirmed that the RFP was released, and a discussion can take place later to address how to proceed with the RFP. The Chair closed item # 3 for discussion.
Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee Update	Sharon Green, Chair of the Outreach and Coordinated Entry System Committee	 The Chair recognized Sharon Green, on behalf of the Outreach and Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee to provide an update. The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members. Discussion ensued: Tom Hernandez – Stated that he was thankful to everyone who attended the April CES committee meeting. Mr. Hernandez noted that the committee will be conducting rotating meetings for each region in order to give everyone the opportunity to attend and experience the different regions. Don Smith – Asked if those meetings and any other meetings, if possible, have virtual connections for the public. Jessica Alexander – Stated OHS is working to schedule meetings that are open to the public and that are easily accessible to them by incorporating technology to include the public as much as possible

		depending on where the meeting is hosted.
		The Chair closed item # 4 for discussion
PRESENTATION	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Multi-Year Budget for CES-CESH Funding	Kimberly Starrs, Inland SoCal United Way & 211+	Chair recognized Kimberly Starrs from Inland SoCal United Way & 211+ to present on the Multi-Year Budget for CES-CESH Funding.
		Ms. Starrs submitted a proposal of how CESH funding will be utilized in the creation and implementation of the "Regional Access for Coordinated Entry", a virtual platform to access clients, and contact center support. She stated that United Way and 211+ have been doing everything possible to make improvements with what they had available to them, including achieving private funding to support CES and are here to be excellent partners and deliver the service that our residents expect.
		The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.
		Discussion ensued: Sandra Ibarra – Mentioned that previously at the Central Valley HPN meetings, nonprofits that have beds available will have an opportunity to notify 211+ or local jurisdictions of availability. Ms. Ibarra stated to not limit who has access to an agency depending on private funding. She informed the council that the city of San Bernardino provided a strategic plan that was made public and if anyone would like to see what was proposed to please reach out to her. Sharon Green – Stated was happy that United Way and 211+ went out and solicited funds to add to the money that will never be enough to accomplish the CES system. She was grateful to hear they are working with the regions to make sure that this platform is effectively going to fall in place, and appreciative that work is being put in and we're coming together as a team to make sure that we are serving people. Don Smith – Mentioned how excited he is to see movement with rebuilding the CES and the virtual platform that will be accessible and user friendly for the providers and those needing the services. Mr. Smith mentioned that United Way is forming an end user advisory group and stated we need more work in investing in our CES. When funding comes in that requires use of the CES, the CoC on an ongoing basis needs to have an infrastructure carved out for those funds to ensure they are going to help build and maintain the system. Quinton Page – Requested clarity on implementation of regional access points and what that might look like specifically in the Mountain region. Mr. Page asked if there will be increased collaboration with existing agencies or is United Way looking to expand their presence in these regions. Kim Starrs – Responded that United Way is not seeking to expand their presence in these regions, they are seeking to increase partnership with existing agencies and the funding would help cover costs for agencies that would serve as regional access points.
		the comparison of before and after implementation of funds, and to see the progress and success of the project.

		 Kim Starrs – Stated that they are not sure of the capacity for data reporting when it comes to Bitfocus. She advised as more information is available, they will continue to collect data and reporting will be more robust with the technology solution. Ruben Mendoza – Asked when someone who is unsheltered calls 211 and requests services, how does the call center representative verify their homelessness status? Kim Starrs – Stated there is an initial triage by the call center to determine if they might qualify for services under CES or for some other process. The triage process is approximately a 20-minute phone call. Mr. Starrs mentioned that when clients call 211, the majority receive an internal referral to services with Inland So Cal United Way and 211+ which has 40+ programs that can assist clients. Ms. Starrs advised that once the initial triage is completed, they are moved on to a CES coordinator or specialist that does the verification to get the ranking and qualifications. The process continues from that point. The Chair – Asked what the status is of the dashboards. She stated there were previous dashboards for the regions that gave a 30-day snapshot on what was happening with homelessness. The Chair asked if that was something the regions would be able to access again and do they think the regional access points are going to participate in that. Kim Starrs – Stated the hope is everyone will want to participate, and a strong request will be made to do so. The plan is to have each region gain access to the dashboards in as real time as possible. Don Smith – Stated once the virtual platform is set up dashboards and reports will be possible. Mr. Smith mentioned it is critical the tech leads for the CES have administrative access to the technology system now that we are merging HMIS and CES. He mentioned the HMIS system belongs to the CoC. Mr. Smith stated the need to ensure that the CES have full access and is working in concert with the HMIS team daily.<!--</th-->	
		 some cases, if clients don't score a certain number, they are not eligible for services. He asked if clients don't meet criteria, what services can 211 provide to the client? Kim Starrs – Stated there are 40+ programs internally to where client can be referred. She said they seek to ensure the individual walks away with at least three resources after every interaction. 	
DISCUSSION/ ACTION	DDECENTED	The Chair thanked Kim Starrs for her presentation and closed item # 5 for discussion.	
ITEM	PRESENTER	The Obstructural Education and	
Accept the 2023 CoC Homeless Count and Survey Final Report for	Erika Lewis-Huntley, Chair of Point and Time Count	The Chair recognized Erika Lewis-Huntley, Chair of the Point and Time Count Committee.	
CA-609 San Bernardino City and County CoC and authorize the submission of the data to the U.S. Department of Urban	Committee and Dr. Joe Colletti, Urban Initiatives	Erika Lewis-Huntley stated the Point in Time count was conducted on January 26, 2023. The volunteers and those behind the scenes did a fabulous job ensuring an accurate and reliable count. Mrs. Lewis-Huntley stated it was great working with the County, the cities, and community partners and it is a big effort for everyone involved. She said the data is	

Development (HUD) through the Homeless Data Exchange critical to the services that we provide and in making sure that our resources are used as strategically as possible.

Erika Lewis-Huntley turned over the discussion item to Dr. Joe Colletti to present on behalf of Urban Initiatives to accept the 2023 CoC Homeless Count and Survey Final Report for CA-609 San Bernardino City and County CoC and authorize the submission of the data to the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD) through the Homeless Data Exchange.

Dr. Joe Colletti – Presented a PowerPoint outlining the data comparison of the 2022 and 2023 homeless counts which showed a 25.9% increase in sheltered and unsheltered individuals. From 2018 to 2023 there was increase of 98.1% of people counted as homeless. A breakdown by age of unsheltered adults is now required by HUD for the first time this year. A breakdown of unsheltered unaccompanied children, unsheltered subpopulations, and other findings from questions asked from a survey conducted during the count was displayed. Dr. Colletti stated the data is currently showing 40% of the people that are going to be counted in January 2024 either became homeless during the past three months or between now and next January. Dr. Colletti noted that while the homeless count increased, the number of year-round shelter beds, transitional housing beds, permanent supportive housing beds, rapid rehousing, have also increased.

The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH board members.

