



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

Monday, February 12, 2024 • 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, *et al*, & Zoom for others

In person site:

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

Teleconference info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83056213419?pwd=aVVUSy92c00xSWlqaHJRODJKd0F0UT09>

Meeting ID: **830 5621 3419** + Passcode: **534180**

Dial in for just audio: (669) 444-9171

AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS		PRESENTER
A. Call to Order		Quinton Page
B. Welcome and Introductions		
C. Public Comment		
PAST MINUTES		
D. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2024		Quinton Page
ACTION ITEMS		
E. No New Action Items		Quinton Page
PRESENTATION		
F. Michael Glauser -- District Rep. for Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh Topic: Housing Issues at the Calif. State Level		Michael Glauser
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
G. Discussion in response to Mr. Glauser's presentation		Quinton Page
H. Member Roundtable & Public Comment		
CLOSING		
I.. Adjournment		Quinton Page
Next Meeting:	Mountain HPN + RSC will next meet on: 2 nd Monday, March 11, 2024 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm IN PERSON (St. Richard's) & via Zoom Teleconference [Presentation: TBA]	

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 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP MEETING FACILITY IS 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 92415. <https://sbchp.sbcounty.gov/> AGENDA AND SUPPORTI

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EMAIL: HOMELESSRFP@HSS.SBCOUNTY.GOV ."

**Minutes for San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services
Joint meeting of the Mountain Homeless Provider Network (HPN) and
Mountain Regional Steering Committee (RSC)**

These Minutes awaiting approval at Feb 12, 2024 Meeting.

Date **January 8, 2024** (*3rd Mon due to Holiday—Oct 9*)
Scheduled Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Location: In Person at St. Richard Parish Hall and via Zoom Meeting ID: **830 5621 3419** + Passcode: **534180**

Minutes recorded and transcribed by: Gary Bradley, Secretary

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Wendell Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Wendell Page ▪ This meeting was conducted IN PERSON at St. Richard’s Parish Hall in Sky Forest, and via teleconference pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e). ▪ Attendees welcomed and introduced. A quorum was present—6 of 8 members. ▪ ATTENDANCE: (11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Voting Members Present (6 of 8):</i> Quinton Page <i>Co-Chairman—(DOVES+SBCo & ICH)</i>; Annamieke Stalcup <i>(BearVly Comm. Health)</i>; Wendell Wilson <i>(Co-Chair & MHC)</i>; Stephanie Hedrick-Harwell, LMFT <i>(Mental Health Clinic Supervisor, Behavioral Health, SBCo)</i>; Joselyn Field <i>(Rim Family Services)</i>; Paul Fournier <i>(Lutheran Social Services)</i>; ▪ <i>Voting Members Absent:</i> Shonda Szabo <i>(Bear Valley USD)</i>; Sue Ostrander <i>(Comm.Dev.-City of Big Bear Lake)</i> ▪ Secretary: Gary Bradley <i>(MHC-Secretary)</i> ▪ Other Attendees today 5): Sue Walker <i>(Pres., MHC)</i>, Becky Beavers <i>(Ops. Dir, MHC)</i>; César Sánchez <i>(Keys)</i>, Cynthia Robles <i>(Rolling Start)</i>; Gail Maddox <i>(UW-211)</i>; one other not presented
APPROVAL OF MINUTES		Also: PUBLIC COMMENT
Minutes	Wendell	Public Comment invited and Minutes for December 11, 2023 approved unanimously.
ACTION ITEMS		
NONE		
PRESENTATION		
Looking back 2023 & Looking forward 2024	Wendell Wilson	<p>#1: Personal history/experience with Homelessness For 10 years in Tacoma, chair of homeless agency called Network dealing with transitional housing. In those days, if you were homeless in Washington, DPS took your children away. Our agency with others took sued the state and after 10 years won on behalf of homeless families, awarding @\$35 million for homeless services. We used some to purchase 2 Four-plexes for homeless. At the time HUD was into Transitional Housing so facilitated our project. One observation: other states are not as complicated and bureaucratic as Calif. Homeless services. Just a bit of history of homeless services from my experience.</p> <p>#2. How many homeless we have</p>

