

Draft Minutes for January 6, 2016 of Ventura Social Services Task Force

Present: Judy Alexandre, Neal Andrews, Jerry Breiner, Sue Brinkmeyer, Peter Brown, Kevin Clerici, David Deutsch, Elizabeth Egelko, Mary Haffner, Amanda Herrera, Tim Hockett, John Jones, Miguel Marquez, Ron Mulvihill, Melissa Ramirez, Clyde Reynolds, Karol Schulkin, Dave Schmutte, Jan Schmutte, Doug Stanton, Holly Whitmore, Pam Marshall, Laura Romano, Jill Shaffer, Andy Mack, Linda Rossi, Steven Karnazes, Rigoberto Ruiz, Monica Vergara

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Judy Alexandre
- II. All present introduced themselves and shared one thing that you would like to have come out of the Jan. 14 A Roof for All, community dialogue. Reoccurring theme was less talk, more action, commitment, clear goals, action plan & better collaboration.
- III. Motion to approve the Agenda with additions to the agenda-Committee Reports, Homeless Count & Street Fair.
- IV. Motion to approve the minutes as amended.
- V. Treasurers report \$5273.00
- VI. Old Business:
 - Laura Law-Mary Haffner provided an update on Laura's Law. She provided a brief summary of Laura's Law, which is a court ordered treatment plan to treat severe mental illness for individuals who meet strict criteria. Laura's Law Workgroup, Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) and NAMI are recommending Ventura County adopt Laura's Law. BHAB requested this not be a pilot program. Initial reports by the VC Star identified Ventura County will initiate a pilot program which will cost \$ 900,000 and serve 20-25 adults.
 - Cost of homelessness in Ventura-Doug Stanton provided an update on his cost of homelessness project by the Crisis Housing Bridge-Housing Committee. He would like to identify all of the individuals who have volunteered to collect specific information in about 13 areas of research. Full report will be made during the March meeting.

The following individuals will do research in the following areas:

- Andy Mack - costs of mental health care/ current shelter costs
- David Deutsch - costs to institutionalization/medical services (hospitals/ incarceration/ psychiatric care)

- Judy Alexandre - best and worst shelter practices
- Brian Brennan - river/camp clean up
- Doug Stanton and Jerry Breiner - site identification
- Tim Hawkins/Tara Carruth - costs of best practices and of ongoing services
- Peter Brown - material gathered under FUSE project that was begun a year or more ago, Mike at American Medical Response (AMR) Management
- Debora Schreiber will make some contacts at CSUCI to see if this could be part of student projects, unclear on the task requested
- Steve Karnazes-Current Shelter Services
- Costs to tourism/business-Kevin Clerici
- Costs of law enforcement- Jerry Breiner/Miguel Marquez/Stacie Galang
- Educational Costs/Children experiencing homelessness-Step Up Ventura
- Costs related to death of unsheltered homeless community members-

- Costs related to unemployment/loss of tax revenue- David Deutsch
- Update on the Winter Warming Shelter was provided by Steven Karnazes. As of 1/5/16- 305 individual unique users entered into HMIS, 2644 nightly stays, 5388 meals, 250 heavy duty jackets, over 1000 socks, 2 calls for police services, 3 calls fire service, no physical altercations. Successful connecting with social services. Counts for January 1st -5th 78/67/68/78/91. Users by area of residence-164 Oxnard. 43 Ventura, 32 outside Ventura County, 11 Santa Barbara, 9 Simi 8 Port Hueneme, 7 Camarillo, 5 Santa Paula, 4 Piru, 3 Ojai, 2 Thousand Oaks, 1 Newbury Park.
 - Still working to reach funding goal need 35,000 more.
 - City of Camarillo is providing transportation for its residents.
 - Clients referred to the WWS must be self ambulatory due to liability and safety issues.

- Update on A Roof For All/Partners for Change Event led by the Faith Subcommittee provided by Pam Marshall. Event will be on January 14th. Flyers were distributed. Focus is to create action and progress.
- Follow –up on request made to City of Ventura Homeless Subcommittee regarding zoning modifications and action on the 10 year recalibrated plan. Judy emailed Jeff Lambert & Peter brown to request an update regarding where the City was at with the request for zone changes. Jeff Lambert responded and said nothing has been done so far and will probably be a topic at the city workshop in March. Request was also sent to see what was happening from the City Council regarding the City’s recommendation on actions related to the 10 year plan. No response has been received.

VII. New Business:

- Update was provided regarding community business dialogue re crisis housing and very affordable housing. Judy is in contact with individuals to try to put together a discussion, still waiting on a response. Planning committee will reach out again. Tentative date for February 9th.
- Subcommittee sign ups- Judy passed around signup sheets for the various subcommittees:
 - Crisis Bridge Housing
 - Housing People Can Afford
 - Faith Subcommittee
 - Advocacy
 - Homeless Prevention Fund
- Seeking individuals to assist with VSSTF webpage, Andy Mack will call together the web group.
- Discussion regarding VSSTF allocating funds towards Winter Warming Shelter. Point was made that the VSSTF funding is currently earmarked towards other activities specified in the grant proposal by VSSTF. Motion was made for the VSSTF to send out a letter to members encouraging that individuals make donations to support the Winter Warming Shelter. Judy will draft a letter to be sent out.

VIII. Oral Reports:

- Report from the Continuum of Care provided by Clyde Reynolds, next CoC Alliance Meeting is scheduled for January 21st 10am-12pm. Clyde is also chairing the CoC Housing and Services Subcommittee- in that subcommittee there are 3 breakout groups-Income & Sustainability, Services & Housing. Next meeting will be prior to the CoC Alliance meeting.
 - Tim Hockett reported on the PIO Committee, they are working on a CoC website & messaging strategies.
 - Pam Marshall reported on Data & Evaluation Committee, they are seeking members.
- Report from the City of Ventura by Peter Brown, Homeless Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow is postponed. Homeless count on January 26th. Count will be conducted in the morning 7am-10am, which is different from previous years. Peter needs more volunteers. City is currently planning a community workshop for 1st or 2nd Saturday in March. Neil Andrews indicated that the 1st will not work for many councilmembers. TBD.
- Report from VSSTF, Inc. and the Homeless Prevention Fund by Brian Brennan, started the month with 46.00, received donations to bring the total to 2600.00. Recently celebrated reaching 1001 people assisted by the Homeless Prevention Fund.

IX. Other reports as needed:

- One Stop-Kate Mills, No Report
- Family to Family-Jan Schmutte, No Report
- HAS-Karol Schulkin, Distributed listing of all the shelters operating in the county.
- H2H-No Report
- Other- No Other Reports.

X. Agency report

- Any special event-None
- Any new news-None

XI. Meetings:

- Faith Subcommittee Jan. 27, 2016 3:00 pm Church of Christ, Bryn Mawr , 93003 in the office building
- Housing People Can Afford Jan.18, 2016 3 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church, Ralston St. 93004
- Crisis Housing Jan 19.,2016 2pm. Orchard Community church, Library 93004
- Continuum of Care Jan. 21, 2016, Ventura County Community Foundation, Mission Oaks Rd, Camarillo 10-12am.
- Other

XII. Adjourn....Next meeting is Feb.3, 2016 at the Family to Family Building, 300 N. Ventura Ave.#E, 93001

John Jones is bringing copies of the agenda and minutes for new quests and visitors