Discussion ensued:

- The Chair Stated the required count for HUD is every other year, but we count annually and other CoCs within our region are considering going back to every other year count to have the opportunity to react and adjust to the data. She asked Dr. Colletti for his opinion on that and if it was something he has heard of and are advising other CoCs to do?
- Dr. Joe Colletti Stated 86 or 88% of nearly 400 CoCs nationally conduct an annual unsheltered count even though HUD requires every other year. Every CoC must conduct an annual sheltered count. A little more than have of the 44 CoCs in California conduct an unsheltered count every year. The only local Southern California CoC that completes the count every year and is considering conducting it every other year is is Orange County. There is also California legislation going forward that, if approved, will require unsheltered counts every year. Dr Colletti highly recommended continuing to do unsheltered counts every year.
- Maria Razo Agreed to conduct the count annually. Ms. Razo stated more funding sources from the federal government and state is received due to looking at the unsheltered count to determine allocation of funds to our jurisdictions.
- Jerry Gutierrez Mentioned the increase in numbers for incarceration, mental health, and substance abuse is concerning.
 Mr. Gutierrez stated we need to be willing to make changes to what we are currently doing. He informed to council the number of year-round shelter beds is accurate but when talking to his staff, it is deceiving because true shelter beds are less than 300 with the other beds designated to specialty groups. He stated that throughout time and due to policy decisions, jails have become the

- largest mental hospitals in the state. Mr. Gutierrez stated that we are better off figuring out and focusing efforts to effectively treat this population because it will probably cost a lot less than the reality of going through the governmental system numerous times. He mentioned the Sheriff's office is committed to doing what it takes, its role in this effort, and that changes need to be made as a group collectively. It may be uncomfortable, but they are willing to look at it realistically and try new things.
- Sharon Green Stated as an agency that provides shelter beds, the numbers increased substantially during the pandemic with the majority of the people having mental health issues. Ms. Green mentioned that due to the lack of services during that time, it was difficult to make connection, so they had to bring in a therapist. They are concerned we are dealing with mental health more so than ever before.
- Don Smith Stated one of three areas that must be reported to HUD on household types every year includes how many persons in household with at least one adult and one child. Every year the report is given, there is no information on how many persons in families with children are included amongst the numbers. Mr. Smith said he is curious to see from where the rise in sheltered beds came. He requested a list of facilities and locations that are included under the sheltered count and stated we should be looking at the housing inventory chart at least annually. He would like to create a data working group that can come together to make some data driven decisions.
- Jerry Gutierrez Stated the HOPE Team is engaging the population and trying to find them shelter. The continuous challenge is they identify the people, but there is nowhere to place them because the wait lists are too long.
- Don Smith Stated there is a need to increase the interim housing beds, but with the understanding that it is just a short-term fix. Mr. Smith listed increased numbers within the report.
- Joe Colletti Stated data regarding persons in families with children was not in the PowerPoint presentation, but it is in the draft homeless count report.
- Don Smith Stated that the information was just for unsheltered.
- Astrid Johnson Agreed with the results. Ms. Johnson stated there is a really active street outreach in the Twentynine Palms area and during her involvement in the point in time count, she noted that those counted in Yucca Valley were from Yucca Valley and became homeless in Yucca Valley mostly due to COVID. She mentioned there is a tremendous problem with Airbnb in the area. Ms. Johnson said that a large percentage of homeless in Twentynine Palms are on Fentanyl and are using it intravenously and noted that while a majority of services are centered in Yucca Valley, they are trying to move them to Twentynine Palms. She stated that there are barriers that people may not be aware that are causing this chronic homelessness, such as lack of access to showers.
- Acquanetta Warren Stated every year we use the point in time count as the gage, but we can't use that as the gage totally and at some point, we will have to make sure that every city within the county state what they are doing. Mrs. Warren stated that with Los Angeles County attempting to solve their homeless problem, once

- the rules don't fit that population will migrate to our county. Thanked Dr. Colletti for his work with the point in count but expressed that the data doesn't even start to address how many people are homeless.
- Antoinette Jackson Stated there is a need to see what resources each of the regions has to offer and what is still needed. Ms. Jackson noted the high desert doesn't have a trauma center or an LPS Certified hospital and if a person with mental illness who is a patient can't make it to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) for treatment, they are released from the hospitals in the high desert and returned to the streets untreated. Mrs. Jackson mentioned that Arrowhead cannot be the only hospital that is serving the severe and persistent mental illness for our regions, and this is causing a huge number of those that are out on the street. More support beyond what is offered from our regular hospitals is needed.
- Diana Alexander Thanked Erica Lewis-Huntley, the team, and Dr. Colletti. Ms. Alexander stated the data is what is needed to get the funding needed to address homelessness. She agreed with Acquanetta Warren in that all the data was not captured during the point in time count and suggested having a dashboard where agencies could enter how many beds they have so the County would be able to state where they are at during that moment in time. Mrs. Alexander stated that we need to collect this information together to get a better picture of who we are, where we are, and what capacity and resources we have so we can understand on where to build from there.
- Quinton Page Commented that the preventable root causes of homelessness need to be addressed and that one of the statistics that was not mentioned, of the unsheltered homelessness was 71% were male and 28% being female and 1% being other. Mr. Page stated if the community we are hoping to serve is largely male, that should factor into decisions being made and the reason for this statistic is because there are more resources available to females. Mr. Page stated we need to expand our services and individuals without any income would be a barrier to homelessness.
- Councilmember Ibarra Stated she has been in contact with organizations in San Bernardino and one of the biggest concerns at this time is there are rehab centers with clients that come back late or under the influence and the rehab centers will deny them access which leaves them homeless. Agencies are needed that will do the intake and help the individuals get out of the situation they are in. This is a great opportunity to advocate and talk to our state legislators to address these concerns. Councilmember Ibarra mentioned they are getting questioned if we are enabling homelessness or are we actually helping people get back into society and there is a need to look at different ideas in how to tackle homelessness.
- Dr. Georgina Yoshioka Thanked everyone and agreed with Acquanetta Warren that a collective approach is needed. Dr. Yoshioka stated the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) will continue to be a dedicated partner and strive to make sure they can provide services to the individuals of the county, especially this specialized population. She mentioned DBH looks to build bed capacity and is working on it, but it will take time. Partnership is

