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Agenda for the meeting of the

Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

Meeting date, time, and place Date: **February 28, 2024**Time: **9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Place: HS Admin 150 S. Lena Road, San Bernardino CA 92415

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Call to Order	Chair or Designee will call the meeting to order 9:00		
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 on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the ICH and the items on the agenda, please submit a Public Comment Request form or if you're joining us virtually, indicate by typing "Public Comment" in the chat box. Your name will be called in the order they are received. When your name is called, please proceed to the microphone, or unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to address the council.		
	Consent		
1	Approve Minutes of the January 24, 2024, ICH Meeting -Jessica Alexander, Chair	9:05 – 9:15 am Pages 4-8	
2	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for The City of San Bernardino CES Homekey Round 3 Application - Jessica Alexander, Chair	Pages 9	



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3	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for Symba Center California Department of Health Care Services for PATH CITED, Round 3 funding application - Jessica Alexander, Chair	Pages 12
4	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Homeless Education Program - Jessica Alexander, Chair	Pages 13
5	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for Knowledge & Education for Your Success (KEYS) for the Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) Grant - Jessica Alexander, Chair	Pages 14
6	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for Lighthouse Social Service Centers for the Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) Grant - Jessica Alexander, Chair	Pages 15
	Information Sharing	
7	Office of Homeless Services (OHS) Update - Marcus Dillard, Office of Homeless Services	9:15 – 9:25 am
8	Homeless Management Information System and Coordinated Entry System Update -Jonathan Garay, Office of Homeless Services and Chriss Darbee, Inland SoCal United Way	9:25 – 9:40 am Pages 17
9	Introduction of Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Bernardino County Dr. Joe Colletti, Urban Initiative	9:40 – 9:55 am
10	Report on Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Funds Diana Alexander, Vice-Chair	9:55 – 10:15 am
	Discussion/ Action Item	
11	Authorize the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to Receive Funding and Draft an Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) funding from Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) - Carrie Harmon, Community Development and Housing	10:15 – 10:30 am
	Council Roundtable	



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	Open to comments by the Council	10:30 – 10:45 am
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	Adjournment	10:45 am
Next ICH Meeting	The next regularly scheduled Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting is scheduled for:	
	March 27, 2024	
	San Bernardino County Superintendent of	Schools
	601 N. E Street, San Bernardino CA 924	410

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

January 24, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. In Person

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Adriana Duarte Office of Homeless Services

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME	
Call to Order	Jessica Alexander, Chair	The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.	
ICH Board Member Introductions	Jessica Alexander, Chair	Marcus Dillard took ICH Member roll call. Members of the public are not introduced. There were 54 members of the public who joined the ICH meeting in person, via Webex and/or telephone.	
ICH Board Members Present		 The following ICH members or their alternates were present for the meeting: Joe Baca Jr., Erika Lewis-Huntley, Quinton Page, Paul Durham, Dr. Georgina Yoshioka, Rashid Mitha, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Ruben Mendoza Late: Carrie Harmon (9:12 am), Sue Walker (9:07am) Acquanetta Warren (9:09am) Absent: Curtis Yakimow, Jerry Gutierrez, Diana Alexander, Astrid Johnson, Sandra Ibarra, Dr. Paul Anthony Courtney 	
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME	
		The Chair opened the floor for public comments: • Public comment was made by Paul Fournier The Chair closed Public Comment.	
CONSENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME	
Approve Minutes of the October 25, 2023, ICH Meeting	Jessica Alexander, Chair	The Chair requested a motion to be made for the consent calendar portion of the agenda. Joe Baca Jr. made a motion to approve the consent calendar and was second by Acquanetta Warren. The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.	
Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for The City of Montclair's Encampment Resolution Funding		 No discussion ensued. A vote was taken. 13 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Quinton Page, Paul Durham, Dr. Georgina Yoshioka, Rashid Mitha, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Ruben Mendoza, Carrie Harmon, Sue 	

