



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, • 02:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Life Church 12199 Industrial Blvd.
Victorville, CA 92395

**AGENDA: Regular Meeting of the
Desert Regional Steering Committee**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Protocols	Sharon Green Designee Board Members Sharon Green
PUBLIC COMMENTS	
Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the Regional Steering Committee Board will need to submit a request to speak before the time the Chair calls for public comment. The public can submit a <i>Public Comment Request form</i> . The Chair will call on you in the order that the requests are received. Once your name has been called, please stand, or unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to speak.	Public
REPORTS & UPDATES (25 mins)	
E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) a. City of Hesperia Representative b. City of Barstow Representative c. Town of Apple Valley Representative d. City of Adelanto e. The HOPE Team f. Department of Behavioral Health g. GoGo Barstow h. High Desert Homeless Shelter i. Family Assistance Program j. Victor Valley Family Resource Center VVFR/Countywide Chair k. Rescue Mission l. Symba Center	Melinda Sayre/Designee Dr. Paul Cortney/Designee Kanisha Withers/Designee Mayor Reyes/Designee Emmanuel Tristan/Designee Member/Designee Elizabeth Givens/Designee Jimmy Waldron/Designee Kevin Mahany/Designee Sharon Green/Designee Dawn Quigg/Designee Antoinette Jackson/Designee
CONSENT ITEMS (5 mins)	
F. Approve Minutes from the March 12, 2024, Meeting	Sharon Green
PRESENTATIONS (25 mins)	
G. CES Desert Regional Update (7 mins) H. Symba Center Wellness Update (10 mins) I. Victor Valley Family Resource Center J. Roundtable Discussion on Case Management	K. Mahany/Family Assistance Program Antoinette Jackson/Symba Center Leslie Earl Group Discussion

DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	
K. Update on CoC	Sharon Green
CLOSING	
L. Adjournment	HPN Members/Attendees Sharon Green
Next Meeting: High Desert Regional Steering Committee will next meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	

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MEETING MINUTES

Recorded and transcribed by Leslie D. Earl, Victor Valley Family Resource Center

OPENING REMARKS		PRESENTER
<p>A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Protocols</p>	<p>Sharon Green, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM. Sharon Green, Co-Chair Board Members roll call. Members of the public were not introduced. Sharon Green (Co-Chair, VVFR), Mayor Courtney (Co-Chair, City of Barstow), Darryl Evey (FAP), Dawn Quigg (Recue Mission), Jimmy Waldron, Mayor Reyes (City of Adelanto), Melinda Sayre (City of Hesperia), Kanisha Withers (City of Apple Valley), Emmanuel Tristan (HOPE Team) Sharon Green, Co-Chair</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT		
<p>E. All Attendees in-person and online (3 minutes)</p>	<p>No additional public comments.</p>	
CONSENT		
<p>F. Approve the February 13, 2024, Regional Steering Committee Meeting minutes.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Sharon Green to approve the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Jimmy Waldron. All were in favor - no discussion. The minutes stand approved.</p>	
REPORTS & UPDATES		
<p>G. City of Barstow City of Apple Valley City of Victorville City of Adelanto</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mayor Paul Cortney reported the city continues to discuss and examine the needs of Barstow in addressing homelessness. - Ms. Kanisha Withers reported the city will release a NOFA in the next few months for rental assistance, and rapid rehousing. Anyone interested is encouraged to apply. Mr. William Lamas reported the Wellness Center has 142 individuals currently housed. They are still pending taking family clients and are waiting for data from the CES and accurate numbers. He also indicated the Symba Center, their supportive services provider will report further. - Mayor Reyes reported that 2 ½ weeks ago he and the City Manager toured the Wellness Center. He indicated the City of Adelanto has already allocated land where they want to work on putting a shelter in 	

