



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership**  
**Joint Meeting of Mountain Homeless Provider Network  
 and Mountain Regional Steering Committee**

**Monday, March 13, 2023 • 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**IN PERSON & Via Zoom Teleconference**

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e) and is hybrid in-person for Board & Zoom for others

**In person site:**

St. Richard Episcopal Church Hall, 28708 CA Hwy-18, Skyforest, CA

**Teleconference info:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82040814605?pwd=M3gzMiszeFAxOkZNNmg1UnBvamFBdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 4081 4605 - Passcode: 700434

Dial in for just audio: (669) 900-6833

**AGENDA**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)	Wendell Wilson
CONSENT	PRESENTER
C. Approve Minutes, December 12, 2022, AND Feb 13, 2023 joint meetings of MOUNTAIN HPN+RSC. NOTE: <b>NO MEETING</b> in January 2023	Wendell Wilson
PRESENTATION	
D. The Mountain Homeless Coalition TEAM will discuss details of methods used to deliver services and meet government documentation requirements.	Mountain Homeless Coalition TEAM: Susan, Tyne, Becky, Peter, and Melinda
ACTION ITEMS	
E. NONE	
DISCUSSION ITEMS	
F. TBD	Wendell Wilson
G. Member Roundtable	Wendell Wilson
CLOSING	
H. Public Comment (3 mins) L. Adjournment	
Next Meeting: Mountain Regional Steering Committee will next meet on: <b>Monday, April 10 EASTER MONDAY!!</b> - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm <b>Via Zoom Teleconference (TBA)</b>	

***Mission Statement***

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

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Joint meeting of the Mountain Homeless Provider Network (HPN) and  
Mountain Regional Steering Committee (MRSC)**

Date December 12, 2022  
Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm  
Location: Zoom Meeting # 859 8329 6849

Minutes recorded and transcribed by: Sue Walker –temp. Secretary

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Wendell Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:42 p.m. by Wendell Wilson.</li> <li>▪ This meeting was conducted via teleconference pursuant California Government Code Section 54953(e).</li> <li>▪ Attendees were welcomed and roll call of members was taken</li> </ul> <p>Attendance (NO QUORUM)</p> <p>MRSC Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wendell Wilson – Mountain Homeless Coalition</li> <li>▪ Quinton Page – DOVES</li> <li>▪ NON-member present as Secretary: Sue Walker, President of Mountain Homeless Coalition</li> </ul> <p>MRSC Voting Members Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Abby Savich – Mountains Community Hospital</li> <li>▪ Tristin Alfred – DBH HOST team</li> <li>▪ Carol Kinzel – Rim Communities Resource Network</li> <li>▪ Sue O’Strander – City of Big Bear Lake</li> <li>▪ Shonda Szabo – Bear Valley Unified School District</li> <li>▪ Aaron Scullin – Rim Family Services</li> </ul>
<b>CONSENT ITEMS</b>		
Approval of the Minutes for Nov. 13, 2022		NO MOTIONS without Quorum.
<b>PRESENTATION</b>		
Mountain Homeless Coalition	Sue Walker, President MHC	History and functions of the Mountain Homeless Coalition. MHC started with the Outreach Com. of St. Richard’s Episcopal Church in Skyforest in 2015. Joined with Lk Arrowhead Presbyterian Church for the Point

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		<p>in Time Count, Jan. 2016. Organizers wanted to do more and so worked on their their non-profit status. In 2017 IRS granted them 501 C3 status.</p> <p>S.B. County agency rearranged their regional network, creating Mountain Homeless Provider Network. Don Smith (W. Valley HPN) helped 6 organizations come together for grant funding (HEAP). MHC has since received funding from Project Roomkey, Homekey, HHAP and help from Rotary, Soroptimists, American Legion, Ted Roy Charity, etc.</p> <p>MHC given a seat at the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH).</p> <p>Homekey encouraged ownership of housing. MHC received funding to purchase 6 cabins and 2 manufactured homes for the disabled. MHC is preparing to purchase additional housing from Homekey 3.</p> <p>MHC hired two full time Housing Navigators: for Rim and for Big Bear.</p> <p>MHC’s helpline receives 70 calls/month. About ½ of calls are from the valley, given the 211#. Mountain people assigned a Navigator to assist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		
NONE		NONE w/out quorum
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
Member Roundtable		NONE
<b>CLOSING</b>		
Public Comment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NONE</li> </ul>
Adjournment	Wendell Wilson	Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.
Next Meeting:		<p>The next <i>joint meeting</i> of the Mountain Homeless Provider Network (HPN) and Mountain Regional Steering Committee (MRSC) will be on:</p> <p><b>Monday, March 13 from 1:30 to 3:00pm,</b></p> <p>Via Zoom Teleconference</p>