essential and DBH will continue to strive forward. Dr. Yoshioka recognized there is a lot of work ahead, but with everyone together a lot of change can be made. The Chair closed the item for discussion and moved forward in making a motion to accept the 2023 CoC Homeless Count and Survey Final Report for CA-609 San Bernardino City and County CoC and authorize the submission of the data to HUD through the Homeless Data Exchange. Don Smith made a motion to approve accepting the 2023 CoC Homeless Count and Survey Final Report for CA-609 San Bernardino City and County CoC and authorize the submission of the data to the HUD through the Homeless Data Exchange and was second by Sue Walker. The Chair recognized Ruben Mendoza before the roll call vote. Ruben Mendoza – Proposed solutions as interventions for those that are homeless and state that the issue is they can't advance clients into housing navigation because there isn't enough housing inventory and the cost to build a permanent supportive housing site is expensive and time consuming. Mr. Mendoza mentioned he would like to give a presentation in the future on an affordable housing project that is a prefabricated modular housing with wrap around services located in El Monte. A roll call vote was taken. 18 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Sandra Ibarra, Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Juan Preciado, Stephanie Bruce, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Sue Walker, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza 0 members were opposed. Absent: Brenda Dowdy Motion was approved. Chair closed item # 6 for discussion. The Chair recognized and acknowledged ICH Vice-Chair Martha Zepeda for Acknowledgment of Jessica Alexander. the outstanding work for the CoC and ICH. Martha has displayed exceptional Martha Zepeda and Chair Special Vote on ICH Vicepartnership and support and has stepped aside at this time but wanted to Chair acknowledge her and the tremendous job that she did. The Chair acknowledged Martha Zepeda Martha Zepeda – Stated it has been a privilege serving and working with the Chair and has been a great experience. She commented that working in a collaborative manner is necessary. Ms. Zepeda thanked everyone for the opportunity and will hand off the role as Vice-Chair to the next person. The Chair recognized Tom Hernandez to receive nominations for a vote. Don Smith – Moved to table the Vice-Chair vote until the June ICH meeting due to inconsistency of members attending meetings and needing the time to see who is interested in serving in the role of Vice-Chair.

Don Smith made a motion to table the Vice-Chair vote and was second by Sharon Green. The Chair opened the item for discussion to the ICH Board members. Acquanetta Warren - Recognized Mr. Smith's comment of just now coming back together in person but stated there is no time to wait. Mrs. Warren mentioned she has a nomination that she believes could fill the position to assist the efforts and suggested the vote should not be tabled until next meeting. Sharon Green – Agreed with Mr. Smith to have the vote tabled to help determine who is at the table and how effective the new Vice-Chair will be. Quinton Page – Asked if nominations of alternates or designees is allowed. Jolene Grider – Clarified that if the person is a voting member they are allowed to be nominated. Don Smith – Mentioned there is a Bylaws meeting next month where clarification of board membership is needed. Jolene Grider – Clarified a designee is a voting member so they would be allowed to be nominated. Councilmember Ibarra – Stated she would like to nominate Sharon Maria Razo – Asked the Chair what her recommendation is on voting today. The Chair – Stated she has not had a discussion with anyone about being in the role of Vice-Chair and the role of the Chair according to the Bylaws is to put the special vote on the agenda. Mrs. Alexander stated she doesn't think it would be any harm to hold the vote until next month because the bylaws state if the Chair can't serve, then the Vice-Chair would serve and if the Vice-Chair can't, then OHS would. Antoinette Jackson – Stated that she would like to see more consistency at the table and would like to table the voting until the next meeting. The motion is to move the vote for Vice-Chair to the next meeting. A roll call vote was taken. 14 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Sandra Ibarra, Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Juan Preciado, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Sue Walker, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza 4 members were opposed: Acquanetta Warren, Stephanie Bruce, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Absent: Brenda Dowdy The motion was passed. Chair closed item #7 for discussion. COUNCIL **PRESENTER ROUNDTABLE**

Jessica Alexander, Chair The Chair opened the floor for comment to the ICH Board members.

Discussion ensued:

- Quinton Page Apologized for his absence from the last meeting due to the storm but assured his commitment to the committee.
- Maria Razo Thanked Martha for her service to the board and informed the council the administrative building at the Housing Authority had a flood and is temporarily closed but is still available to answer phone calls and service the community. Ms. Razo introduced new Deputy Executive Director Rishad Mitha.
- Diana Alexander Thanked Martha for her services. Ms. Alexander stated she just celebrated her 30th year with the County and said we should take the opportunity to look back on our lives and see how things align and opportunities and experiences have put her in the perfect position to be where she is at now. Her goal is to bring value to the group in whatever capacity she is in and is looking forward to coming together to make a difference.
- Supervisor Baca Thanked Martha for her service and stated that Diana Alexander would be a great Vice-Chair. Supervisor Baca stated the County has been very transparent in the homeless strategic plan and it is important to understand the role of the County and its role with ICH because they are two separate roles. He noted the difficult process to build a house and a private group cannot take our money because it kicks in the prevailing wage. Supervisor Baca provided a breakdown of the \$72 million that was allocated with approximately \$30 million for Pacific Village; \$2.5 million for the Kern residential facility which will add 30 beds to the Muscoy community; \$3.8 million for Project Roomkey; \$3.4 million to Social Workers Action Group (SWAG); and the County Housing Development Grant. Supervisor Baca said the County is looking to help cities and they will be getting Hallmark money from the Feds. He said that at the last board meeting there was approval of \$3.6 million of HUD funds and a plan will be established to address housing. Supervisor Baca said there is a roundtable scheduled with all the cities of San Bernardino County on May 2nd to discuss issues. concerns, and plans. He stated the County is here as a partner and this is a very important issue; sometimes it is offensive when the County gets blamed, but the County is working on it and showing the roles and things they are doing through transparency.
- Sharon Green Indicated she would be glad to meet with Supervisor Baca. Mrs. Green said the table is blessed to be there talking about ending homelessness and that we have the answer if we work together as a team. She mentioned that when she leaves the table, she needs to make sure she is doing what she is commanded to do which is to take care of the poor. Ms. Green said as we are looking at the community dollars, the communities are asking questions, and she is looked at as if she is not doing what she was elected to do if she can't answer them as the countywide chair. Ms. Green stated that as we are working together as a team, how much greater impact can we have. She thanked Erica Lewis-Huntley. Ms. Green expressed that when people are unhoused, it creates problems for our communities, and we are not addressing it effectively as a committee, team, and partnership. She thanked

