



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

Monday, MAY 13, 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 March 11, 2024 (No April mtg)		Wendell Wilson
ACTION ITEMS		
E. No New Action Items		Wendell Wilson
PRESENTATION		
<p>Paul Fournier- Lutheran Social Services Presentation: The Work of Statewide Lutheran Social Services Expansion of Wellness Center for Single Men—San Bernardino [incl. \$35 million Grant]</p>		Paul Fournier
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
G. Discussion in response to Mr. Fournier’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, June 10, 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
May 13, 2024 Meeting.

Date **March 11, 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	Wendell Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:36 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—4 of 8 voting members present Plus two others weighing in for approval of Minutes. ▪ ATTENDANCE: (21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Voting Members Present (6 of 8):</i> Quinton Page <i>Co-Chairman– (DOVES & 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 SS);</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>(also: MHC-Secretary)</i> ▪ Other Attendees today (14): Cynthia Robles <i>(Rolling Start);</i> Sue Walker <i>(Pres., MHC),</i> César Sánchez <i>(Keys);</i> Becky Beavers <i>(Ops. Dir, MHC);</i> Cheyenne Gibbons-Doyle <i>(US Feds; Daisy Esparza (SBC Superint. Of Schools-Homeless Educ.Prog.) Stacy Diemert (SBC Superint. Of Schools-Foster Youth+Homeless Educ.);</i> Ben Juárezgui, <i>(IEHP);</i> Christopher Tippen <i>(Fam.Assistance.-High Desert),</i> Edward Amaya <i>City of Victorville;</i> Erica Watkins; Dana Sandoval, David Aguilera, and J.P.<i>(not introduced);</i>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES		Also: PUBLIC COMMENT
Minutes	Wendell	Public Comment invited and Minutes for Feb. 12, 2024 approved -Motion: Joselyn Fields; 2 nd Paul Fournier- approved unanimously.
ACTION ITEMS		
NONE		

PRESENTOR		
<p>Victorville Wellness Center (Symba Center, City of Victorville, Hope the Mission)</p>	<p>Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson (Wellness Director of Symba Cntr) WITH: Edward Amaya (City of Victorville)</p>	<p>Contact for Ms. Jackson: AJackson@SymbaCenter.org Contact for City of Victorville (William Lamas): WLamas@VictorvilleCA.gov Website for VV Wellness Center: https://www.victorvilleca.gov/services/homeless-outreach/homeless-land-page/city-initiatives/wellness-recuperative-care-center</p> <p>(Edward Amaya – City of Victorville): The VV Wellness Center was funded by a grant from HomeKey three years ago. Just opened this past December. 170 beds 140 occupied, no families yet for security upgrades. Dog kennels with now 30 pets, community garden coming; 3-meals made every day at kitchen; basketball court, Symba Center provides medical clinic, employment services, Hope the Mission is the shelter operator.</p> <p>(Nettie): Victorville Wellness Center – one of the biggest operations in SBCo. Nettie was previously the VV City Homeless Solutions Mngr. Symba Center provides medical – doctors, nurse practitioner, LVN’s, medical assistants, mental health personnel, pharmacists. No dentist yet. The healthcare is 24/7.</p> <p>We especially provide “Recuperative Care” for our people coming out of hospitals, etc. E.g. Knee replacement for an individual whose doctor would not do the surgery without stable housing which we provide. We control medications. We have case managers and navigators. We contantly prepare to be able to leave after 90 days but we evaluate if they need to stay longer if we can help. Maximum stay is 6 months.</p> <p>Looking primarily for shared housing.</p> <p>We have SUD managers (Substance Use Disorder) to help our clients.</p> <p>We have peer support services – peole with lived experience who can support others to help people know what to do.</p> <p>We allow one pet per resident and provide healthcare/screening for the animals as well. Opoitional spay/neutering and/or vaccinations provided free.</p> <p>We have Outreach Team providing services who are “out there” and/or prefer not to come into our center. We have street medicine as well.</p> <p>Any QUESTIONS?</p> <p>(Cynthia Robles); Can we get a supervised tour? Yes, through us at Symba or through Hope the Mission, or through the City personnel.</p> <p>(Becky) What is the referral process for the Wellness Center? Referrals are through 211. And only previous residents of Victorville.</p> <p>(Wendell) How is the whole program sustained with funding? We have a contract with IEHP and receive reimbursement.</p> <p>The goal is to open our medical services to the whole community of those who may not be at risk but can’t afford medical services.</p> <p>We have a community funding grant through IEHP, so we do not charge any rent for people staying here at VV Wellness. We have an IEHP official on</p>