<p>Family Assistance Program (FAP)</p> <p>Victor Valley Family Resource Center</p> <p>Victor Valley Rescue Mission</p>	<p>place to address and end the homeless crises. He also reported they are continuing their conversation with the County to offer services and a tiny home village. They have 5 acres they want to allocate specific acres for different needs (women with children, families, and veterans); Adelanto seeks to structure an MOU with the Wellness Center to add value and continuity to what they are doing in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Darryl Evey reported FAP opened a new youth shelter in San Bernardino for minors. The Grand Opening is April 9, 2024. There will be a flyer to announce the opening. He shared that FAP is recognizing AB2520 with Assemblyman Ramos. AB2520 requires all jurisdictions to have a youth-specific coordinated entry system and youth-specific housing. - Leslie Earl reported that VVFRRC currently has 31 beds full in our program. We successfully transitioned two individuals into permanent supportive housing in February. VVFRRC conducted a food distribution in Adelanto distributing food to 27 families on the last Saturday of February. - Dawn Quigg reported the Rescue Mission has 3 homes are full and has a waiting list. She shared that Symba Center visits every Wednesday to the missions' mobile shower and food program. Mayor Bass (Los Angeles) toured last week at their San Fernando location to talk about the things they are doing. They are having an Easter event with Calvary Chapel. Victorville on March 23, 2024. All are welcome to attend.
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PRESENTATION

<p>H. CES Regional Update (Family Assistance Program)</p> <p>I. Step Up on 2nd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Kevin Mahanny Presented: FAP is the Coordinated Entry for the desert region. Homeless are coming to FAP through 211 referrals. Then FAP will go out to verify newly identified individuals/families referred by 211 after 211 completes the VISPADT. FAP is tracking weekly numbers of homeless. Kevin discussed the handout and slides showing the data and graphs of the homeless. The greatest benefit is being able to provide data. FAP reported the greatest demographic was 40 to 60 years old. Once FAP verifies the newly homeless they will enter the information/upload documents in HMIS and prioritize the newly homeless. There were several questions from those attending in person. Mrs. Green requested we place this item on the agenda for next month to go deeper into this conversation. - Kim Williams reported Step Up has been serving the communities of Southern California for over 40 years and has had a presence in the High Desert Region since 2016. They provide services county-wide. Step Up take CES referrals for supportive housing. She indicated Step Up is at capacity right now. They also offer mental health services,
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J. Symba Center

however, they are only available when combined and paired with a housing subsidy and wraparound services. They have 3 different outreach programs across San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. In San Bernardino County, Step Up has a one-stop Housing Outreach for the entire county and Outreach Programs specific to the City of Highlands and the City of Redlands. Step Up also provides Enhanced Care Management under CalAIM and the Community Supports Program which provides housing, housing navigation, tenancy supports, housing deposits, etc. A CES referral is not required for CalAIM services. Their PSA (permanent supportive housing) services require a CES referral and VISPADT. The VISPADT must be assessed at 11 or higher or chronically homeless for one year or longer. To reach their street outreach hotline, the number is 909-361-2104. Their office phone is 909-963-5355 (ECM or Community Supports). Questions were held until after the next agenda item (voting).

- Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson is the Wellness Service Director at Symba Center, which provides wraparound service for the City of Victorville's Wellness Center. The Wellness Center is a low-barrier shelter (come on as you are) that provides services to meet the client's needs. They achieve this through their case management and recuperative care model. Through IEHP they can provide case management and recuperative care. Recuperative care is for those individuals coming out of a hospital or someone needing medical services. The Wellness Center team has two nursing practitioners, part-time psych nurse practitioner, several LVN's, a couple of RN's, and several medical assistants to provide their level of support in meeting the clients' medical needs. They also provide medication management. Nettie reported there are a high number of diabetes clients and they manage a lot of insulin. A client referred and accepted by the Wellness Center receives 90 days and will be evaluated every 30 days up to 180 days. She also reported the recuperative care model has been very successful. Their wraparound services, or their case management model allow the Center to provide housing readiness, money management skills, and therapy if they choose. They have several classes, such as areas of addiction, that the Wellness Center participants can offer clients. They are currently seeking to secure a partnership with 12-step meetings that will come on campus to provide services. Through their contract with IEHP they can offer housing support such as move-in rental assistance cost for up to 6 months. The Center's capacity is 170, however, they currently are only using 146 beds. The difference is the family units. They are trying to get the safety protocols in place to support children on campus. There are 53 dedicated recuperative care beds. There are a lot of animals at the campus. The animals receive care also. The animals need to get their shots and be registered. Animal Control will offer spay and neuter

