

**Minutes for the Faith Subcommittee
Ventura Social Services Task Force
December 11, 2013
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Attendance: Judy Alexandre, Neal Andrews, Jerry Bloom, Susan Brinkmeyer, Harold Cartlidge, John Sanders Jones, Jerome Kahler, Pam Marshall, Jennifer Mokos, Brian Powers, Kathy Powell, David Pyle, Debora Schreiber, Chuck Terra

1. Opening Words and Introduction

2. Coordination of services

- a. FoodShare will have brochure on ways faith community can most effectively support Food Share available in January.
- b. Project Understanding food pantry served 1,600 people in December. 56% from 93001, 20% from 93003/93004; 9 Spanish speakers.
- c. The City Center (the old Ventura Kingdom Centre) is in transition with Project Understanding providing case management. They met with all churches that provide support and implemented new rules, including 8 pm curfew (10 pm on weekends). Passes earned based on accomplishing goals. It is a smoke free campus; no alcohol or drugs allowed -- enforced by testing. Must meet with case manager and move toward goals. They are taking in new applicants for the 10 spaces open for married couples. Board decision expected on whether non-Christian faith communities will be invited to provide support.
- d. Senior Concerns has completed design of payee program for people not in conservatorship but needing assistance with bill payment; will reach out to faith community for volunteers to help with food distribution to seniors who can't get to food banks.
- e. The UU Church of Ventura is now providing funding for those who cannot qualify for the Safe Sleep program only because of problems that can be cured with money, e.g., car registration, smog check, insurance, car repair, driver's license renewal. Average cost is \$300. The Church would like to increase numbers of cars allowed in Safe Sleep.

Next meeting: 4th Wednesday of every month -- **January 22, 2014 at 3 p.m.** at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston, Ventura. A new chair for the Faith Subcommittee will be elected.

An agenda item was requested for February meeting regarding policies related to homeless with mental health issues. What do we want to do? Basic training.