- Martha Zepeda for her service.
- Don Smith Expressed appreciation for Supervisor Baca's comments but wants to be informed and have all information shared so everyone can work on the issues together. Mr. Smith mentioned no one is anti-County when addressing issues. He said the number one reason people are homeless is because they don't have a housing option and until we make that the number one focus, the numbers will not go down. Mr. Smith provided updates such as we are fifth in the nation with the least number of affordable and available units to extremely low-income households. The California Housing Partnership put out a report about affordable homes that are at risk, and we are in the top 10 in the state. The Youth Homeless Demonstration Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFA) is out, which is over \$80 million and due June 27th. Mr. Smith is hoping to apply for the grant, but not use the previous grant writer. He welcomed the new Community Development and Housing Director, Carrie Harmon. Mr. Smith said the Homekey NOFA is out and HHAP 3 RFA was released, and the workshop is May 1st. There still hasn't been a discussion or presentation about the County's homeless plan that was adopted in November 2021 and stated that as a partnership, we should be working on it together.
- Sue Walker Mentioned that the Mountain Homeless Coalition was able to place homeless in hotels during the blizzard, then after the disaster many more people were homeless due to structural damage. Mrs. Walker mentioned they were able to work with the Red Cross, shelters, and County agencies and are seeking funds from the County and looking into other ways to help with the cost associated from the disaster.
- Astrid Johnson Stated there are only four 90-day recovery programs in San Bernardino County that someone can get a free Medi-Cal bed and the wait list is long. Mrs. Johnson is hoping as a County we can encourage more nonprofit organizations with running a 90-day recovery programs or some other alternatives.
- Ruben Mendoza Provided an update on the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Mr. Mendoza stated that they recently transitioned to inperson meetings with the locations alternating on the first Wednesday of every month. In between those meetings, subcommittees are formed that focus on different youth related issues. Mr. Mendoza mentioned that there has been an increase in participation of youth on the board. Don Smith came to the group to discuss starting the youth point in time count. Mr. Mendoza stated that based upon the numbers from the point in time count for unsheltered and unaccompanied children, the numbers are inaccurate. He suggested the need to come up with a system that will encompass all youth that are homeless. Mr. Mendoza mentioned one of the ways to do this is by possibly hiring a consultant with the funds that were allocated to the Family Assistance Program so they can improve the delivery of existing resources to the homeless youth population by working directly with agencies that are already providing that service or resource. Mr. Mendoza requested that 15 minutes be allotted at next month's ICH meeting to do a presentation on the prefabricated modular housing projects.
- The Chair Thanked OHS and the San Bernardino County

	Superintendent of Schools. Pastor Alexander informed the council the ICH meeting will be at the same location next month. The HHAP 3 RFP was released on Monday through the Homeless RFP website and there will be a virtual informational meeting on May 1st for all applicants. She thanked Councilmember Jeff Allen from the City of Grand Terrace for attending and being an official part of the CoC. Pastor. Alexander said that there are about 12 committees that are activated and working between the ICH meetings. She thanked every committee chair, volunteer, everyone that comes to the meetings, those that set up the meetings and do anything to assist. Pastor. Alexander stated all the committees have outcomes and are working to make them more efficient so they can resolve some of the data that was shown today.
	The Chair closed the meeting for discussion and reminded the board of the next ICH Meeting.
Adjournment	Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.
Next Meeting	The next ICH meeting will be held as follows:
	ICH Meeting (Regular) In Person
	Wednesday, May 24, 2023
	<u>9:00 am – 11:00 am</u>
	Dorothy Inghram Learning Center
	670 E. Carneigie Dr. San Bernardino, CA 92408

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Attendees on April 26, 2023, • Interagency Council on Homelessness – In-Person				
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANIZATION	<u>EMAIL</u>	
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Alexander	Jessica	Operation Grace	pastorjessicaalexander@gmail.com	
Baca Jr	Joe	5th District – BOS	Joe.Baca@bos.sbcounty.gov	
Bruce	Stephanie	Community Revitalization	stephanie.bruce@cao.sbcounty.gov	
Green	Sharon	Victor Valley Family Resource Center	sgreen@vvfrc.com	
Grider	Jolena	County Counsel	jolena.grider@cc.sbcounty.gov	
Gutierrez	Jerry	County Sheriff Department	jgutierrez@sbcsd.org	
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Jackson	Antoinette	City of Victorville	ajackson@victorvilleca.gov	
Johnson	Astrid	Morongo Basin ARCH	skyviewfarm29@gmail.com	
Lewis-Huntley	Erika	City of Rancho Cucamonga	erika.lewis-huntley@cityofrc.us	
Mendoza	Ruben	Youth Advisory Board	mendoza.ruben65@gmail.com	
Page	Quinton	Mountain Region	gpage@doves4help.org	
Preciado	Juan	County Sheriff Department	juan.preciado@prob.sbcounty.gov	
		Housing Authority of the San Bernardino		
Razo	Maria	County	mgrazo@hacsb.com	
Schooler	Jim	City of Yucca Valley	jschooler@yucca-valley.org	
Smith	Don	Creating Community Solutions	donsmithsolutions@outlook.com	
Walker	Sue	Mountain Homeless Coalition	svwalker@gmail.com	
Warren	Acquanetta	2 nd District – BOS	acquanetta.warren@bos.sbcounty.gov	
Yoshioka	Georgina	San Bernardino County Behavioral Health	georgina.yoshioka@dbh.sbcounty.gov	

^{*}Please note we do not take attendance of members of the public that joined via tele-conference

Homekey Round 3

Coordinated Entry System Participation and Continuum of Care Coordination Form

The Eligible Applicant's Continuum of Care (CoC) must complete this form and it must be uploaded with the Homekey Application.

1. The CoC acknowledges the below Homekey Project details, type, and Target Population:

Project Name:	San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus
Project Address:	1354 N. G Street San Bernardino, CA 92405

Project Type (please check all that apply):
 □ Permanent Housing ☑ Interim Housing (See additional requirements for Interim Housing in NOFA Section 301).
Please check the box below to acknowledge that Homekey Applicants will utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data entry:
✓ This applicant will enter Homekey resident data into HMIS as required per Homekey NOFA Round 3, Section 503. Please <u>click here</u> for more information on this requirement per state law AB 977 (Chapter 397, Statutes of 2021). Please check box to confirm planned HMIS use.

Unit mix:

Please enter the Target Population(s) for the eligible Project and the number of Assisted Units serving the Target Population below (information on Target Populations can be found in NOFA Section 502).

Population served	Subpopulation* (if needed, i.e.	Number of Assisted Units	Project Type (Interim or Perm)
	Seniors)		
Chronically Homeless	Men	140	Interim
Homeless		0	
At-risk of Homelessness		0	
Homeless Youth or Youth		0	
At-risk of Homelessness		U	
Manager's Unit		0	
Total Number of		140	
Assisted Units in		140	
Homekey Project:			

^{*} If the Project shows a subpopulation, please note that Qualified Homekey Target Populations must be met in addition to this Target Population i.e., Seniors at-risk of homelessness, Chronically Homeless Veterans, etc.

2. Coordinated Entry Participation or similar referral system

NOFA Section 502 States:

"Referrals to Homekey Assisted Units shall be made through the local Coordinated Entry System (CES) or another comparable prioritization system based on greatest need. All referral protocols for Homekey Assisted Units must be developed in collaboration with the local CoC and implemented consistent with the requirements set forth in this NOFA. CoC collaboration in Project and Supportive Services design is also strongly encouraged to help target and serve greatest need populations. If referrals will be made using a prioritization system other than CES, the Applicant must describe the plan for tenant and participant selection, and it shall be reasonably detailed and comprehensive, as determined by the Department in its sole and absolute discretion."

Please check whether the project will utilize CES:

	■ The Homekey project will use CES to for referrals into Homekey Assisted Units. □ The project has an alternate prioritization system and will not use CES (<i>Please attach or describe below the housing first compliant prioritization and referral method that will be utilized instead</i> .) Please also describe the planned efforts for CES use in the future and how the Project will coordinate with the CoC. Please mention which agency is responsible for managing this prioritization and referral method (e.g., Health and Human Services) and the official name of the prioritization tool.
N/A	

3. Other CoC support to the Project

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Signature Name: Jessica Alexander Title: CoC Chair CoC Name	uca Alexander	
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The Eligible Applicant's Continuum of Care (CoC) must complete this form and it must be uploaded with the Homekey Application.

