



**Continuum of Care for Riverside County  
James Venable Community Center  
50390 Carmen Avenue, Cabazon**

Minutes for the All County Regional Meeting  
February 26, 2014

**Attendees**

ABC Recovery Center  
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City of Hemet  
City of Menifee  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Riverside  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission  
Community Connect  
Community Pantry of Hemet  
Community Food Pantry of Murrieta  
Congressional 36<sup>th</sup> District Office  
Department of Mental Health  
Desert Arc  
DHS Community Taskforce  
Foothill Aids Project (FAP)  
Family Service Association  
Family Service Association  
Family Service Association  
Family Services of the Desert  
Foothill AIDS Project (FAP)  
Foothill AIDS Project  
FIND Food Bank  
Galilee Center  
Helping Our People.org  
Housing Authority  
Housing Authority  
Inland Empire Rescue Mission  
Immanuel House  
Jewish Family Services of the Desert  
Jewish Family Services of San Diego  
Jewish Family Services of San Diego  
Jewish Family Services of San Diego  
Lighthouse Social Service Centers

**David Leahy, Chair**

Sheila Young  
Leah Polk  
Cindy Miyamoto  
Carla Callahan  
Margarita Cornejo  
Frankie Riddle  
Carrie DeLaurie  
Mathew Gawn  
Chris Dentice  
Mercedes Rivas  
Jim Lineberger  
Mariann Schiewe  
Shelly Martin  
Maria Marquez  
Lisa Lester  
Jennifer Christensen  
Anthony Brazier  
Maria Keller  
Irais Bedolla  
Josie Coates  
Dana Johnson  
Anthony Brazier  
Litza Reilly  
Chantel Schuering  
Claudia Castorena  
Jean Barnett  
Carrie Harmon  
Rick Pettet  
Bill Riemer  
Kenneth Smith  
Julie Hirsh  
Le McClellan  
**Linda Barrack, Vice Chair**  
Stephanie Ramos  
Becky Ruiz  
Karyn Young-Lowe

Lighthouse Social Service Centers  
Martha's Village and Kitchen  
Office of Education Riverside County  
Operation Safehouse  
Path of Life  
PW Enhancement  
Riverside County BOS – 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Riverside County BOS - 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Riverside County BOS - 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Riverside County Veterans' Services  
Safe Families for Children  
Salvation Army – Riverside  
Salvation Army – Riverside  
Salvation Army- Murrieta  
Shelter from the Storm  
St. Margaret's Outreach Center  
TEAM Community Pantry  
US Vets  
US Vets  
Valley Restart Shelter  
VA Loma Linda Healthcare System  
Well in the Desert  
Whiteside Manor

James McPherson  
**Magdalena Andrusevits, Secretary**  
Stephan McPeace  
Sandra Dunn  
Leonard Jarman  
Rochelle Lewis  
Robin Reid  
Gina Gonzalez  
Debbie Rose  
Shawn LeRoy  
Ashley Butler  
James Combs  
Veronica Dominguez  
Major Butch Soriano  
Angelina Coe  
Chet Hecht  
Randy Taylor  
Erica Gomez  
Eddie Estrada  
Susan Larkin  
Synthia Allen  
Paula Joyce  
Ron Vervick

**DPSS Staff**

Jill Kowalski  
Edward Macias  
Emma Perez-Singh  
Connie Hill  
Jeff Reid  
Jennifer Faler  
Liz Calanche

HPU Manager  
Contracts  
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MRU  
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HPU

1. **Welcome** - Call to Order 10:10 AM by Frankie Riddle, BOG Co-chair
2. **Introductions:** Presentation of All County elected officers

Frankie presented newly elected All County Chair, David Leahy and Vice-chair, Linda Barrack. She turned the meeting over to David Leahy. David said the Secretary role is pending because Magdalena Andrusevits, who accepted the nomination and was elected, will let the CoC know of her final decision to accept. David let everyone do self-introductions. He reminded everyone to sign-in so that they could be counted in the minutes.

3. **Minutes Approval:** All County Meeting Dec. 18, 2013

David asked if everyone received a copy of the minutes and if there were any questions. Motion was made to accept the minutes. There was no discussion.