	<p>services. They have 10 kennels provided through a grant from San Manuel. To promote wellness, there is a track around the campus, there is a basketball court, pickleball court, a dog run, and a community garden area. Nettie expressed they desperately need housing providers to avoid getting backlogged when the client reaches 180 days and has not secured permanent housing. Questions were held until the next meeting. The Center will be placed on the agenda in April.</p>
DISCUSSION	
<p>K. Voting to install new board members for the High Desert Regional Steering Committee.</p>	<p>Mrs. Green provided background and context as to why there was a need for voting which is primarily due to not having a consistent quorum to vote on matters on the Agenda and business of the High Desert Regional Steering Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee membership will include relevant CoC members and other interested stakeholders or relevant experts. The High Desert Regional Steering Committee is open to all agencies or municipalities interested in addressing homelessness. ▪ For the Desert, voting delegates must represent a governmental or community-based organization located within the region. ▪ For the purpose of conducting business and maintaining a quorum the voting body must be composed of a minimum of 6 or a maximum of 20 voting delegates. ▪ There must be one non-governmental seat for every government seat on the committee. ▪ Each Regional Steering committee will be composed of two (2) co-chairs; one HPN individual elected by the HPN to represent the homeless service providers; and one appointed by the City Select committee to represent their region on ICH. ▪ For today's election anyone in attendance representing a governmental entity or community-based organization that provides services, is a duly registered member of CoC or HPN, and within the Desert region will be eligible to cast a vote. ▪ Claudia Doyle clarified that there is only 1 vote per agency (Gov't and non-profit) <p>Darryl Evey provided a discussion and made a recommendation of having 12 members.</p> <p>Mayor Reyes asked if there was a requirement to have two co-chairs and how they count toward the board membership. Ms. Claudia Doyle clarified the ICH requires there to be co-chairs on the committee. One from government and one from non-profits/community. The city-elect votes for chairs.</p>

Dawn Quigg shared that the Rescue Mission supports that the number of board members should be increased, not decreased, to have adequate representation.

Through discussion, there were three board seats discussed; 8, 10, and 12 members.

Mrs. Green motioned for an 8-member Board. The motion was not seconded.

Mayor Courtney made a motion for 10. The motion was not seconded.

Dawn Quigg motioned for 12. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Waldron.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Government	Non-Profits
City of Adelanto	Victor Valley Rescue Mission
City of Hesperia	Symba Center
Town of Apple Valley	Go Go
The Hope Team	Family Assistance Program
Department of Behavior Health	High Desert Homeless Shelter
-	Desert Sanctuary
-	Desert Manna
-	BEJCRC

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Government

Non-Profits

City of Adelanto Mayor Reyes	Victor Valley Rescue Mission Dawn Quigg
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City of Hesperia Melinda Sayre	Symba Center Antoinette Jackson
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Town of Apple Valley Kanisha Withers	Go Go Barstow Elizabeth Givens
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The Hope Team Officer Emmanuel Tristan	Family Assistance Program Kevin Mahany
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Department of Behavior Health Edith Ericson	High Desert Homeless Shelter Jimmy Waldron
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Co-Chair, City of Barstow Dr. Paul Courtney	Co-Chair, Victor Valley Family Resource Center, Dr. Sharon Green
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Nomination were supervised, tabulated, and counted by Claudia Doyle from the Office of Homeless Services

CLOSING

J. Adjournment at 4:13 PM

Next Meeting: Desert Regional Steering Committee will next meet

Tuesday April 9, 2024
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

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Coordinated Entry Central - Adult

Coordinated Entry County-wide - Youth

April 9, 2024, 2pm-3:30pm

Presented by:

Kevin Mahany, Family Assistance Program

Kevin@Familyassist.org

Desert Region encompassing the communities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, Lucerne Valley, Phelan, Oak Hills and Victorville



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Desert Region Coordinated Entry System (CES) Hub Office - Adult & Youth
15075 7th Street, Victorville, CA 92395

We “take action” on 211 callers reporting they are in housing crisis, and we assist partners reporting homeless youth county-wide as well.

Our CES workflow.....

1. Persons in crisis phone 211; 211 call center screens caller and completes a VI-SPDAT on them.
2. 211 emails caller info. to us out team. For Youth, partners email or phones our Youth CES contact.
3. We act on referrals as they arrive. We verify referrals are homeless - (1) in field and (2) in office (3) by telephone - typically in 24 hours. Our CES office works closely with other referring partners like the City of W.
4. We “upload” homeless verifications into HMIS the county-wide database of homeless.
5. We email confirmations we’ve “homeless verified” callers to the referring partner.
6. We telephone newly verified “homeless adults and youth” - checking in, attempting to get them shelter/housing and checking in to see if they are connected to any outreach partners. We are trying to “check-in” on these “new homeless” weekly with the hope of case managing some of them.