		<p>site three days a week to help enroll people, but we allow them to choose which insurance they will use. The city funds the food service. We don't have any organized social activities. We have group where do psych/therapeutic groups and art and music groups. We are trying to collect data to see how long it takes us to move a person into permanent housing. Goodwill comes on campus and helps with job search/placement. We have about 45% seniors in residence and 80% of those seniors are disabled or at least challenged, i.e., using walkers, etc. Most rooms are handicapped accessible. Expansion plans include a Phase 2 – just across the parking lot right here. Permanent housing is the hope as well. For information about a city ballot measure to assist with our funding: https://www.victorvilleca.gov/government/measure-p-1126</p>
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
<p>Member Roundtable & Public Comment</p>	<p>Wendell</p>	<p>OTHER DISCUSSION/SHARING: <i>(Paul Fournier):</i> Lutheran Social Services received a HomeKey grant for \$35million to add 148 units with wrap-around services for men. Ground-breaking as early as this month. Tours welcome! <i>(Cynthia Robles):</i> Rolling Start in Victorville provides a range of services: Energy Assitance; Collect info & fwd to Comm.Action.Partnership; Support groups in office & online; We provide a current housing list; <i>(Daisy Esperza):</i> SBCo Homeless Educ. Prog. – we ensure that our schools, charter schools, colleges, etc. are aware of homeless issues, and the rights of our students who are homeless--McKinney-Vento guidelines. We broker various scholarships targeting our at risk for homelessness students. <i>(Stephanie Hedrick-Harwell, LMFT-- Mental Health Clinic Supervisor, Behavioral Health, SBCo; Re:</i> Our supportive services for homeless at Dept. of Behavioral Health -- We have a continuum of care for homeless; an Inroads Program going out to encampments and providing services on site; Housing Navigation program with 20 Navigators; FST care (Family Support Team) for newly housed people. <i>(Quinton Page):</i> In April, we are offering a free 40-hour Domestic Violence Advocate training. This is state mandated training for anyone that wants to be involved with a domestic violence agency. For questions: qpage@doves4help.org <i>(Wendell):</i> A few items concerning homeless issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting coming this week for faith-based agencies/institutions surrounding housing. Check with Paul Fournier: paulfour@gmail.com 2. HHAP-4 grants have been submitted. County will be asking us to review the grants if anyone would like to volunteer for that task. BTW, the HHAP grants provide the funding for the basic services for the homeless. That's how we have paid our Navigators, our hotel vouchers, etc., etc. 3. Legislation that is pending is available from Joe Colletti and most of you get those emails.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. “Rural Counties Representation” is an organization that assists us rural counties, working toward supporting the needs and concerns of the rural areas. 5. On March 20 there is a webinar by State Housing and Community Development on urban issues. 6. In the works are the Charter & Governance discussion for improvements to the Continuum of Care for us. This relates to the San Bernardino Homeless Partnership. 7. County has a Housing Development Fund – looking to fund shelters rather than focus on permanent housing.
FINAL ITEMS		
Other	Wendell	We appreciate everyone’s being with and sharing as you have. Next meeting Apr. 8 th
Adjournment	Wendell .	Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. (1 Hour, 4 min.).
Next Meeting:		<p>The next meeting—Mountain-RSC+HPN: Monday, April 8, 2024 from 1:30 to 3:00pm,-- In-Person at St. Richard’s & <i>Via</i> Zoom Tele-conference. Presentation: TBA</p>

VOTING MEMBERS

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