Application Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for The City of Redlands Encampment Resolution Funding Application		 Walker, Acquanetta Warren 0 members were opposed. Absent: Curtis Yakimow, Jerry Gutierrez, Diana Alexander, Astrid Johnson, Council member Sandra Ibarra, Dr. Paul Anthony Courtney The motion for consent calendar items 1 through 3 was approved.
INFORMATION SHARING	PRESENTER	
Office of Homeless Services (OHS) Update	Marcus Dillard, Office of Homeless Services	The Chair recognized Marcus Dillard, The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members. Discussion ensued:
		 Don Smith-Stated the HHAP 5 NOFA was released September 29th, 2023, and due on March 27th,2023. Carrie Harmon- Stated work has been done for the comprehensive list of funding sources available. Working on performance reviews of CoC accomplishments with prior rounds of HHAP funding. Supervisor Baca- commented that he appreciates the work and initiative to address the issues that have been ignored. We are making headway and heading in the right direction. The Chair closed item # 4.
Update on New ICH Board Members and Vacancies on the High Desert Regional Steering Committee	Chair, Jessica Alexander	The Chair acknowledged changes in the ICH Board and welcomed Paul Durham, Mrs. Brenda Dowdy's replacement on the ICH Board after her retirement from the Superintendent of SBC Schools. The Chair also acknowledged the vacancies in the High Desert Regional Steering Committee meetings. Encouraged all interested in participating in the HD RSC meeting to attend the February meeting. The Chair closed item # 5.
2024 Point in Time Count (PITC) Update	Erika Lewis-Huntly, Chair of the PITC Oversight Committee	The Chair recognized Erika Lewis-Huntly, The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members. No discussion ensued. The Chair closed item # 6.

Governance Ad Hoc Committee Update HHAP Funding Changes	Dr. Pat Leslie, on behalf of Urban Initiatives Dr. Coletti, on behalf of	The Chair recognized Dr. Pat Leslie, The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members. No discussion ensued. The Chair closed item # 7. Dr. Coletti was not available to present yet, The Chair moved on to item # 9.
from the State of California	Urban Initiatives	The Chair reopened the information sharing and recognized Dr. Colletti to present on the HHAP funding changes. The Chair recognized Dr. Coletti, on behalf of Urban Initiatives to present the HHAP Funding Changes from the State of California Committee Update. The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members. Discussion ensued: Aquanetta Warren asked if Dr. Colletti is seeing movement of potential funds to other area but with a different name. Dr. Colletti responded that he is not seeing movement on additional funding. Aquanetta Warren also asked for a report on accountability of funds that had been released and what has been done in the past. Chair Alexander stated that the report is being worked on and scheduled for next ICH meeting. Don Smith- commented that the CoC and ICH need to keep an eye on HHAP funds so that it produces outcomes. Sue Walker- Questioned if it would help to send a letter for correspondence to the Governor or state officials. Dr. Colletti said that it might help. Carrie Harmon- commented that we should strategize about the funding to create an impact, prepare, and get things moving along. The Chair closed item # 8.
DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEM	PRESENTER	
Adopt Violence Against Women Act Policies and Procedures and the Introduction of the Domestic Violence Providers	Darryl Evey and Quinton Page, on behalf of San Bernardino County Coalition of Domestic Violence Shelters	 The Chair recognized Quinton Page and Darryl Evey, Discussion ensued: Don Smith- Questioned the intimate images in relation to HUD funding. Darryl Evey stated that intimate images provision is not directly related to HUD funding, but that it is in the VAWA due to it being a federal crime to share intimate images of someone without their permission. Sharon Green- Questioned how incidents are handled when it comes to Mandated reporters. Darryl Evey stated that

