



**Wednesday, September 6, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
City of Colton– Gonzalez Community Center, Meeting Room #1, Colton, CA 92324**

MEETING AGENDA
CENTRAL VALLEY HOMELESS PROVIDER NETWORK

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (2 minutes) B. Welcome and Introductions (8 minutes) C. Public Comment (3 mins)	Jessica Alexander, Central Valley HPN Chair
CONSENT	
D. Approve the minutes from the August 2, 2023 Central Valley Homeless Provider Network Meeting.	Jessica Alexander
INFORMATION SHARING/UPDATES	
E. HHAP 3 Training Updates F. Inland So Call United Way 211+- Regional Access Centers	Anna Ulibarri/Jessica Alexander Chris DarbyAziza Manuel
PRESENTATION	
G. Healthcare in Action	Eddie Menacho
CLOSING	
H. Announcements I. Adjournment	Jessica Alexander
Next Meeting: Central Valley HPN will next meet on: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Gonzales Community Center (Meeting Room #1) 670 Colton Ave. Colton, CA 92324 1:00 pm – 2:00pm	

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**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Central Valley Homeless Providers Network**

Wednesday, August 02, 2023, • 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
City of Colton- Gonzalez Community Center, Meeting Room #1, Colton
CA 92324

Homeless Providers Network Minutes

Transcribed by Ujima Moore, Housing Case Manager, Lutheran Social Services

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	Action/Outcome
A. Call to Order (2 minutes) B. Welcome and Roll Call of Committee Members (8 minutes)	Jessica Alexander Central Valley HPN Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting opened at 1:08 pm by the Chair ▪ Attendees were allowed two minutes to get settled and grab snacks and water.
CONSENT	PRESENTER	
C. Approve the Minutes from the June 07, 2023, Central Valley HPN Meeting	Jessica Alexander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes were approved without opposition.
REPORTS AND UPDATES	PRESENTER	
D. HHAP 3 Training Updates E. Inland So Call United Way 211+	Anna Ulibarri Chris Darden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New provider training is under development using the HHAP 3 allotment and will be launched within the next two months. ▪ Chris Darden presented an update regarding the creation of Regional Access Points to enhance referral services SBC wide.
Presentation and Discussion	PRESENTER	
D. Built for Zero	Megan Helbling from Community Solutions Don Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced Built for Zero which is a national movement of over 100 voluntary communities to address homelessness in a coordinated strategy. • This movement aligns goals and establishes measurable gains. • The goal is to reach functional zero for people experiencing homelessness.
E. Questions to presenters		
CLOSING	PRESENTER	
F. Public Comment (3mins) G. Announcements H. Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comments • No announcements today • Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 2:08 pm
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Homeless Provider Network Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 02, 2023

Commenced: 1:08 p.m.

Attendees: **SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR ATTENDANCE**

The Chair Jessica Alexander opened the meeting at 1:08 PM with introductions from attendees and provided two minutes for the attendees to get settled and obtain snack and water provided at this meeting. She extended a thank you on behalf of the HPN to Heidi Struz for setting up the meeting space and snacks.

Motion to Approve Minutes: The minutes from the June 07, 2023, with a motion to approve by (?) Munoz and seconded by Anna Ulibarri. The minutes were approved with no opposition. **Passed**

HHAP 3 Training Updates- Presented by Anna Ulibarri: Jessica introduced Ms. Ulibarri who serves on the committee that helps ensure our region has input and receives its fair share of funding that's important to homeless services provided in the regions.

Anna debriefed the HPN, and audience reason the HHAP 3 trainings are important to the CoC, has been allotted \$300, 000.00 in capacity building funds for training. This training allows agencies to train their staff who provide homeless services. Anna expressed the committee's excitement as the committee has been discussing which services and service providers to send a request for qualifications to provide TA. She thanked the assistance from OHS for the teamwork. The RFQ will be reviewed and released from the purchasing department then reviewed to ensure all the "I's" are dotted and the "T" s crossed. They are maybe two weeks away from Stephanie sending out an RFQ to vendors who will provide the training modules. Once this process occurs and the vendors are selected the committee will put together a schedule to send out to everyone in our County to be able to start registering for the classes and training.

The trainings will encompass:

- Case management
- Grant writing
- Nonprofit structure
- Street outreach
- ESG training
- Housing Development

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There will also be training provided during the November Homeless Summit that will be provided through this HHAP funding allotment.

The CoC will also be partnering with the County to access Racial Disparity and Equitable Provisions training because they already have a contract with a vendor that is providing this training to them. The committee is working with Diana Alexander, the County Assistance Executive Officer and ICH Vice Chair to accomplish this goal.

The committee is also working with Don Smith to create a Regional Strategy RFP to ensure the multiple systems in our County are working together through a strategic plan that helps us provide services to the people we are serving using best practices.

Additionally, we have an allotment of \$78,037.50 for the youth which was awarded to the Family Assistance Program who worked on the budget with the YAB (Youth Advisory Board). They have done everything they needed to do to have that budget approved so that the YAB can go forward and there are a lot of good things coming down the pipeline where the youth are concerned. Youth demonstrations are just one example.

