

## Ventura Social Services Task Force – Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2012

### I. Introductions and Announcements

Present at Meeting: Neal Andrews, Claudia Armann, Sue Brinkmeyer, Kent Brinkmeyer, Cathy Brudnicki, Cindy Cante, Miguel Cardenas, John Crowley, Kevin Clerici, David Deutsch, Pat Esseff, Susan Everett, Jill Forman, Tim Hawkins, Tim Hockett, Jeff Lambert, Shelli Locklear, Amy Luoma, Kate Mills, Kathy Powell, David Pyle, Amanda Pyper, Miguel Rodriguez, Debora Schreiber, Karol Schulkin, Sid Ward

### II. Subcommittee and Other Reports

#### A. Faith Community Subcommittee – Debora Schreiber

- 1) The last meeting focused on food pantries; Foodshare was in attendance.
- 2) The subcommittee is looking at possible options for helping people stretch their dollars in other ways besides just providing food.
- 3) There is an ongoing project to try to track what other faith based groups are doing to help people.

#### B. Homeless Prevention Subcommittee – Cindy Cante

- 1) The Salvation Army had the fund for September but used Rotary funds instead to help families.
- 2) Catholic Charities will have the fund for October.
- 3) There is approximately \$2,500 in the fund.
- 4) The subcommittee will be involved in Homeless Awareness Month efforts.
- 5) The next meeting will be held on 10/17/12.

Neal Andrews – On 10/10/12 there will be a bake sale at City Hall at 10:00 am; all proceeds will go to the Homeless Prevention Fund.

#### C. Housing Options Subcommittee – Susan Everett

- 1) The Homeless 2 Home project was discussed at the last meeting.
- 2) The next meeting will be held on 10/10/12 at 4:30 at the Snapdragon Lane office.
- 3) The 100,000 homes project is ongoing.

### III. Business

#### A. One Stop – Kate Mills

- 1) People coming in from the river bottom have different skills and needs compared to other clients. It is harder to get them to engage and open up. They also have trouble following through on things.
- 2) There were 100+ people at the One Stop in 3 hours last Tuesday.

Karol Schulkin – “Clear Out of the River Bottom”

- 1) There were 43 people identified as people who were camping on county property. This property covers about three acres of land.
- 2) Notices of the “Clear Out” were posted in advance.
- 3) People seemed surprised at the magnitude of the “Clear Out” effort.
- 4) The 43 people were met by staff to see if they wanted help – 21 of those people are now housed in motels.
- 5) There are lots of people with serious physical health issues.
- 6) Staff is working on a longer term housing plan beyond people staying in motels.
- 7) There is an equal mix of men and women.

Neal Andrews – Rev. McCurtis provides a program to help people with resumes, interview skills, etc.

Cindy Cattle – 100 tons of trash was removed from the river bottom site. Harbor Church has seen a large increase in people since the clear out took place. People seem dazed and confused.

Jeff Lambert – The plan is to work from the ocean in towards Main St. by the “Grid Plan”. They are trying to avoid trash ending up in the ocean.

Kevin Clerici – There are no funds available for the clear out for “Grid 2”. Grid 2 has way fewer people in it than does Grid 1.

Rob Orth – the 100,000 homes could help with housing some of the displaced clients. It is hoped that this could happen by Spring of 2013. People are disbursing to other areas of the county.

Jeff Lambert – The Downtown Inclusionary Change. The City Council proposed to put the Housing Ordinance on hold and replace it with a fee on development that would create a Rapid Rehousing fund. The challenge will be to connect development to the fee charged. The fee would require that affordable housing be maintained for 55 years (15% of the units would need to be affordable).

Karol Schulkin – Would housing be “affordable”, “very affordable”, or “extremely affordable”?

#### IV. Networking

- 1) The Unitarian Universalist Church will be holding a Homeless Person's Memorial Service on Sunday December 16, 2012 in Plaza Park at 3:00 pm rain or shine.
- 2) There is a City Council Meeting on October 15, 2012.
- 3) On November 17, 2012 at the Unitarian Church there will be a showing of the movie "Voices of the Homeless" at 7:00 pm.
- 4) On Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> the Black and White Dinner/Dance Fundraiser will be held.

#### V. Next (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) Meeting

Our next regular (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) meeting is from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Wednesday November 7, 2012 at Family to Family, 303 N. Ventura Ave. #E, Ventura, CA 93001.