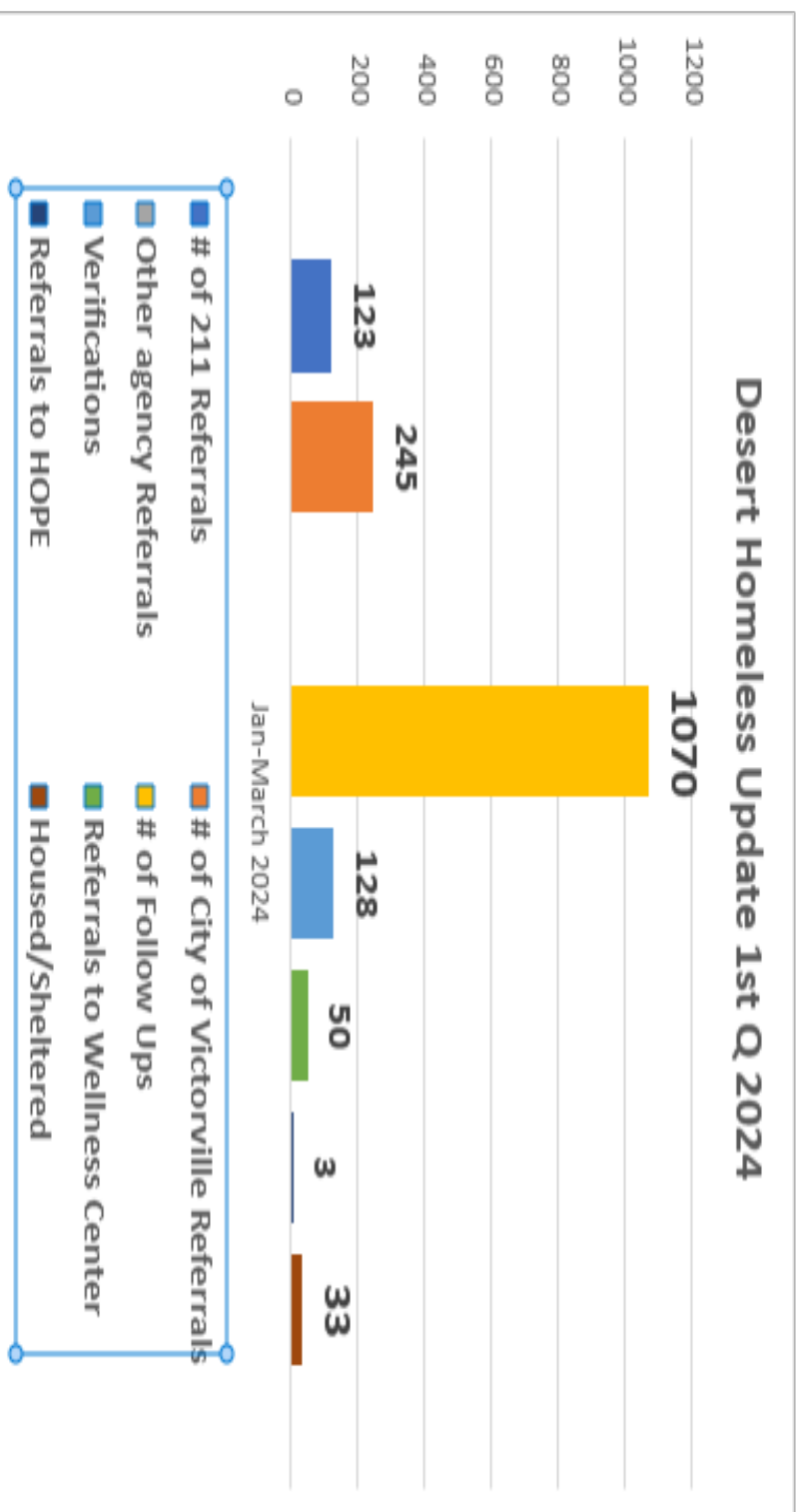


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How many homeless is the Desert CES office helping house?