The HHAP funds are being carefully planned out to include training to ensure the people serving our community are well trained and provided with the tools and data and systems in place to be successful. This is the goal the committee is working hard to accomplish. The Office of Homeless Services has been very instrumental in moving the work forward i.e., approvals because there are a lot of steps involved in this process.

Anna assured the group present that everything she has highlighted today is coming to fruition within the next month or two. She acknowledged that there has been talk of these trainings, strategic planning for a year and a half. Secondly, Anna stated Don Smith would talk more about HHAP 4 funding options today. We always have the option for service providers in our region to apply for that funding. The funding is allocated based on the Point In Time Count so every region receives their percentage portion based on the number of homeless identified in their region. Four different options will be proposed today. As a representative of the Central Valley, she will make sure our region is taken care of by presenting some proposal for how we want to fund the next round of HHAP funding. One of those options for discussion is limiting the dollar amount an applicant can apply for, i.e., making \$350,000 the highest amount one may apply for in our region. This was suggested because the committee recognized the HHAP funding is mostly gap funding or leveraging funding for other projects and we want nonprofits in this community to be able to access funding.

In this last HHAP 3 funding we had 12 applications so there is a huge interest in funding in the Central Valley and Central Valley has the largest number of homeless in our County. She requested input from the HPN regarding the options that will be presented today regarding how the Central Valley wants to fund the service providers in the Central Valley.

Anna further expanded on the types of training that garnered the most interest from respondents:

- Case management classes were the number one requested training
- Outreach training
- Homelessness diversion/problem solving.
- Working w/ ESG funding because these grants are difficult to work with
- Housing development and Navigation
- Grant writing for providers
- Capacity building for nonprofits

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- Outcome data because this is important, and we want providers to know how they are doing.

These training courses are coming in the next couple weeks, and people should register and take these trainings. Anna completed her presentation at 1:26 pm.

At 1:27 pm the HPN Chair thanked Anna U. and introduced Chris Darden to present the Inland SoCal United Way 211 +.

His presentation consisted of an update on the coordinated entry and some of the things they have planned and how they plan to integrate this into all of what we (CoC) are doing now.

He started with Regional United SoCal's plans for regional access. He asked by a show of hands," how many people know about regional access points we are planning". Very few hands were raised so he provided a synopsis of Regional Access.

Because the definition is lengthy, he suggested obtaining information from a great core element document on the HUD Exchange if one is interested in really learning about access points. The document consists of a breakdown of the core elements of access points.

In short, a regional access point is the first point of contact for a consumer entering the system. He stated that when he began working back in 2016, he kept hearing about region access and then the same year after year and this is the first time this concept has moved into the implementation. They are currently in the beginning stages of creating a regional access point in each of the regions.

They are only looking at a short turnaround time beginning September 1, 2023, to June 30th, 2024, in which regional access points will be set up with the CESH and HHAP funding that is in place. This funding gives \$183, 000 to the Central Valley to set up and create the regional access point.

He acknowledged one year and only \$183, 000 is not a lot especially when considering the number of people providers are working with in the Central Valley but this is just the beginning of the process and Don Smith will expand on these plans for the future later today.

Applications for providers interested in becoming a point of access location can apply starting August 7th and it is a short turn around. August 10th will be a presentation to the CES committee on the regional access points. For agencies interested in being a regional access point they must complete the online application which goes to the Homeless RFP email. Inland SoCal will submit turn those over to the regions to choose who they want because the regions know best what and who they need. In two weeks on Friday a group is meeting to create a virtual platform to enhance Bit Focus/ Clarity the referral process by making it easier to establish homeless verifications which is difficult. During this meeting they are looking to establish policies regarding how, who sends what and to whom referrals will go.

He encourages anyone interested and willing to take this opportunity/work to look out for the upcoming application and submit one.

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The Chair asked for a description of a regional access point. Chris read the definition to ensure that his response was accurate. Applicants must be an active user or willing to utilize the HMIS system and an active member of the regional HPN because the access point will be working with the providers in your region. Regional Access Points are how people learn coordinated entries exist, and access response services. The first contact most people experiencing a housing crisis will be with a coordinated entry.

Access points provide:

- Critical role in engaging people to address their most immediate need through referral services.
- Critical role in determining which interventions are applicable to rapidly connect that client to housing resources.

The Chair asked if the access point will serve as a physical 211?

Chris stated that this process will not necessarily be a physical 211 since providers are already working with people within the community so the goal is to expand that by identifying the best resource for someone and this will be accomplished through:

- Case conferencing, which for example is currently occurring with veteran services.
- Referrals will be coordinated as opposed to the way referrals are processed now.

The Chair asked what Inland SoCal wants from the HPN in this process?

Chris stated that they are not looking for the HPN to choose but provide a recommendation and then 211 and Inland SoCal will enter into an agreement with the provider.

During the Q and A discussion the current state of people attempting to access 211 or being told to access 211 and not receiving referrals was raised. Families are calling 211 as they are directed, but there appears to be disconnect and they are not receiving referral resources.