		<p>Last year, acc. to Joe Coletti and the PITC count, 181,000 homeless in California—sheltered and unsheltered. And in SB Co., 4,200 – a majority unsheltered. In LA Co. 52,000! Important that HHAP allots funds according to the PITC count. We have just under 2% of SB Co. or about 70 people. Additionally, from Big Bear schools report, we have and additional 200 sheltered (McKinney-Vento families) but not literally homeless who are couch-surfing with friends/family.</p> <p>#3. Information from Carrie Harmon & Marcus Dillard offices</p> <p>Comment on how the Mountains differ from the rest of the state, LA being the extreme example. In spite of much effort in LA, the count has gone up as much as 25%. Currently, Mayor Bass has committed the city to renting hotels and have put thousands into those lodgings. But not a lot of permanent housing. One very significant and sad development: Skid Row Housing which housed many people through purchase of older and even run-down bldgs., has run into significant management problems as well as aging, run-down facilities with vacancies/red-tagged units by city, etc., adding to more people in the encampments and on the streets. Different from the mountains where we do have a few encampments in the forests, etc., but nothing as obvious to the public as LA.</p> <p>#4. PowerPoint (Becky Beavers) to show 2023 Report for MHC</p> <p>55% increase over 2022 in calls to our HelpLine so people are beginning to realize we are here. We have clearly reduced the total number of homeless in these mountains. Able to do this with only three full-time employees = Operations Director Becky Beavers and two Navigators/Case-Workers: Susan Buckley (Rim Area) and Tyne Henry (BigBear). No Office to maintain. Navigators’ cars are our “office.” Funding from Government DOWN 21% with small increase in individual/local business funding. Major setback was the Tulip Lane cabins purchase falling through due to a technicality in our grant proposal for \$1-million+ while the \$30-million and \$40-million grants in the state were approved. Our Georgia Street Cabins are still running well with one wrinkle of a costly tenant removal. We house people at 30% of income so for some that means only \$300 - \$400 a month rent. We are Master-Leasing the same Tulip Lane Cabins that we could not purchase, so we are housing folks at the same 30% of income but for temporary housing only as folks try to work out a housing situation. Last year more people housed in hotels b/c we don’t have any shelters here in the mountains. Rental Housing – we helped 60 people/30 households maintain their rental housing through utility and monthly rent assistance/eviction prevention. A 300% increase over 2022. (\$1,100 average cost.) Permanent Housing is our main goal and we permanently housed 89 folks/50 households. – (One household per week an \$1500 average cost.) Among these folks housed are some that have been homeless for up to five years! We hope to add the modular homes that we have purchased and are waiting for us to move up from down the hill with ADA handicapped amenities. The City of Big Bear Lake is still holding up the permit process, but we hope soon to bring them up. Other general help has been given – gasoline/food/moving assistance, incl. U-Haul rentals/furniture/school supplies & snacks/tents & sleeping bags provided/warm clothing & blankets/bus tokens for down-the-hill trips for doctors, etc.</p> <p>#5. 2024 Grants via the County for Homeless services: All in the FIRST QUARTER coming up --</p> <p>Emergency Solutions Grant – several \$\$Million, of which in the past we received \$250K. Provides money for the street outreach for shelter in motels and for rapid rehousing/eviction prevention.</p> <p>Home/ARP Grant (ARP = American Rescue Plan) – aimed at new housing/supportive housing/affordable housing. Perhaps helping us reapply for funding for the six units up in Big Bear (Tulip Lane). Carrie Harmon referred to a go-to source for info.: Homeless RFP List Service (RFP – Request For Proposal).</p> <p>Training/Technical Advice – opportunities in the First Quarter 2024 from the County (esp. re: HHAP funding). ---That’s all in the First Quarter.</p>
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DISCUSSION ITEMS		
Member Roundtable Public Comment	Wendell	<p><i>Wendell:</i> Questions about the presentation...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When is the Point-In-Time-Count? -- Jan 25th. Trainings listed on County site and at the Office of Homeless Services. 2. BECKY: Here is the website with all the trainings available: https://sbchp.sbcounty.gov/events/month/2024-01/ 3. Any other question? NONE
FINAL ITEMS		
Other	Wendell	We appreciate everyone’s being with and sharing as you have. Next meeting Feb 12th
Adjournment	Wendell .	Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m. (1 Hour, 3 min.).
Next Meeting:		The next <i>joint meeting</i> of the Mountain-HPN +RSC: Monday, Feb. 12, 2024 from 1:30 to 3:00pm ,-- In-Person at St. Richard’s & <i>Via</i> Zoom Tele-conference. Presentation: TBA

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