**Members:**

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Shonda	Szabo	Bear Valley USD	shonda_szabo@bearvalleyusd.org	951-532-0830

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Date February 13, 2023  
Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm  
Location: Zoom Meeting ID # 833 1381 7444

Minutes recorded and transcribed by: Gary Bradley, Secretary

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Wendell Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Wendell Wilson.</li> <li>▪ This meeting was conducted via teleconference pursuant California Government Code Section 54953(e).</li> <li>▪ Attendees were welcomed and roll call of members was taken</li> <li>▪ Attendance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRSC Voting Members Present: Wendell Wilson-Chairman; Quinton Page–Co-Chairman–(DOVES+SBCo Interagency Council on Homelessness); Aaron M. Scullin (Rim Family Services); Sue O’Strander (Comm. Dev. City of BigBearLake);</li> <li>MRSC Voting Member Absent: Shonda Szabo (Bear Valley USD);</li> <li>(MRSC Voting members Resigned: Tristin Alred, Paul Fornier; Carol Kinzel; Natalie Schroeder)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Attendees today:: Darryl Evey (<i>speaker- SBCo Family Assistance Program</i>); Lorenzo Maya (<i>Light House Services</i>); Isabel Torres (<i>Inland County Legal Services</i>); César Sanchez (<i>KEYS</i>); Matt Friedlander (<i>HomeAid Inland Empire</i>); Jessica Alexander (<i>Operation Grace</i>); Rashid A. (<i>SBCo Housing Authority</i>); Becky Beavers (<i>Op.Dir., Mountain Homeless Coalition</i>)</li> </ul> <p>(Wendell): For visitors new to this Joint Meeting, Explanation of these two Mountain Committees: Mountain Homeless Provider Network+ Mountain Regional Steering Committee. The Regional Steering Committees were set up by the County to bring the 5 regions together—and we are the Mountain Region—to discuss priorities for how homeless funds (A-Cap-3) will be spent. We have had 10 voting members of our Steering Committee, 5 government and 5 non-profit, but have recently lost a few members. So please <b>let us know</b> if you or anyone you know would be interested in joining.</p>
<b>C</b>		
Approval: Minutes		No approvals without Quorum ( <i>delayed till end of meeting when quorum no longer present</i> )