First Quarter (Jan - March 2024) at a glance:

211 referrals to CES Central hub = 123 (we would like to do more!) City of VV referrals = 245

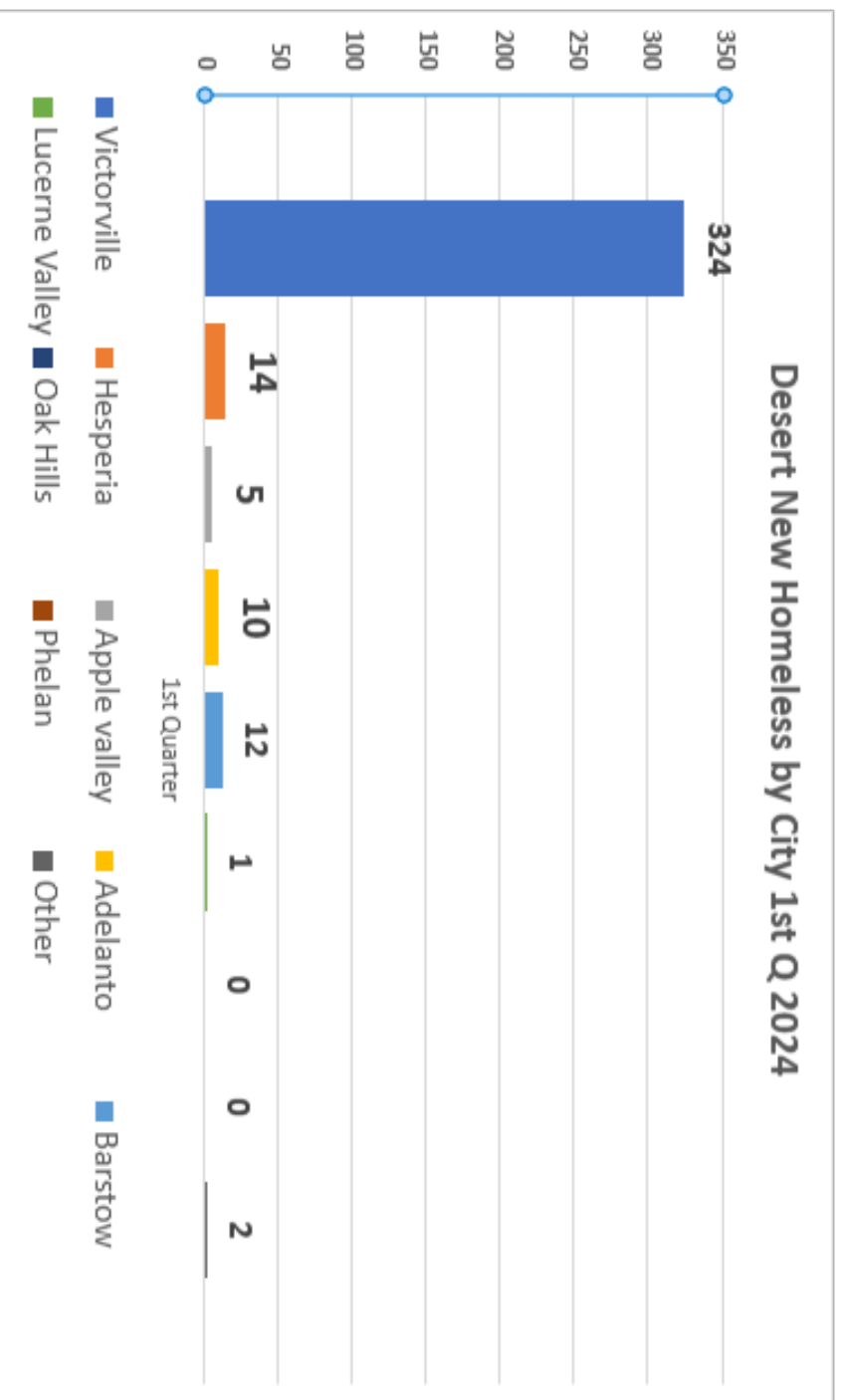
Verified as homeless = 128 Total sheltered and/or housed = 33

Desert is housing 3x as many homeless because of City of VV and Wellness Center 😊