Chris stated that this is a good issue to discuss because 211 is seeing internally that the referrals are not being accepted from providers in HMIS or Clarity. He suggested that some providers may not know where to access referrals in Clarity and he suggested they contact the CES Manager Aziza for training in Clarity.

CES received 18,000 calls over the past six months and of those calls only 500 referrals have been sent out to the community by CES.

The question was raised regarding who sends out referrals and if the access points will send referrals directly to providers are CES.

Chris stated that this type of feedback is what CES wants to see now before the access points are set up. The HPN's recommendations are important because the regions best know what they need.

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Don Smith informed the meeting that the Mountains have already started having these conversations related strategic planning to ensure the access point is effective and addresses the types of issues being raised today. These are conversations that need to be taking place now in each region. Don informed the group that the plan is not to overwhelm the one or two agencies identified as

Carrie Harmon also mentioned that the CES will only be as strong as the available inventory. More units need to be built. The County is depleted of interim and PSH.

Chris ended his update at 1:40 pm

1: 41 pm- Built for Zero presentation Don Smith and Megan Helbling of Community Solutions (she attended virtually)

- Built for Zero is a national movement of over 100 voluntary communities.
- 14 communities have successfully achieved zero for Vets.
- The strategy is based on targeting specific populations and housing strategies until the number of homelessness for that group is reduced.
- The strategies are fair and equitable design.
- This focused strategy allows communities to employ best practices and focus on the unique needs of the people experiencing homelessness.
- The next group is identified, and their needs addressed until their homeless numbers are reduced.
- Strengthens data systems and employs measurables to assist with tracking the successes and effectiveness of a community's strategies addressing homelessness.
- The presentation focused on veterans but is adaptable for other populations (Brenda Dowdy expressed concern because the numbers of unhoused youth has grown, and she wanted to know if this methodology can include youth).
- Strategies are designed so that people's experience with homelessness becomes brief and rare.
- Community Solutions assists communities in developing measurable data systems, which will allow communities to track and analyze the effectiveness of strategies.
- Real time data to set a shared mean that all providers have access to i.e., how many shelter beds are available at any given time.
- This is not new funding but a coordinated system utilizing the investments already available, but data can be used to increase funding.
- Community Solution will work across all regions to create cohesion while addressing the requirements related to funding and populations to create one measurable aim based on the CoC input.
- The process brings key resources and providers together as one team to eliminate siloed while building a data system that incorporates the required systems like HMIS so that data is input and shared across one platform.
- Allows providers/communities to self-evaluate whether an intervention is successful or requires changes and if those changes are even working or needed.
- The end goal is to create a whole system built for zero using a methodology that expands to address all target populations.

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The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:08 pm.

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**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Central Valley Regional Steering Committee
Central Valley Homeless Partnership Network**

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CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call of Committee Members B. Public Comment	Sandra Ibarra/Cassandra Searcy Jessica Alexander
CONSENT	PRESENTER
C. Approve the Minutes from the August 2, 2023 Regional Steering Committee Meeting	Sandra Ibarra/Cassandra Searcy Jessica Alexander
INFORMATION SHARING/UPDATES	
A. New RSC Members B. ICH Update C. Cities Update	Jessica Alexander/Sandra Ibarra Anna Ulibarri/Ujima Moore All Central Valley Cities present
PRESENTATION	
D. Central Valley Regional Access Centers- Central Valley	Chris Darbee/Aziza Manuel
CLOSING	
E. Announcements F. Adjournment	Sandra Ibarra/Jessica Alexander
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Central Valley Regional Steering Committee Minutes

Transcribed by Jessica Vega, Case Manager, U.S. VETS

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	Action/Outcome
A. Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call of Committee Members B. Public Comment	Sandra Ibarra/Cassandra Searcy/Jessica Alexander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting called to order at 2:21 pm ▪ Attendees were welcomed to the meeting. Introductions were conducted. ▪ No public comments
CONSENT	PRESENTER	
C. Approve the Minutes from the June 7, 2023 Regional Steering Committee Meeting	Sandra Ibarra/Cassandra Searcy/Jessica Alexander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve minutes by Charles Karsch, 2nd by Mike Jones. No oppositions
PRESENTATION	PRESENTER	-
D. Upcoming HHAP 4 Funding Allocations (Countywide)	Don Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHAP 4 funding \$4.4 million • Up to 7% dedicated to administration, 10% to Youth Serving Programs, and 5% to support CES • Allocations to be based on the needs of the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at the data from PIT of the regions - 5% minimum at every region at the start - 100 thousand at each region divided by PIT data - 50 thousand at each region divided by PIT data • Committee members agree on option 1, and possibly option 4 for project funding allocations for the region • Committee member suggested a possible option 5, take the amount available divided by PIT count data per person.
DISCUSSION/ACTION	PRESENTER	
E. HHAP 3 Appeal-Water of Life	Chair/Co-Chair/Designee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community member spoke for the appeal • Committee members reviewed the appeal and discussed amongst themselves agreeing to uphold the original scores • Motion was made to uphold original scores by Mike Jones, and 2nd Desiree Jackson • Committee members voted, no opposition, and motion was made to approve. • Water of Life HHAP 3 appeal denied.
CLOSING	PRESENTER	

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