PRESENTATION		
<p>SBCo Family Assistance Program</p>	<p>Wendell Wilson  Darryl Evey (FAP)</p>	<p>(Wendell): Introduction of <b>Darryl Evey</b> of <b>Family Assistance Program-SBCo</b>, who will discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Homeless Services offered to the <b>YOUTH</b> of the County, and...</li> <li>2. Some words about the Domestic Violence (<b>DV</b>) Coalition.</li> </ol> <p><b>Presentation:</b> (Darryl) Butterflies on our LOGO. Caterpillars are born to be butterflies, but only if they have a <b>safe place</b> and <b>proper nourishment</b> to grow into a butterfly. Same with the people (esp Youth) that we serve.</p> <p><b>SERVICES:</b> Two Youth Shelters: <b>Our House</b> and <b>My Place</b>. Opening two more next month and month after. These are just for <i>minors</i>. Then we have <b>Open Arms</b> and <b>FamSpot</b> which are <i>drop-in centers</i> for youth with transitional housing services &amp; drug/alcohol counseling, et. al. We have <b>Hope House</b> - Domestic Violence Shelter &amp; Services; <b>Open Door</b> - Human Trafficking Program &amp; Services; <b>Next Step Housing</b> - for women on Probation or Parole.</p> <p><b>AGENCY VALUES:</b>  <b>Empowerment</b> = our top priority both for clients and staff  <b>Client First</b> - adapt our services to client needs, including legal, et al. Legal and compliant is secondary and when we need to we work to get laws changed to benefit clients. If not sure something is legal to do in order to help, I tell my staff to let me know and we will work to get the law changed in order to do what’s best for the client. Several laws in California I helped create, in response to needs we encountered. I encourage others to do the same!</p> <p>Founded 1985–started as “<b>High Desert Domestic Violence Program</b>” with 24-hr. Domestic Violence (<b>DV</b>) hotline &amp; then a <b>DV</b> Shelter. Many other problems/issues stem from <b>DV</b> in people’s past which is why a <b>DV</b> Agency is working with Homeless Youth. Almost all our youth (esp., victims of human trafficking) became homeless due to <b>DV</b>. Also our ex-prison women are almost all victims of <b>DV</b>.</p> <p><b>What Domestic Violence Coaliton Does:</b> (7 <b>DV</b> shelters in SBCo.)  1. Emergency Shelters; 2. Transitional Housing; 3. Rental Assistance; 4. Pets are welcome – (example of a law WE changed). We are the gold standard of pet inclusion.; 5. Advocacy – courts, state, etc.; 6. <b>OES</b> (Office of Emergency Services) Funding – 7 grants. The OES people are cool! They really care! We have stable funding for <b>DV</b>  We receive \$2.3million/year from the <b>CoC</b> (Continuum of Care)  We can help a victim of <b>DV</b> with a year’s worth of (graduated) rent assistance.  Landlord Advocacy – If you are a victim of <b>DV</b>, you can walk away from your lease and landlord cannot file against the person. But we also help Landlords understand.  Compliments XD grants and XH grants (XD for <b>DV</b>; XH for victims of Crime)</p> <p><b>Overview of Homeless Youth in California Schools</b>  To see data from Calif. Youth Homeless Dashboard, <b>SCAN THIS:</b></p>

### Runaway/Homeless Youth



#### **What Family Assistance Program-SBCo does for our YOUTH:**

Runaway/Homeless Youth (Goal=Family reunification)

Shelters for minors; New Shelter for **CFS** (Child & Family Services); Work with Probation Dept. (setting up housing for youth); New Shelter for **TAY** (Transition Age Youth = 18-24)--*March 10!*; Transitional housing for **TAY**; **CES** (Coordinated Entry System) = assigning beds/temp-housing appropriately.

#### **Advocacy for Youth**

**OES** Funding - expansions (we got them to increase to 16 counties for youth housing)

Homeless youth set asides (funding earmarked for YOUTH); a (10% in Mountains are for YOUTH (TAY); Senate Bill – Transitional Housing (set aside for Youth); Federal YHDP (Youth Homeless Demonstration Project); Federal 20% increase

“Nothing about us without us” Advocacy **NEEDS** to involve youth themselves!

Youth Advisory Board: **Pay the Youth to serve!**; Engage youth every step of the way

#### **Advocacy is Key**

Elected Officials **DO CARE** in my experience. They **WANT** to solve problems!

Connect youth clients and elected officials. They will be **LISTENED** to! Because: Change must come from the top

Advocate with local officials. It will effect change!

END of PRESENTATION

(Wendell): **QUESTIONS?**

(Lorenzo) Ages in youth shelters? (Darryl) Shelters for 11-17, now opening for TAY (18-24); transitional housing supposed to be 18-24, but it gets a bit fuzzy. We have some 17-year-olds with parental permission.

(Wendell) Question for the mountains. How does something like Mountain Homeless Coalition connect with the schools with McKinney-Vento? (i.e., Schools required to have Homeless services). (Darryl) full gamut...**Check with Brenda Dowdy**– liaison for SBCo Superintendent of Schools. She has list of school persons who are (unfunded!) McKinney-Vento liaisons.

(Wendell) We already know who they are, but how do we reach the students to let them know we are available.

(Darryl) Go back to the McK-V. Liaisons and convince them of your value/helpfulness. The liaison is an unfunded mandate, so motivation is low to take time to help without your help.