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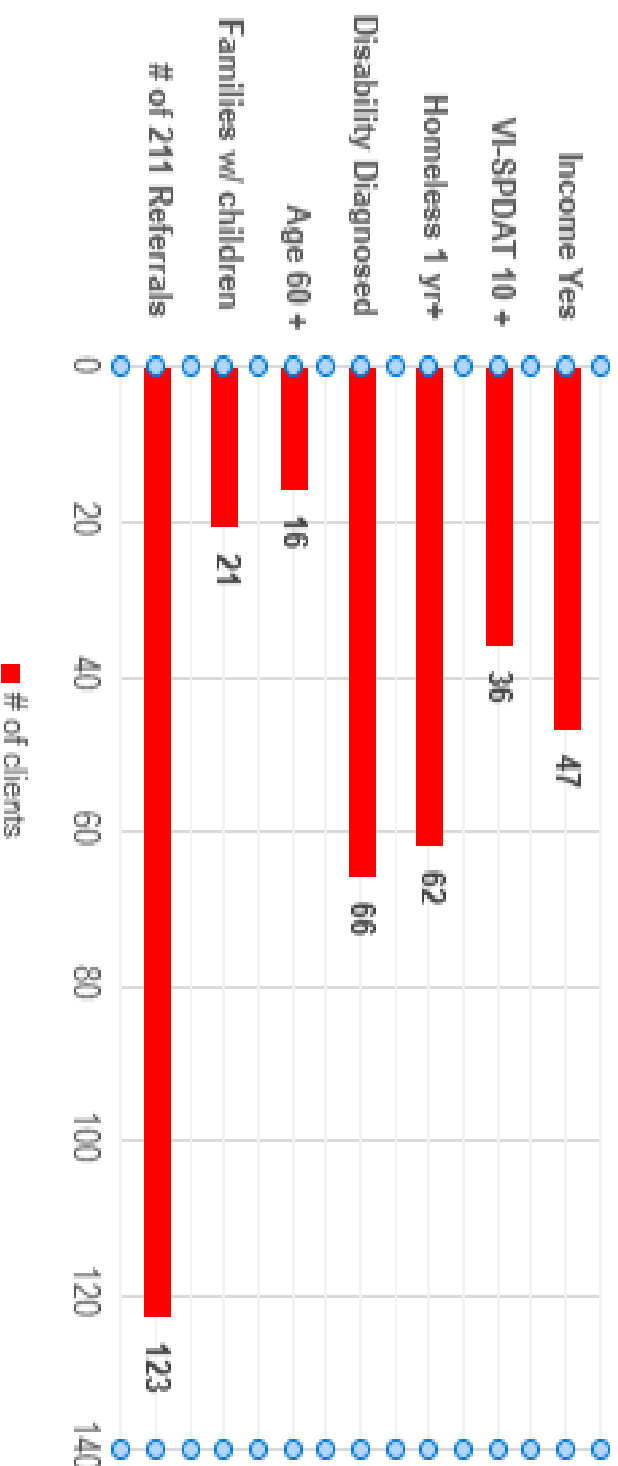
Desert New Homeless by City 1st Q 2024



New Homeless Referrals by Central City for January - March 2024

Jan 1 thru March 24											
	Families w/ children										
# of 211 Referrals	21	Age 60 +	16	Disability Diagnosed	66	Homeless 1yr+	62	VI-SPDAT 10 +	36	Income Yes	47