1. The CoC acknowledges the below Homekey Project details, type, and Target Population:

Project Name:	6th Street Interim Housing
Project Address:	796 6th St, San Bernardino, CA 92410

Project Type (please check all that apply):
 □ Permanent Housing ☑ Interim Housing (See additional requirements for Interim Housing in NOFA Section 301).
Please check the box below to acknowledge that Homekey Applicants will utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data entry:
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Unit mix:

Please enter the Target Population(s) for the eligible Project and the number of Assisted Units serving the Target Population below (information on Target Populations can be found in NOFA Section 502).

Population served	Subpopulation* (if needed, i.e.	Number of Assisted Units	Project Type (Interim or Perm)
	Seniors)		
Chronically Homeless		50	Interim
Homeless		50	Interim
At-risk of Homelessness			
Homeless Youth or Youth			
At-risk of Homelessness			
Manager's Unit			
Total Number of		100	Interim
Assisted Units in		100	IIIIGIIIII
Homekey Project:			

^{*} If the Project shows a subpopulation, please note that Qualified Homekey Target Populations must be met in addition to this Target Population i.e., Seniors at-risk of homelessness, Chronically Homeless Veterans, etc.

2. Coordinated Entry Participation or similar referral system

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3. Other CoC support to the Project

Other activities the CoC intends to support the Homekey Project with include:
 □ Trainings or presentations related to the Target Population for the local agency (lead applicant), development team, property management, and/or service providers. □ Provide Homekey Project information on the CoC's website □ Staffing support □ Operating subsidies or other funding (<i>Please explain below</i>)
☐ Other (Please explain below):
The Continuum of Care (CoC) has reviewed the information on this form and, to the extent possible, is committed to supporting the project. The request and information above have been reviewed and verified by the <i>following</i> representative of the CoC:
Signature Jessica Alexander Name: Jessica Alexander Title: CoC Chair CoC Name
CA-609 San Bernardino City and County CoC

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The Eligible Applicant's Continuum of Care (CoC) must complete this form and it must be uploaded with the Homekey Application.

1. The CoC acknowledges the below Homekey Project details, type, and Target Population:

Project Name:	Tulip Lane Cabins
Project Address:	844 Tulip Lane, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Project Type (please check all that apply):
 ✓ Permanent Housing ☐ Interim Housing (See additional requirements for Interim Housing in NOFA Section 301).
Please check the box below to acknowledge that Homekey Applicants will utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data entry:
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Unit mix:

Please enter the Target Population(s) for the eligible Project and the number of Assisted Units serving the Target Population below (information on Target Populations can be found in NOFA Section 502).

Population served	Subpopulation* (if needed, i.e. Seniors)	Number of Assisted Units	Project Type (Interim or Perm)
Chronically Homeless			
Homeless	Disability-3	3	Perm-3
At-risk of Homelessness	Seniors-3	3	Perm-3
Homeless Youth or Youth			
At-risk of Homelessness			
Manager's Unit			
Total Number of		6	6
Assisted Units in	6	0	O O
Homekey Project:			

^{*} If the Project shows a subpopulation, please note that Qualified Homekey Target Populations must be met in addition to this Target Population i.e., Seniors at-risk of homelessness, Chronically Homeless Veterans, etc.

2. Coordinated Entry Participation or similar referral system

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Signature Dessica Alexander
Signature
Title: CoC Chair CoC Name
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OHS Update

Date	May 24, 2023
Presenter	Kristin Stevens, Administrative Operations Manager

Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today's meeting.

Announcements

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 3 (Continuum of Care [CoC] Allocation)

- On January 25, 2023, the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) adopted to establish a HHAP-3 Implementation & Oversight Committee, with at least one representative from each region, to work with the Office of Homeless Services (OHS), as the CoC-designated HHAP-3 Administrative Entity, on the implementation of HHAP-3 system support activities and the project funding application process. ICH:
 - Authorized the HHAP-3 Implementation & Oversight Committee and OHS to initiate the Systems Improvement and Supports activities approved by ICH with the 20% initial disbursement of HHAP-3 funds, \$780,374.96, which include:
 - i. \$300,000 for Capacity Building/Workforce Development activities for system service providers.
 - ii. \$200,000 for systems support activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services & housing delivery system.
 - iii. \$147,711 to address racial disproportionality in homeless populations and achieve equitable provision of services and outcomes.
 - iv. \$78,037.50 to support development of the CoC Youth Advisory Board and youth-specific coordinated entry system activities.
 - Approved the distribution of the 80% remainder balance of funds, \$3,121,499.84, as follows:
 - i. \$218,504.99 for administration (7%)
 - ii. \$312,149.98 for services for homeless youth populations (10%)
 - iii. \$2,590,844.87 for regional service projects with a baseline of \$100,000 per region and the balance distributed based on the 2022 PITC numbers:
 - 1) \$1,417,232.87 Central Valley Region
 - 2) \$518,169 Desert Region
 - 3) \$162,725 East Valley Region
 - 4) \$141,817 Mountain Region
 - 5) \$350,901 West Valley Region
 - Authorized OHS to work with the HHAP-3 Implementation & Oversight Committee to initiate the project funding application process.



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UPDATE:

- On February 27, 2023, OHS began meeting weekly with the HHAP-3 Implementation and Oversight Committee to initiate the recommendations from the ICH for the initial awards disbursement and for the development of a Request for Applications (RFA) for the remainder of HHAP-3 CoC funds.
- OHS released the RFA on April 24, 2023 for the distribution of the \$2,591,844.87 in HHAP
 3 funds for regional service projects. OHS is on track to meet the following timeline:
 - April 24th HHAP-3 Project Application RFP released
 - May 1st HHAP-3 Project Application workshop
 - May 3rd HHAP-3 Q&A closed
 - May 17th HHAP-3 Project Applications due
 - May 22nd Regional Evaluation Committee Member Orientation
 - May 22 June 9 Regional Evaluation Committees meet/produce project funding recommendations
 - June 7th-23rd Regional Steering Committees meet to adopt HHAP-3 Project Funding Recommendations. (Request that Eastern Regional Steering Committee meet one week prior.)
 - June 28th ICH Meeting to consider HHAP-3 Project Funding Recommendations
- The ICH Regional Steering Committees developed and provided OHS with a list of Capacity Building/Workforce Development trainings. OHS is working with the HHAP-3 Implementation and Oversight Committee to prioritize the list, develop a Request for Proposal to seek qualified provider(s) to deliver suggested trainings.
- OHS is working with Family Assistance Program and the Youth Advisory Board who will provide a budget to OHS mid-June to enter into contract for the initial disbursement for the Youth Set-Aside funds.

