



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

Monday, March 11, 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		Wendell Wilson
B. Welcome and Introductions		
C. Public Comment		
PAST MINUTES		
D. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2024		Wendell Wilson
ACTION ITEMS		
E. No New Action Items		Wendell Wilson
PRESENTATION		
Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson, et al., Wellness Director of the Symba Center attached to the NEW Victorville Wellness Center (along with Hope the Mission & City of Victorville)		Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
G. Discussion in response to Ms. Nettie Jackson’s presentation		Wendell Wilson
H. Member Roundtable & Public Comment		
CLOSING		
I.. Adjournment		Wendell Wilson
Next Meeting:	Mountain HPN + RSC will next meet on: 2 nd Monday, April 8, 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 Mar 11, 2024 Meeting.

Date **February 12, 2024**
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	Quinton Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Quinton 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—4 of 8 voting members present Plus two others weighing in for approval of Minutes. ▪ ATTENDANCE: (11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Voting Members Present (5 of 8):</i> Quinton Page <i>Co-Chairman</i>—(DOVES+SBCo & ICH); 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>); ▪ <i>Voting Members Absent:</i> Shonda Szabo (<i>Bear Valley USD</i>); Sue Ostrander (<i>Comm.Dev.-City of Big Bear Lake</i>); Paul Fournier* (<i>Lutheran SS</i>); <i>Excused:</i> Joselyn Field* (<i>Rim Family Services</i>); <i>*These two members* voted later to approve the minutes & received recording of this meeting.</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	Quinton	Public Comment invited and Minutes for January 8, 2024 approved unanimously.
ACTION ITEMS		
NONE		

PRESENTATION		
<p>Housing Issues at the Calif. State Level</p>	<p>Michael Glauser</p>	<p>Michael Glauser is District Rep. for Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh Contact for Mr. Glauser: Michael.Glauser@sen.ca.gov</p> <p>Budget cuts at the state. A couple of things that are considered “good news”: Senator Ochoa Bogh is very interested in responding to the needs of the Mountain Communities. Don’t hesitate to communicate with me, esp. if you have an application for State funding, so that I can pass on the concern to the Senator.</p> <p>The good news in a budget deficit that might be as high as \$68 Billion, is that the budget will maintain approx. \$2.4 Billion during 2024-25 to continue implementing Cal-Aid, which will include \$24.5 Million for 2024-25 and \$180 Million for 2025-26 to allow subsidies for rent up to 6 months for people experiencing homelessness transitioning out of institutional care. So that funding is not being cut nor postponed like so many other areas of the budget. Also, the budget will retain approx.. \$1.1 Billion for the HHAP-5 round across 2023-24 and 2024-25.</p> <p>The Governor’s budget will delay \$80 Million from the general fund for the Bringing Families Home program – delayed till 2025-26. A \$65M delay for the Home Safe program. A \$50M delay for the Housing and Disability Advocacy program.</p> <p><i>(Michael will send a printed list of all the applicable budget items to Quinton to forward to our Board and contact list.)</i></p> <p>There will be a delay of \$260M delay for HHAP bonus round funding for the remainder of 2023-24 and 2025-26. All new discretionary spending is delayed to this spring, although it states that Homeless funding remains a priority. Meaning? Confusing. In the Spring, the state will continue assistance for those agencies that have continued their commitments to HHAP-3 through -5. And lastly, the state is reverting \$100M in administrative fees down to \$50M for the set aside for administration of HHAP funds.</p> <p>For the upcoming ballot in March will be Prop.#1. It regards Mental Health bonds in place of a budget item, meaning the money will have to be paid back later. It’s not ideal, but it is funding for mental health treatment facilities. Mental health certainly pertaining to the some of the homelessness issues. At state level we see the difficulty for homeless folks to receive full-circle care. Short-time intervention does not allow for real healing and change. This is what Prop.#1 is about.</p> <p>For San Bernardino city, HOME-KEY has awarded \$35M to construct community wellness campus for homeless men – in conjunction with Lutheran Soc.Serv.</p> <p>Coming up: Senate Bill #1011 that would compassionately clear homeless encampments for better care for those living in such. “Compassionate” meaning to provide services to those removed to actually help them, not just remove them from their encampments.</p> <p>Any questions? - next section</p> <p>NOTE: See attachment A”: information supplied following the meeting by Mr. Glauser. It was sent to us to clarify all of the budget adjustments for 2024 by the state</p>

DISCUSSION ITEMS		
Member Roundtable & Public Comment	Quinton	<p>Questions about the presentation...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (Wendell): MHC is the principle agency for the mountains. We have 1.2% of the homeless, so our funding is consequently lower than others'. This round we were turned down for our Tulip Lane Cabins proposal (\$1.2M) from HomeKey. Quite expensive hit to us \$25K. We are trying to get the Victorville wellness center (Simba Center) concept duplicated up in the mountains. (Michael) keep us as a partner. (Gary): Comment - 1.2% of County homeless is a low figure because PITC is done in high winter when our folks have moved down the hill in order not to freeze. Be aware that there is no shelter in these mountains. No shelter at all. Be aware that we receive a majority of calls from down the mountain that we can't help. But in those calls every week, we get the information that NO ONE calls back and they only have a recorded message. (Wendell) We need help with the county's allowing us to set up shelter. The zoning system is not helpful to the homeless situation in SB County. In general, the county does not serve the mountain area very well. Counting the homeless issue – Our two school systems give us a count of 300 children whose family are technically homeless but not literally because they are couch-surfing with friends. Those arrangement are not permanent, of course, and the families need some help. <p>OTHER DISCUSSION/SHARING: (Quinton): The US Forest Service informs us that the warming fires lit by our homeless folks who must light fires to keep warm. So dividends of huge wild-fire prevention would be helped by helping the mountain homeless situation.</p> <p>Another thing: Our region is very slow to move the HHAP funding opportunities. We are just now working on response from HHAP-4 which was launched quite some time ago. (Gary): We have no office here for MHC. Our Navigator's car is the office which moves to the needy people.</p> <p>(Cynthia Robles): We have a new Wellness Center in Victorville, and we have a support group in the office and on line here in the office and it is growing in response. We also provide a housing list often with waiting list that may be helpful. The people need to belong to "Rolling Start" first.</p>