		 Domestic Violence Advocates are not mandated reporters. Marcus Dillard- Questioned if the committee is working on an Emergency Rehousing Plan to be able to present it. Is training being developed for other domestic violence agencies and if an appeals process is available. Darryl Evey responded that they are working on the Emergency Rehousing Plan. That they are part of the State and National Coalition and review several documents on VAWA and that the appeals process is in the packet presented. Don Smith- Recommended to organize training for the CoC and asked who can be reached for advice on VAWA items. Darryl Evey stated they can reach him or his office. The Chair- commented that the question of who are the domestic violence providers has been asked in the past and welcomes more information and training for the CoC. Joe Baca Jr. made a motion to approve the adoption of the Violence Against Women Act Policies and Procedures and the Introduction of the Domestic Violence Providers and was seconded by Sharon Green. A vote was taken. 13 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Quinton Page, Paul Durham, Dr. Georgina Yoshioka, Rashid Mitha, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Ruben Mendoza, Carrie Harmon, Sue Walker, Acquanetta Warren O members were opposed. Absent: Curtis Yakimow, Jerry Gutierrez, Diana Alexander, Astrid Johnson, Sandra Ibarra, Dr. Paul Anthony Courtney The motion was approved. The Chair closed item # 9
COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	PRESENTER	
	Jessica Alexander, Chair	 The Chair opened the floor for comment to the ICH Board members. Discussion ensued: Carrie Harmon- Thanked everyone who participated in the PITC. Ruben Mendoza- Thanked the Chair for opening a Youth Shelter and for investing on youth and young adults. Commented that 25% of youth stated they were formally foster youth in the 2023 PITC. Sharon Green- Wished everyone a Happy new year and keep Astrid Johnson in your prayers. Don Smith- Stated 2023 Count Nationwide showed the largest amount of Homelessness since the count started in 2007, over 650,000 people. Congratulations to the CAL Aid Pass sited awardees. Victorville had the opening of the Wellness Center. Marcus Dillard- Stated HHAP Round 4 has been released, Strategic planning and systems support is due February 21st, 2024. The Chair- Stated the ICH meeting location has not been determined for the next meeting yet.

Adjournment	Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.	
Next Meeting	The next ICH meeting will be held as follows: ICH Meeting (Regular) In Person Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:00 am - 11:00 am TBD	

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	Attendees o	n Janurary 24, 2024, • Interagency Council on Home	elessness – In-Person
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANIZATION	<u>EMAIL</u>
Alexander	Jessica	Operation Grace	Pastorjessicaalexander@gmail.com
Baca Jr	Joe	5th District – BOS	Joe.Baca@bos.sbcounty.gov
Curtis	Sophie	County Counsel	
Dillard	Marcus	Office of Homeless Services	Marcus.Dillard@hss.sbcounty.gov
Durham	Paul	Superintendent of SBC Schools	Paul.Durham@SBCSS.Net
Green	Sharon	Victor Valley Family Resource Center	Sgreen@vvfrc.com
Harmon	Carrie	Community Development and Housing	Carrie.Harmon@cdh.sbcounty.gov
Johnson	Marlandra	5th District – BOS	Marlandra.Johnson@BOS.sbcounty.gov
Lewis-Huntley	Erika	City of Rancho Cucamonga	Erika.Lewis-Huntley@cityofrc.us
Mendoza	Ruben	Youth Advisory Board	Ruben.Mendoza@makinghope.org
Page	Quinton	Mountain Region	QPage@Doves4Help.org
Smith	Don	Creating Community Solutions	Don@inlandhousingsolutions.org
Walker	Sue	Mountain Homeless Coalition	SVWalker@Gmail.com
Warren	Acquanetta	2 nd District – BOS	Acquanetta.Warren @Bos.sbcounty.gov
Yoshioka	Georgina	Director Of DBH	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:
Project Address:
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.
<u>Unit mix</u> :

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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			
At-risk of Homelessness			
Homeless Youth or Youth			
At-risk of Homelessness			
Manager's Unit			
Total Number of			
Assisted Units in			
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."

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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 (Please attach or describe below the housing first compliant prioritization and referral method that will be utilized instead.) 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.

3. Other CoC support to the Project

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February 15, 2024

Shawn R. Smith, PharmD Chief Executive Officer, Symba Center 16902 First Street Victorville, CA 92395

Re: DHCS PATH CITED Round 3 Application – Symba Center

Dear Dr. Smith,

On behalf of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP), we are pleased to provide this letter of support to the Symba Center for your application to the California Department of Health Care Services for PATH CITED, Round 3 funding.

The SBCHP consists of nonprofit organizations, local government entities, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, healthcare providers and other community stakeholders - organized within five distinct geographic regions - working cooperatively to create a comprehensive countywide network of service delivery to those experiencing or atrisk of homelessness through facilitating better communication, planning, coordination, and collaboration among all entities that provide services and/or resources for the relief of homelessness in San Bernardino County.

Inspired by the work of Symba Center and the other public/private partners working together to establish the Victorville Wellness Center Campus program in the High Desert Region, the SBCHP is committed to the development of a coordinated and collaborative strategy to establish regional Wellness and Navigation Center programs with the goal of providing our most vulnerable unhoused and at-risk neighbors in the region with access to low-barrier interim housing beds connected with recuperative care, medical and behavioral health, enhanced care management, community supports and other wrap-around services leading to stable housing outcomes.

The SBCHP is very excited to engage Symba Center as a partner in this initiative and are committed to working with Symba Center to build the capacity and infrastructure to develop Regional Wellness-Navigation Center programs featuring low-barrier interim housing, including recuperative care and short-term post hospitalization beds, connected to ECM, Community Supports and a comprehensive array of other wrap-around services. We are pleased to support Symba Center's application for PATH CITED Round 3 funding to help support this initiative in our five regions throughout San Bernardino County

Sincerely,

JESSICA ALEXANDER

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

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Members of the Board of Supervisors City of Victorville Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino San Bernardino Law and Justice Group San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools City of Rancho Cucamonga Town of Yucca Valley Community Development and Housing Agency Mountain Regional City Representative Members of the Homeless Provider Network City of San Bernardino
Department of Behavioral Health
San Bernardino County Human Services
Youth with Lived Experience of Homelessness

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February 8, 2024

Re: Letter of Support

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Homeless Education Program

To The California Department of Education,

San Bernardino County's Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Homeless Education Program's application for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program.

The CoC fully endorses the long-standing effective community partnership it shares with the Superintendent's Homeless Education Program. The SBCSS has a long history of providing much needed services to the community, specifically with youth experiencing homelessness. The SBCSS Homeless Education Program supports the 34 K-12 school districts and 53 charter schools, preschool programs, and colleges within the County of San Bernardino, but also partners with other agencies, service providers, non-profit organizations, and the community at large by providing services, information, awareness, advocacy, and leadership. Moreover, the SBCSS, Homeless Education Program serves as a representative for education and is a voting member on the ICH board for the San Bernardino County.

The CoC believes a successful California Department of Education Homeless program grant award would not only strengthen our existing community collaborative efforts in San Bernardino County, but it will also benefit the thousands of children, youth and families served in San Bernardino County.

Sincerely,

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February 13, 2024

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program Office 151 Knollcroft Road Lyons, NJ 07939

Re: Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) Grant Dear Supportive Services Veterans Program Office Administrator:

The San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to support Knowledge & Education for Your Success (KEYS) in the renewal of the SSVF grant for San Bernardino County. KEYS is one of the largest rapid re-housing provider in San Bernardino County, serving over 700 homeless individuals and families annually through various rapid rehousing (SSVF, HUD CoC, and California State TANF) funding streams. Recognized as a High-Performer with California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in the areas of permanent housing placements, cost-effectiveness and housing retention rates, KEYS provides a critical role in building local capacity in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) process and community planning efforts addressing homelessness.

KEYS has been a significant partner in the CoC to coordinate, align, and provide rapid rehousing, homeless prevention and supportive services for our homeless Veterans. This agency works to provide outreach to homeless Veterans as well as seek multiple opportunities to find permanent housing and rapid rehousing solutions to help those who are chronically homeless, including serving as the primary referred agency to leverage resources and enhance housing stability for our very low- or no income veteran families. KEYS resource management and system level approach continues to provide gap fill resources to veterans who do not qualify for SSVF or who may have exhausted SSVF maximum allowances, which supports critical time intervention and stability to those identified in the prioritization process.

KEYS co-chairs and actively participates in the weekly Homeless Veterans Community Planning Group as part of our county's goal to achieve national benchmarks to end Veterans' homelessness in the region. KEYS staff members actively participate in the coordinated assessment process of the CoC by attending bi-weekly case conferencing meetings supported by the CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) provider, 2-1-1 United Way, and assists in the development of capacity and implementation of our CES. This investment of staff time equates to more than 15 additional hours of staff engagement per month.