HHAP Round 4 Background and Update:

On October 26, 2022, ICH approved OHS submit the HHAP Round 4 application on behalf of the CA-609 San Bernardino City and County Continuum of Care (SBC CoC). OHS received the Standard Agreement from the State on April 28, 2023. On May 04, 2023, OHS received a letter of support from the ICH Chair to take the necessary steps to have the authorized signatory execute the Standard Agreement for HHAP-4 funding the on behalf of the Continuum of Care. The County Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of the award on behalf of OHS for the County and SBC CoC on May 09, 2023. The Standard Agreement will be submitted to Cal-ICH by May 25, 2023, to meet the 30 day submission timeline.

This fourth round of HHAP funds has a five-year expenditure timeline with an initial disbursement of 50% of the funds. The remaining funds will be distributed as outcomes are achieved and reported to the State.



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Homeless Management Information System Update

In September 2022, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) transferred to the Bitfocus Clarity platform. OHS is working with Bitfocus to complete the final phase of the migration with the transfer of custom file types to the system. If custom file data is needed prior to the completion of the migration into the Bitfocus platform, please submit requests through the HMIS helpdesk at DBH-HMISHelpdesk@hss.sbcounty.gov

HMIS Staffing Update

Mike Bell, Automated Systems Analyst II, retired after a decade of service to OHS. Robin Kennedy, Business Systems Analyst III, is providing coverage as we work to fill the position.

Jevita Webster, Automated Systems Analyst I, was recently hired by OHS to assist the HMIS team and will be focusing her efforts on documenting processes, updating the HMIS manual, and developing training materials.

Annual Trainings for the San Bernardino County CoC

Annual training benefits the organization and reflects well on the CoC Competition, which is expected to open in June or July. To prepare for the submission of the application, OHS and Urban Initiatives will offer these trainings virtually through the month of June and July.

A list of the virtual trainings being offered will be sent out through the HomelessRFP. Training can be accessed through the San Bernardino Homeless Partnership Website. All CoC members are encouraged to attend.

Protocol Process for Letters of Support, Applications, and Forms

To provide the OHS and the ICH Chair ample time to review requests for letters of support, applications, and/or other forms that require the ICH Chair's signature will need to be sent to both the ICH Chair and the Homeless RFP email a minimum of 7 calendar days prior to the due date, with all supporting documentation attached. In addition, the request must be received 7 days prior to the ICH meeting to be included in the agenda and presented at the ICH meeting for ratification. Questions regarding this matter can be referred to OHS at <a href="https://energy.neegy



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Homeless Summit Update:

In April 2023, the Homeless Summit Ad-Hoc committee was activated to plan and coordinate the 2023 Homeless Summit. The Homeless Summit is an annual event organized by OHS and the Homeless Summit Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of networking, education and to discuss homeless issues with a range of speakers. This collaboration allows participants to share strategies and best practices.

The Homeless Summit budget is prepared as part of the OHS departmental budget. Approximately \$35,000.00 is earmarked annually for the Homeless Summit.

The Committee will be requesting photos from each region to be displayed on screen during the day's event. In addition, OHS will be sending out a survey to the chair from each region to work with their region to determine the successes and goals they would like to highlight during the Homeless Summit.

The Office of Homeless Services is recommending the ICH approve the date of November 08, 2023, to conduct the 2023 Homeless Summit.

California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Round 1 and 2 funding allocation for the CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) Enhancement, Expansion, and Software Integration Update

On May 11, 2023, the Outreach and Coordinated Entry System Committee met to approve the reallocation of the 5% (HHAP) round 2 set-aside in the amount of \$72,656 originally allocated for the CES and will make a recommendation to the ICH to award the funds to Inland SoCal United Way (ISCUW) 211+ to strengthen existing CES operations.

If the recommendation is approved, these funds will be added to the already in development CESH contract for CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration.

ISCUW 211+ will submit an updated budget and scope of work to OHS and the item is expected to go to Board June 27, 2023.

Supplemental Unsheltered Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Update

On May 5, 2023, OHS received scoring details for the CA-609 special supplemental unsheltered NOFO from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development. Of the 400 Continuum's of Cares (CoC) nationwide, only 62 CoC's received funding.

Our CoC did not meet the funding threshold for the award. Of the 44 CoC's in California, only 8 received awards with the majority of awards going to rural counties. The only metropolitan areas in the state that received funding were the Los Angeles City and County CoC, City of Long Beach CoC, and City of Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC.

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May 4, 2023

Re: HHAP-4 Standard Agreement

Ms. Stevens,

This letter is to acknowledge that the Office of Homeless Services (OHS), has informed the Chair of the Governing Board for the CA-609 San Bernardino City & County Continuum of Care (CoC) of its receipt of the HHAP 4 CoC standard agreement and related documents on April 28, 2023.

To ensure that we meet the 30-day submission deadline established by the State of California, please take all necessary steps to have the authorized signatory to execute the documents on the CoC's behalf. This item will be brought to the attention of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (the Governing Board) during its next regular meeting on May 24, 2023.

I appreciate the earnest attention that has been given to this matter by OHS as the administrative entity for the CoC.

Very truly,

Jessica Alexander

Chair, Interagency Council on Homelessness San Bernardino County Continuum of Care

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Grant Review Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Report

Date May 24, 2023

Presenter ZaZette Scott, Chair for the Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee

Announcements

The table below lists the announcements for today's meeting.

Announcements

Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Update

On May 9, 2023, the San Bernardino County Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee met with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) renewal applicants to discuss the following agenda items:

- Agency Update on Grant Fund Spending for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant competition awards.
 - All agencies were asked to submit the most recent balance of their funding to have a more accurate reporting of their balances.
 - Most agencies have 5 6 months left in the contract and the majority have expended all their funding for the contract term.
 - All agencies with remaining balances reported that all grant funds will be expended by the grant deadline.
 - There are a few projects with remaining balances post deadline.

Trends:

- Agencies reported trends related to high cost of housing and the inability to find affordable housing. All agencies reported that they are diligently trying to overcome these obstacles as they pursue housing for their clients.
- Agencies reported on the difficulty and setbacks caused when clients do extensive damage to units for which they are being subsidized. The extensive repairs can take the unit out of use.

Technical Assistance:

 Agencies requested information and clarification of the "Reciprocal Referral" requirement of the grant. The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) will be reviewing and reporting back regarding this technical assistance request.