(César) You said **DV** victims can be exempt from consequences, but with what kind of proof?

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		(Darryl) We have found that <b>DV</b> center can write a letter and that suffices. For other support you definitely want to make the connection/referral to some <b>DV</b> program.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		
NONE		NONE w/out quorum
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
Member Roundtable	Wendel Wilson	<p>Review of Upcoming Grants pending for 2023: a few items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. report re: Mountain Homeless Coalition received funding from H-Cap So let me share stats for 2022 for MHC. (See notes for Jan 9, 2023 meeting of MHC) Particular shout out for the Mormon community – grant/credit at their Thrift Store for @2K</li> <li>2. County had to admit that they were not able to use \$4 million of Emergency Solutions Grant and had to return it! They still have not resolved how to manage that repayment so the negative impact on county funded agencies is hurting operations.</li> <li>3. New grants from state HHIP giving Molina (?) &amp; IEHP incentives to provide homeless services–lacking details however.</li> <li>4. Interagency Council may be required to meet in person. I prefer ZOOM or WebEx and hybrids may be allowed. Let me know how you feel about that.</li> <li>5. Overall, our work with Homeless that this committee is working with is making some progress. I would like suggestions from you. Send a message to Gary Bradley (<a href="mailto:garyb@mtnhomeless.org">garyb@mtnhomeless.org</a>) for others who might want to attend these meetings. Anyone who wants to be a <b>member</b> of this committee, we need you – government or non-profit workers needed.</li> </ol>
<b>CLOSING</b>		
Public Comment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NONE</li> </ul>
Adjournment	Wendell W.	Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.
Next Meeting:		The next <i>joint meeting</i> of the Mountain HPN) and Mountain (RSC) will be: <b>Monday, March 13 from 1:30 to 3:00pm,-- (In-Person?) OR Via Zoom Teleconference</b>

**Voting Members:**

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Sue	O'Strander	Lutheran Social Services	<a href="mailto:sostrander@citybigbearlake.com">sostrander@citybigbearlake.com</a>	909-866-5831
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# Mountain Homeless Coalition Annual Summary 2022



76

Permanently  
Housed



2,414

Motel Nights  
Provided



9

Evictions  
Prevented



873

Requests for  
Assistance



318

Financially  
Assisted



1,880

Snacks Provided to  
At-Risk Students



92%

% of Expenses  
for Direct Services



\$469,000

Donations and  
Grants Received

## **MHC 2022 Summary:**

### **Emergency housing/hotel stays. In 2022:**

- - 193 people put in motels, with a median length of stay being 9.5 days
- - That is 2,414 hotel nights, at an average cost of \$77.5/night
- - That's \$187,000 in hotel stays, while we worked with clients on a plan for permanent housing,

or just got them out of the elements

### **Our ultimate goal is permanent housing. This year:**

- - We succeeded in getting 76 mountain individuals, in 36 households into a permanent rental.
- - The average cost to house each household was \$1,730.
- - The rental market gradually opened up a little this year and we hope to double those

numbers in 2023. Our biggest challenge is finding landlords offering rentals at a price that works for our clients, willing to give someone another chance.

**Eviction prevention.** With the lifting of eviction restrictions after COVID, we saw a gradual increase in rental assistance requests in 2022:

- - We expect this increase to continue in 2023
- - We helped 21 individuals in 9 households stay in their homes.

### **Other services provided included:**

- - airplane tickets to get homeless individuals to a family or friend who had a place for them
- - gasoline for individuals living in their cars
- - food cards and bus passes
- - tents and sleeping bags when no other option was available
- - furniture and appliances to help those who were moving into a home
- - moving assistance by board members and dedicated volunteers

### **All of this is expensive!**

- - We are spending approximately \$25,000 per month on these direct services.
- - That does not include the payroll costs for two dedicated and degreed housing navigators who are our most important weapon in this fight against homelessness in our mountains, or our operating expenses, which we keep as low as we can
- - Only 3.5% of our budget comes from individual and local business contributions. We are looking for mountain supporters to help us financially in this ongoing battle.