Desert 211 Referral Assessment for First Q 2024



55 of 66 persons report mental health as disability

1 in 3 referrals have VI-SPDAT scores +10

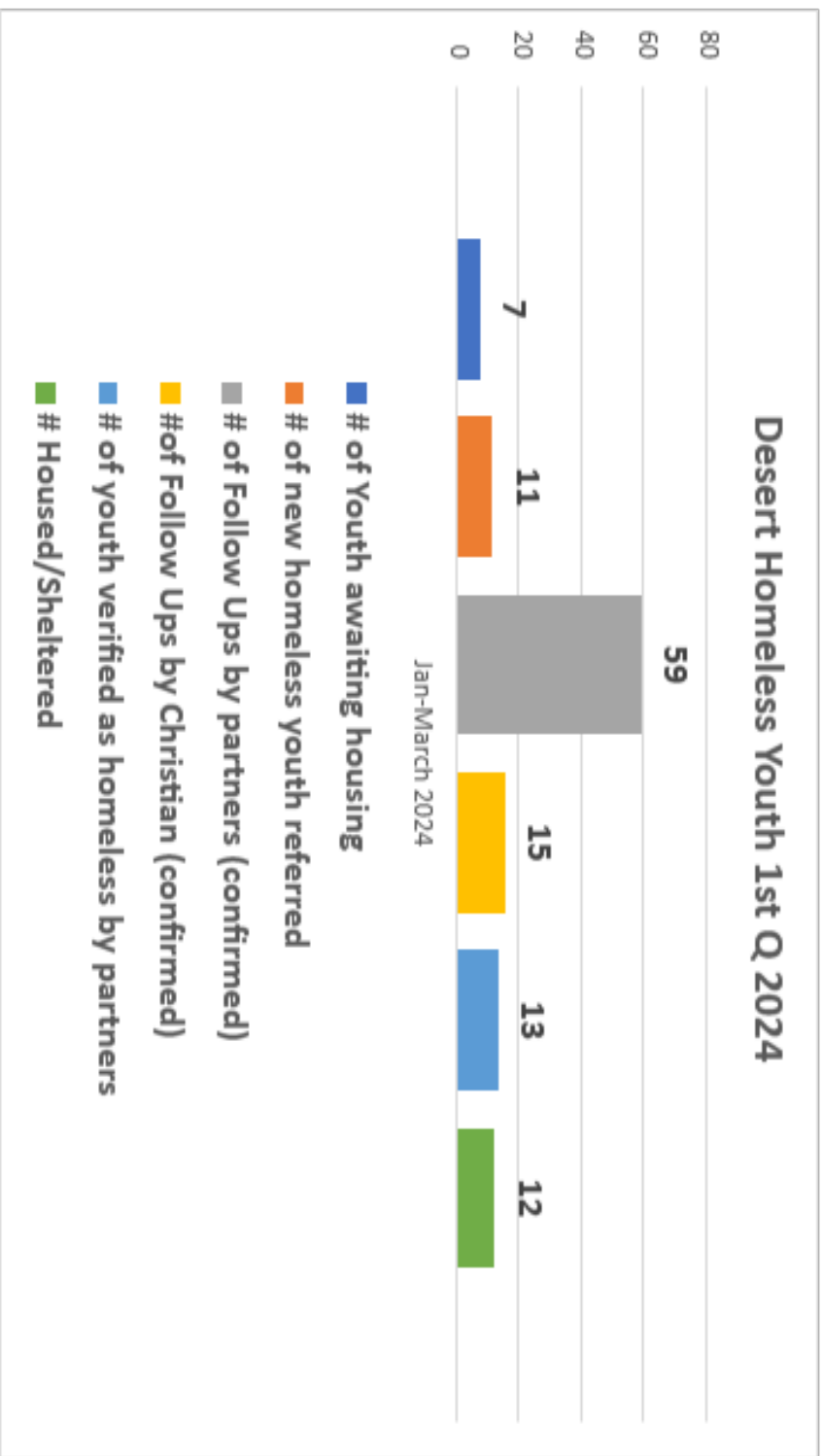
38% of referrals reporting some form of income (28 = SSI, SSDI, SS benefits)



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Homeless Youth for Desert CES



Family Assistance Program youth housing programs are reported as “full” as in “no beds”



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the
Date!



HIGH DESERT FOOD COLLABORATIVE

From Us To You

General Meeting Notice

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

11:00am – 1:30pm with Lunch Provided

The Gate HD Church

11783 Amethyst Rd.

Victorville, CA 92392

Presentations by:

- **Christina Kennedy:** President, High Desert Second Chance and Dawn Quigg, Community Relations - *The Synergy of Partnering: How does High Desert Second Chance and the High Desert Food Collaborative Partner?*
- **Dori Baeza:** SBC Department of Public Health Program Coordinator and Tab Okonkwo: SBC Department of Public Health Signs Project Coordinator- *Community Vital Signs Initiative*
- **Tia Simen REHS:** Department of Public Health, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist- *Charitable Feeding*
- **Partner Spotlight:** Marcella Buckner, CEO/President of Caring by Nature
- **To Register:** <https://form.jotform.com/240945986150161>

Below is the link,

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We so look forward to seeing you all!

On behalf of the High Desert Food Collaborative Council,

Dawn Quigg

Community Relations

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