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Announcements

The following is a list of renewal agencies and the total award received and current balance:

Organization Name	Project	Award	Balance	Expiration
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Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	Cornerstone	\$3,633,423	\$2,199,522	10/31/2023
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	Laurelbrook Estates	\$443,004	\$122,856	4/30/2023
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	Project Gateway	\$228,918	\$19,303	2/28/2023
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	Lantern Woods	\$186,134	\$137,312	11/30/2023
New Hope Village, Inc.	New Hope Too! 2021	\$45,843	\$24,693	3/31/2023
Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	Permanent Housing for Homeless with HIV/AIDS	\$84,696	\$17,301.91	4/30/2023
County of San Bernardino	HMIS Renewal FY 2021	\$250,158	\$0	10/31/2023
County of San Bernardino	FY 2021 Planning Grant	\$447,807.00	\$244,418	10/31/2023
LightHouse Social Service Centers	Hope for Heroes	\$1,003,477	\$303,135.59	8/31/2023
Time for Change Foundation	Renewal Project Application FY2021	\$433,560	\$227,015.99	9/30/2023
United States Veterans Initiative	U.S.VETS SB PH Renewal Project Application FY2021	\$1,255,841	\$672,694.69	9/30/2023
Inland Temporary Homes dba Inland Housing Solutions	Infinite Horizons - RRH FY 2021	\$581,602	\$239,809	9/30/2023
Inland Valley Council of Churches	Hope Partners' Family Stabilization Program	\$170,621	\$102,410.46	12/31/2023
Knowledge, Education for Your Success, Inc.	KEYS for Life	\$281,281	\$36,237.94	6/30/2023
Inland Empire United Way	Pathways Home	\$403,136	\$95,401	7/31/2023
Step Up on Second Street, Inc.	CA1519 Step Up San Bernardino FY2021	\$2,681,672	\$1,676,600.52	10/31/2023
Knowledge, Education for Your Success, Inc.	KEYS For Success	\$341,736	\$185,020.39	6/30/2023
Family Assistance Program	DV Coalition	\$2,352,206	\$1,766,903.21	7/31/2023

Item #7

COC GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE

CONSULTANTS' REPORT TO THE ICH BOARD - MAY 24, 2023

GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Purpose: Convene a Working Group to Review CoC Governance

Composition: Representatives from each Subregion and Alternates ICH

Leadership and Support Staff

Responsibilities: Review HUD CoC Governance Requirements Review Current

Governance Structures and Charter

Deliverables: Provide a Revised Governance Charter for Consideration

GOALS

- Engage in a process that delivers recommendations for a Governance Charter that, if implemented, fulfills all requirements and fosters an effective CoC Governance System.
- Ensure inclusion of various stakeholders in a collaborative Review Process.
- Educate community about best practices and options for CoC Governance.
- Deliver a revised Governance Charter to CoC and ICH for action.
- Prepare for a CoC Governance System that is transparent, readily understood, collaborative, and promotes community-wide engagement of stakeholders in partnership to effectively implement the responsibilities of the CoC.

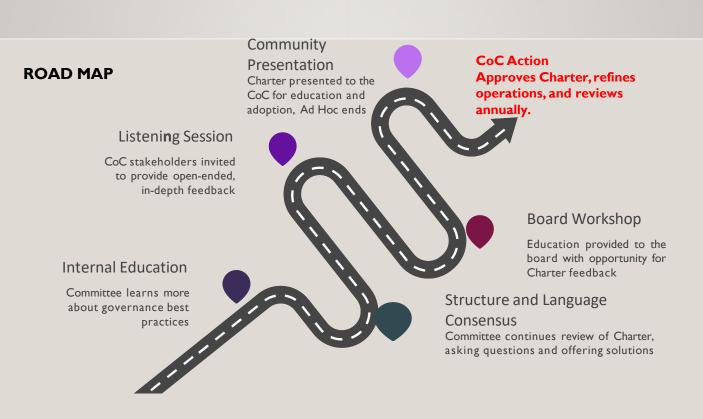
PROGRESS

- Ad Hoc Committee formed and met every two weeks since February.
- Developed, implemented, gathered feedback, and analyzed data from a survey distributed to nearly 200 people.
- Began process of review of current Governance Charter.
- Members engaged in discussion of key topics.
- Introduced tools for conducting review.
- Reviewed sample charters and best practices.
- Outline of timeline and activities to be completed.

CONTINUING WORK

Upcoming activities include:

- Orientation and training sessions regarding HUD Governance Requirements;
- Community listening sessions or focus groups;
- Educate stakeholders about requirements and best practices;
- Complete a Charter Review;
- Draft Recommendations for revised Governance Charter; and
- Recommend actions for the CoC that align the with the Charter.



EXAMPLES OF WORK TO DATE – SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Survey of Stakeholders inquired about:

- Understanding of roles and responsibilities in the CoC
- Participation and representation in the CoC
- Perspectives on current Governance

Responses:

- Distributed to approximately 200 contacts
- Received 163 responses

HIGH- LEVEL SURVEY RESULTS

- Participation and representation in the CoC
 Similar results for CoC, geographic and ICH representation
 Similar results for inclusion for HPN and ICH
- Understanding of roles and responsibilities in the CoC
 93% indicated they were clear about responsibilities
 Additional discussion raised questions
- The Governance Charter provides a clear understanding...
 42% unsure/don't know; 35% yes; 23% no
- Persons with Lived Experience in Homelessness
 45 reported past experience, and 70 reported none
 People with past experience rated CoC geographic representation higher than those without experience.

PERSPECTIVES ON CURRENT STRUCTURES - ICH BOARD STRENGTHS

We are having the conversations and appear to have goals in place to accomplish the mission.

Strong non-profit representation

We have dedicated people who care and want to make change

Consistent with meetings

HPN representatives are members

Experience. Diversity

ICH BOARD AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Expanding the board to have more community involvement

Roles of each ICH Board Members need to be clear

Communication

More transparency (County funding)

Need more non-County members Needs to develop a true regional approach

PERSPECTIVES ON CURRENT STRUCTURES-REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE STRENGTHS

A good forum for communication of goals, plans, strategies, and ideas

Local representation means we know our communities better

Collaboration

Allowing for everyone to voice their opinions

Transparency, commitment, and collaboration

Inclusive

REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEES AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Need new member orientation Increase their power on directing County funds

Networking opportunities outside of formal meeting

Clear expectations of the members

Roundtable

Be more receptive to new organizations

CONSULTANT COMMENTS

- Approach to our work together
- Document thresholds and best practices
- Spirit of Collaboration
- Representation
- Key Observation

RESOURCES TO HELP INFORM THE REVIEW

SHARED GOOGLE DRIVE WITH RESOURCES SUCH AS:

CoC Roles and Responsibilities Chart	
Guide: Creating an Effective Governance Charter	
Board Matrix	
Review of other CoC Structures in CA	
Orientation and Training Slides	

THANK YOU!

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HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP

FROM: Kristin Stevens, Office of Homeless Services

SUBJECT: Proposed 2023 Homeless Summit Date

DATE: May 24, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the date of November 8, 2023, to conduct the 2023 Homeless Summit

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Homeless Summit is an annual event organized by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) and the Homeless Summit Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of networking, education and to discuss homeless issues with a range of speakers. This collaboration allows participants to share strategies and best practices.

The Homeless Summit budget is prepared as part of the OHS departmental budget. Approximately \$35,000.00 is earmarked annually for the Homeless Summit.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) encourages an annual meeting to engage homeless providers, agencies, and subject-matter experts in the sharing of knowledge, experience and best practices to assist in the delivery of services for those experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of being homeless.