Motions: 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Vervick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Angelina Coe; All in favor by a show of hands: Nay-0, Abstentions-0, **Motion passed.**

#### **4. Old Business:**

##### a. All County Seats Election Results:

The officers elected for the All County Committee were announced at the beginning of the meeting. New Chair David Leahy said he will send a survey to the All County membership to get feedback on what the membership would like to see regarding the CoC structure and what they would like to have on the agenda for the All County meetings.

There was discussion about the All County membership and whether or not each agency should have one vote or be able to vote as individuals. A suggestion made was to use the All County December 18, 2013 meeting to verify All County members. Frankie Riddle explained that voting is limited to one vote per organization because an organization can have several staff in attendance and others may have only one. She explained this helps maintain balance and is based on consultation with HUD TDA consultant, Margaret McFadden.

David recommended a letter on becoming a CoC member be distributed electronically from DPSS. **Action: DPSS staff to distribute letter before next meeting.**

##### b. 2014 Homeless Veterans Point-in Time Count Update:

Jill Kowalski announced that there will be preliminary results by next week. The Board of Supervisors will be the first to see the results. She commented that the numbers did not show much disparity from the January 2013 point in time count.

David said that Old Business should be labeled “Unfinished Business” and that there will be a different order of the agenda items at the next meeting. For instance, “Reports” will be at the beginning of the agenda, etc. He told the group that for future meetings they would be receiving all meeting items by email and to not rely on having copies at the meeting. He asked everyone to sign-in and make sure that their email address is documented on the sign-in sheet.

#### **5. New Business**

##### a. Support Services for Veterans and their Families 2014-15 (SSVF):

Jill gave a brief overview of the pre-application process for this funding. HUD is requiring CoCs to endorse a maximum of two applications in the Priority 1 category. To do this in a fair manner, DPSS submitted a pre-application for agencies to request an endorsement or letter of support. Four applications have been received. This process has three levels of funding: Priority 1, 2 and 3. The Riverside County CoC has a

maximum of \$3 million allocated for Priority 1 level. All four agencies have requested an endorsement. Jill said this would be decided tomorrow at the BOG Special meeting. The four applicants are Path of Life, Lighthouse Treatment Centers (aka Lighthouse Social Service Centers), US Vets and Community Connect. Important components for scoring are: engagement and participation in the CoC, rapid re-housing allocation of 50% or higher in the project budget, participation in HMIS and Coordinated Assessment. Endorsements will be decided tomorrow and applicant organizations will be asked to leave the meeting room for the discussion and decision. The SSVF applications are due to the VA by March 14.

## **6. CoC Standing Committees Update:**

- a. HMIS: Leonard Jarmin from Path of Life reported that they were discussing the new updates to ClientTrack and are working on a new workflow at the emergency shelter which expedites the process of checking into the shelter. The new system captures more information and reports will be generated more efficiently.
- b. Housing: Darrell Moore was not present to report. The Committee requested an alternate attend the meeting when Darrell cannot be present.
- c. Employment Self-Sufficiency: The committee has not met this year since there is no chairperson.
- d. Planning Committee: This committee will meet for the first time following this meeting.

## **Annual Performance Reviews (APRs):**

Eight APRs were reviewed. David explained the process, said he is concerned that funds are being returned by some of the organizations, both small and large amounts. The APRs come out of HMIS and they measure and track data like what goals, income, occupancy, the time spent in the program and the amount awarded and spent. He commented that HUD looks negatively at money not being spent. This is a negative on a CoC and these funds can be reallocated. Jill Kowalski added that for the 2014 application, the CoC will be taking unspent money and reallocating it. She said DPSS recently met with HUD representatives by teleconference and they mentioned that returned money is a problem for our CoC.

**7. Presentation:** Up-front: ‘School on Wheels’ – Steven Alvarez  
Steven is the coordinator here in the Inland Empire. This program is in six counties. Founded in 1993 by teacher, Agnes Stevens, she noticed many families with children living in cars in the Venice Beach area. This prompted her to reach out to these families and ‘School on Wheels’ came to be. For more information, please contact:

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**8. Announcements:**

Inland Empire Rescue Mission: Bill Riemer announced they have vacancies in their program. Interested organizations can email Liz for contact information.

**Next Meeting:** April 23, 2014 at the James Venable Community Center in Cabazon

Adjournment @ 11:44 AM

Respectfully submitted by: Liz Calanche