KEYS participates regularly in the CoC Interagency Council on Homelessness, Homeless Provider Network Meetings, local Veteran events, quarterly Homeless Summits, and participates with 211 and multiple service organizations for expanding their network and services to enhance all services for homeless Veterans. Ending Veterans homelessness in our County is a priority and KEYS is a significant partner in helping to achieve this goal. The CoC for San Bernardino County is pleased to support KEYS in their renewal for FY25 SSVF funding.

Sincerely,

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February 16, 2024

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program Office 810 Vermont Avenue NW Washington, DC 20571

Re: LightHouse Social Service Centers (18-CA-171) Priority 2 Renewal Application

To the Application Review Committee:

The San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to support Lighthouse Social Service Centers (18-CA-171) in their Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Priority 2 Renewal Grant Application for San Bernardino County (CA-609).

LightHouse serves the Inland Empire of Southern California as a significant partner in the CoC's efforts to coordinate, align, and provide rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and supportive services for San Bernardino County's homeless veterans. This agency works to provide outreach to homeless veterans as well as seeks multiple opportunities to find permanent housing solutions to help veterans who are chronically homeless. The veteran resources provided by LightHouse to the CoC include Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Transitional Living Services, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention services through the SSVF Program, Rapid Resolution Services, Healthcare Navigation, legal services, and Shallow Subsidy services also through the SSVF Program and permanent supportive housing for disabled veterans through the LightHouse Hope for Heroes Program.

LightHouse Social Service Centers' Chief Executive Officer Karyn Young-Lowe facilitates the weekly Homeless Veteran Community Planning Group (HVCPG) meetings for the County of San Bernardino and LightHouse housing navigation and case management staff also attend this meeting on a weekly basis. The HVCPG is the entity responsible for the by-name list, and the rate of housing placement and stabilization of veterans in San Bernardino County. The HVCPG Veteran service providers, which includes SSVF, GPD and other transitional living staff, Veterans Affairs (VA) outreach and HUD VASH staff, staff from the Housing Authority, Coordinated Entry System (CES) staff, staff from the County Office of Homeless Services, law enforcement and code enforcement staff and the county housing navigation staff, meet weekly to review and update the by-name list, case conference and work toward achieving the benchmark criteria set forth by United States interagency Council on Homelessness and VA on ending homelessness among veterans.

LightHouse actively participates in the coordinated entry assessment process of the CoC and assisted in the development of capacity and implementation of our CES System. LightHouse also receives prioritized referrals generated from the CES system. Further, through its outreach efforts LightHouse utilizes the VI-SPDAT which is the local assessment tool used to support coordinated screening and referrals within the CoC. LightHouse Intake and Case Management staff are also trained to conduct assessments utilizing the VI-SPDAT tool.

Members of the Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Regarding the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the CES for San Bernardino County is embedded in the County HMIS program and LightHouse enters all appropriate veteran information into the system and engages in data sharing with veteran providers and the CES. LightHouse also participates regularly in the monthly CoC Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is the CoC's governing board, the quarterly CoC Homeless Provider Network Meeting, and the Monthly Regional Steering Committee Meetings. LightHouse also participates in multiple adhoc workgroups to expand and enhance services for homeless veterans throughout San Bernardino County.

LightHouse management and direct service staff also participated in the development, planning, and execution of the 2023 San Bernardino County Veterans' Stand Down held October 11, 2023, and execution of the event. Please also note that LightHouse staff actively participates in the annual Point in Time Count for San Bernardino County by assisting in the planning and volunteering for the Point in Time Count Event.

Ending Veterans homelessness in our County is a priority and LightHouse is a significant partner in helping to achieve this goal. We consider LightHouse to be a model program for other veteran and non-veteran programs dedicated to rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and permanent supportive housing services. The San Bernardino County CoC is pleased to support LightHouse Social Service Centers in its renewal grant for FY 25 of the SSVF program.

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HMIS Update

Date	February 28, 2024
Presenter	Jonathan Garay
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Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today's meeting.

Announcements

HMIS

- Our New Program Support Initiative
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- HMIS Trainings
 - o New User Training
 - o Refresher Training