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FROM: Jessica Alexander, Chair of the Bylaws & Membership Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Review Committee as a Standing Committee

DATE: May 24, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation by the Bylaws & Membership Committee to implement the Grant Review Committee as a Standing Committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Grant Review Committee (GRC) is a chosen group of individuals selected by the CoC to provide recommendations to the governing board, the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), to recommend new applications, renewal funding, and the rating and ranking of renewals and new programs for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Collaborative Application Process and Submission.

GRC Members:

- Chair-ZaZette Scott, Foothill Aids Project
- o Co-Chair, Daniel Belew, Rescue + Residence
- Astrid Johnson, Morongo Basin ARCH
- Councilmember Damon Alexander, City of San Bernardino
- Ben Jauregui, Inland Empire Health Plan
- Erika Lewis-Huntley, City of Rancho Cucamonga
- Stevevonna Evans, Victor Valley Family Resource Center
- Deputy Mike Jones, Law & Justice Group
- Shonnie Perry, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

The ICH Committee and Regional Rules and Procedures (Committee Rules) approved by the ICH on November 13, 2019 (Item No. 2) provide that the ICH Chair, with the approval of the ICH, may form a standing committee, subject to the same duties and responsibilities as those standing committees listed in the Committee Rules. On May 11, 2023, the Bylaws & Membership Committee met to discuss the transitioning of the GRC from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee of the ICH in order to allow the GRC to continue from year to year and have a broader scope. As a standing committee, the GRC will be subject to the Brown Act – as those requirements specified in the Committee Rules applicable to standing committees.

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FROM: Sharon Green, Chair of the Outreach and Coordinated Entry System Committee

SUBJECT: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 2 Set-Aside funds for Coordinated Entry

System

DATE: May 24, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation by the Outreach and Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee to reallocate the five percent Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) round 2 set-aside in the amount of \$72,656 originally allocated for the CES and award the funds to Inland SoCal United Way 211+ (ISCUW 211+) to strengthen existing CES operations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 19, 2018, the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Adopted the recommendations from the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) for the selection and administration of local funding priorities for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program allocation with 5% allocated to systems support for activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless services and housing delivery system, including CES data, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) reporting, and homelessness planning activities.

On February 22, 2023, the ICH adopted the following recommendations for the obligation and expenditure of the \$653,419 in CESH program round 1 and 2 grant funding allocated by the San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (SBC CoC) for "systems support necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless and housing service delivery system" and specifically earmarked for CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration:

- 1. Allocate the \$653,419 in CESH grant funding to the CoC CES Lead Agency to support the following CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration activities (in priority order):
 - a. Establishing a CES Virtual Platform and other technological enhancements to support an endto-end coordinated entry system workflow, from outreach to housing placement, and facilitate expanded, streamlined access to the CoC homeless response system for all systemusers, collaborators, and other stakeholders.
 - Establishing contractual relationships with service agencies designated to serve as regional and/or subpopulation CES entry points as outlined in the policy document by the CoC CES Oversight Committee.

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- c. The development of CES information, education, training and service tools, instruments, materials, and resources needed to support effective end-to-end system user engagement from outreach to housing placement.
- 2. Recommend the OHS to seek County approval to initiate the contract development and execution process with ISCUW 211+ and report back to the ICH with a timeframe to complete the process in time to meet CESH grant fund obligation requirements.
- 3. Charge the CES Lead Agency with continuing to work with the CES Oversight Standing Committee to develop a multi-year CES Budget Plan (Plan) and report back to the ICH within 60 days. The Plan will identify potential funding for sustaining the improvements created through the investment of the CESH funds. Exact budget line-item amounts to be determined during contract negotiations based on the priority order outlined above.

On June 1, 2022, the ICH Regional Steering Committees presented their recommendations for the SBC CoC allocation of the HHAP round 2 grant funding to the ICH for adoption, and to recommend the OHS to initiate and administer HHAP round 2 funded contracts with the agencies recommended for funding.

HHAP round 2 funds are recommended by the State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal-ICH) to be used to build regional coordination and a unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.

HHAP round 2 requires grantees to expend funds on evidence-based solutions informed by a best practice framework that prevent, reduce, and end homelessness. Grantees may not use HHAP grant funding to supplant existing local funds for homeless housing, assistance, or prevention, and funds must be expended in compliance with Housing First requirements per Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 50220.5(g).

As stated in California Health and Safety Code Section 50220.5 (d), HHAP round 2 funds must be expended on one or more of the following eligible uses:

- 1. Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.
- 2. Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, non-congregate shelters, interim or bridge housing, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.
- 3. Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.
- 4. Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.

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- 5. Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations including families and homeless youth.
- 6. Delivery of permanent housing and innovative solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.
- 7. Prevention and shelter diversion including crisis resolution, mediation and conflict resolution, creative problem solving, connection to mainstream resources, and light-touch financial assistance that directly results in a housing solution.
- 8. New navigation centers and emergency shelters, with clients obtaining housing as the primary goal, based on demonstrated need.

On December 8, 2021, ICH adopted a HHAP fund distribution plan committing a minimum of 5% of SBC CoC HHAP round 2 funds to each of the five San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Regions with the remainder of available funding divided among the regions based on 2020 Point-in-Time Count data. ICH also allocated 5% of the HHAP round 2 funds to support regional engagement activities for our CES, along with 8% for services dedicated to homeless youth and 7% for contract administration.

On March 17, 2022, OHS released a Request for Applications (RFA) seeking regional proposals for HHAP round 2 funding with an original due date of April 7th that was later extended to April 22nd after several adjustments and corrections were made to the RFA. OHS did not receive an application for the 5% set-aside to support CES regional engagement activities. As such, \$72,656 of HHAP round 2 funding for CES has yet to be allocated. Given the deadline to expend funds, the ICH Chair recommended the Outreach and CES Standing Committee make a recommendation to ICH to allocate the funds.

On April 13, 2023, the Outreach and CES Standing Committee met to discuss the reallocation of the five percent HHAP round 2 set-aside in the amount of \$72,656 originally allocated for the CES.

On May 11, 2023, the Outreach and CES Standing Committee met and approved the reallocation of the 5% HHAP round 2 set-aside in the amount of \$72,656 originally allocated for the CES. A recommendation will be presented to the ICH to award the funds to ISCUW 211+ to strengthen existing CES operations. ISCUW 211+ proposed the following HHAP round 2 set-aside Spending Plan:

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Proposed HHAP Round 2 Spending	
Item	Cost
Training Videos	\$15,000.00
Creation and implementation of training videos housed on external	
facing website	
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Regional Access	\$ 35,000.00
Ramp up and build infrastructure for regional access.	
Contact Center/Technology	\$16,050.91
Creation and updating of dashboards for HPNs and housing on	
external facing website. Contact center support for data collection.	
Admin (10%)	\$6,605.09
Total Cost for CES Support	\$72,656.00