



Minutes for County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) Meeting

June 28, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
City of Banning Council Chambers
99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning CA 92220

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Evelyn Pham, Office Assistant III, DPSS – Homeless Programs Unit

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
Call to Order	Florence White, CoC Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m.
Introductions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-introductions were made by all in attendance. No quorum was reached for the Board of Governance members present. A roll call of the CoC voting members was conducted. No quorum was reached.
Approval of the Minutes for May 24, 2017	Florence White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabled for next meeting, August 23, 2017.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
None		
NEW BUSINESS	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
a. Panel Discussion: Women Experiencing Homelessness	Kristii MacEwen, CoC Vice Chair Panelist: Ana Garcia, Operation SafeHouse Colleen Hughes, Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center Garry Ann Brown, Alternatives to Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristii announced this year’s Homeless Point in Time (PIT) report reflected an increase in unaccompanied women. The purpose of the CoC meeting today is to focus on an educational piece to help providers and communities better understand and respond to women experiencing homelessness. Three panelists, Ana Garcia, Colleen Hughes and Garry Ann Brown all who have extensive background and experience in dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking were introduced to answer questions from discussion topics. Discussion topic: What should we do when we suspect violence? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer advice and help the client even when there are no visible signs. Discussion topic: How do we help and what can we do when it was years after the trauma? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation SafeHouse provides service to any victims even if it has been years past the initial trauma. Discussion topic: Advice on how to cope? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panelists suggests confiding in others or engaging in fun activities. Discussion topic: How to respond to a client who spontaneously confides violence to us? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panelist suggests remaining calm, patient and listen. Discussion topic: What is the “right” thing to say?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panelist all agreed there is no exact “right” thing to say. The best approach would be to ask the client “what would you like me to do”. And be there to listen. ● Discussion topic: What happens when you suspect something? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer the client your trust and contact number to reach you if needed. ● Discussion topic: What is the best response to those who say “she’ll never leave him”? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panelists suggested providing service and educating the victim and allowing them time. The victim has to willingly make the first step themselves and will come for help when they are ready. ● The Panelist answered additional questions from the audience; listed below. ● What is the difference between prostitution and sex trafficking? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sex trafficking is when an individual is forced in without a choice. Prostitution generally involves individuals who are no longer minors and they choose to continue in this path. There is no such thing as a minor engaged in prostitution due to the fact that they are underage and cannot give consent to sex. ● Are there trainings provided for organizations and businesses? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, our agencies do provide training to outside organizations and businesses upon request. We also provide educational workshops to the community and the public. ● Are there counseling for both the victim and batterer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, Operation SafeHouse provides counseling for the victim and the batterer. They are conducted separately first to avoid any tension and to provide a safe space for both to express their concerns and how they can move forward. ● The panelists thanked the CoC for having them speak and thanked all the partners for their support.
b. 2017 HUD CoC Program Consolidated Application update:	Steve Falk, Community Mission of Hope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Steve gave a brief update on the 2017 HUD CoC Application review process. ● The Board of Governance met on June 15 to vote on reallocating funds from projects. After the presentation from Housing Authority and U.S. Vets, the board members decided to postpone voting action until the next Board of Governance meeting in July. ● A second workshop will be held for the board members on July 13 to go over Independent Review Panel recommendations and to further educate the Board members. ● The original July 20 Board of Governance meeting date has been rescheduled to July 27. ● The 2017 NOFA has not been released yet
CONSENT ITEMS	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
Committee Reports:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Standards and Evaluation Committee ● CES Oversight Committee
New Members:	Kristii MacEwen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faith in Action SGP
CoC Letters of Support:		None
APRs:		None
CoC MEMBER COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
None	Kristii MacEwen	None

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
None		
ANNOUNCEMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
ADJOURNMENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
Next meeting	Kristii MacEwen	Wednesday, August 23, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. City of Banning Council Chambers 99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220
Adjournment	Kristii MacEwen	The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

CoC Membership Meeting – June 28, 2017: Attendance Report

Total in Attendance: 48

CoC At-Large: 45

Alternatives to Domestic Violence	*Chair **Vice Chair	Path of Life Ministries	Alisa Ontiveros
Alternatives to Domestic Violence	***Secretary	Path of Life Ministries	Heather Valdez
Alternatives to Domestic Violence	Florence White***	Path of Life Ministries	Kristii MacEwen**
Banning Police Department	Debra Harris	Path of Life Ministries	Leonard Jarman
Board of Supervisors – District 4	Garry Ann Brown	Recovery Innovations	Victor Beecham
Catholic Charities	Robert Fisher	Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center	Robyn Kelley
City of Moreno Valley	Greg Rodriguez	Riverside County Housing Authority	Colleen Hughes
City of Palm Desert	Jessica Meza	RUHS – Behavioral Health HHOPE Program	Tanya Torno
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Sharon Sharp	RUHS – Behavioral Health HHOPE Program	Karina Zamora
Community Catalyst of California	Frankie Riddle	RUHS – Behavioral Health HHOPE Program	Liz Loera
Community Mission of Hope	Anyse Smith	RUHS – Behavioral Health HHOPE Program	Stephanie Neria
CVAG – Coachella Valley Association of Governments	Liliana German	Step Up on Second	Robert Lozano
Economic Development Agency - ESG	Steve Falk	TEAM Community Pantry	Kimberlee Albers
Faith in Action SGP	Cheryll Dahlin	Valley Restart Shelter	Steve Falk
Foothills Aids Project (FAP)	Sterlon Sims	Veterans Community Services	Susan Larkin
H.O.P.E. In Elsinore	Rosa Y Gascoigne	Wakeland HDC	Derrick Torrence
Helping Hands Group	Irene Ramirez		Shonda Herold
Jewish Family Services of San Diego	Steve Falk	<u>DPSS Staff: 3</u>	
Jewish Family Services of San Diego	Robert Sasser	DPSS Homeless Programs	Donyielle Holley
LightHouse Social Service Centers	Becky Ruiz	DPSS Homeless Programs	Evelyn Pham
LightHouse Social Service Centers	Stephanie Ramos	DPSS Homeless Programs	Patricia McMicheaux
LightHouse Social Service Centers	Karyn Young-Lowe		
Lighthouse Social Service Centers	Mishawn Smith		
Lois Lauer Realty	Raylynn Hall		
Martha’s Village and Kitchen	Veronica Arvizu-Mendoza		
Mercy House	Todd Ridgway		
Operation SafeHouse	Linda Barrack		
Operation SafeHouse	Sara Miles		
	Ana Garcia		
	Sandra Dunn		