		(Wendell): Does the Wellness Center accept people from the mountains. (Cynthia): Call City of Victorville to get info. (Quinton): We have added an additional unit for transitional housing, bringing us to five units. We have a short-term shelter for Domestic Violence sufferers. (Wendell): One last statistic: we averaged almost one household per week – 50 households brought to permanent household. Plus another 30 households protected from eviction by rent subsidy.
FINAL ITEMS		
Other	Quinton	We appreciate everyone’s being with and sharing as you have. We hope that your office, Michael Glauser, can join us on a regular basis. Next meeting Mar. 11th
Adjournment	Quinton .	Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m. (1 Hour, 3 min.).
Next Meeting:		The next <i>joint meeting</i> —Mountain-HPN +RSC: Monday, Mar. 11, 2024 from 1:30 to 3:00pm,-- In-Person at St. Richard’s & <i>Via</i> Zoom Tele-conference. Presentation: TBA

VOTING MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Email Address	Best Phone
Quinton	Page	DOVES	qpage@doves4help.org	909-866-1546
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Joscelyn	Field	Rim Family Services	jfield@rimfamilyservices.org	909-283-0221
Paul	Fournier	Lutheran Family Services	paulfour@gmail.com	909-307-4467
Annamieke	Stalcup	Patient Care Navigator Bear Valley Community Health Services	annemieke.stalcup@bvchd.com	909-866-6501, x8316
Stephanie	Hedrick-Harwell	Mental Health Clinic Supervisor Behavior Health-Homeless & Supportive Services	Stephanie.Hedrick-Harwell@dbh.sbcounty.gov	909/387-7406
Wendell	Wilson	Mountain Homeless Coalition (chairperson)	wendellw@mtnhomeless.com	360-350-8692

NOTE: SEE Attachment “A” following...

ATTACHMENT “A”. The following was sent to us to clarify all of the budget adjustments for 2024 by the state from Mr. Glauser:

The Governor’s proposed budget:

- Maintains approximately \$2.4 billion (\$811.1 million General Fund) in 2024-25 to continue implementing CalAIM, including \$24.7 million (\$8.6 million General Fund) in 2025-26 increasing to \$179.9 million (\$69.3 million General Fund) to allow up to six months of rent or temporary housing to eligible individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness transitioning out of institutional care.
 - Delays \$80 million General Fund for the Bringing Families Home Program to 2025- 26. Details on how much has been expended from the original allocations and the reasons for this proposed detail are still pending from the Administration.
 - Delays \$65 million General Fund for the Home Safe Program to 2025-26. Details on how much has been expended from the original allocations and the reasons for this proposed detail are still pending.
 - Delays \$50 million General Fund for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program to 2025-26. Details on how much has been expended from the original allocations and the reasons for this proposed detail are still pending from the Administration.
 - Continues the transition of homelessness grant programs from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to the Department of Housing and Community Dev..
 - Proposes to revert \$50 million in general fund dollars from the Veteran Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program
- Proposes the following budget solutions for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAPP) program:
- Delays \$260M in bonus round funding from 2023-24 to 2025-26.
 - **Maintains a total of \$1.1 billion GF for HHAPP Round 5 across 2023-24 and 2024-25.**
 - Defers all new, discretionary spending discussion to this spring but states that homelessness crisis remains a top priority.

- Promises to continue to work with locals in spring on additional homelessness support so long as local continue commitments in HHAPP round 3-5.
- Reverts \$100.6 million in administrative set asides as GF savings for the administration of the HHAPP program, leaving \$51.1 million for program administration

Prop 1 was put on the ballot by the Legislature. Prop 1 authorizes \$6.86 billion in bonds to build mental health treatment facilities for mental health and substance use challenges; provides housing for homeless.

Senate Bill 1011 would compassionately clear encampments by:

1. Prohibiting encampments within 500 feet of sensitive community areas such as schools, open spaces, and transit stops. This will help protect our most vulnerable populations – children, seniors, and families.
2. Prohibiting camping on sidewalks if a homeless shelter is available. This will help protect pedestrians’ need to utilize sidewalks without unfairly inconveniencing homeless individuals.
3. Requiring a 72-hour warning before an encampment sweep. This will give homeless individuals a chance to find alternatives and services before their encampment is cleared.
4. Requiring enforcement officers to provide information about sleeping alternatives, homeless and mental health services, and/or homeless shelters in the area. This will help connect homeless individuals to desperately needed services as we compassionately clear-encampments.

Michael Glauser
District Representative -- Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh