

Ventura Social Services Task Force Minutes December 7,2016

Attending: Kathy Powell, David Deutch, Debora Schreiber, John Jones, Jeffrey Lambert, Karol Schulken, Chris Russell, Robin Lerner, Steve Santiri, Pam Marshall, Peter Brown, Sandra Troxell, Denise Adams, Jan Schmutte, Miguel Marquez, Sonja Flores, Omari Pryor, Jerry Breiner, Mary Haffner, Tara Carruth, Jennifer Harkey, Ben Unseth, Eileen Mc Carthy, Kate Mills, Neal Andrews, Kevin Clerici, Judy Alexander, Erin locklear, Tony Serrano, Brian Brennan

Opening Question- Things accomplished this year to end homelessness

Zoning changes

More than 100 people reconnected w family through Downtown project

City council moving forward

35 families received rental assistance

Pathways to homelessness

Created philisophical preferences to speed up matching people with vouchers

Communicated w Behavioral Health and VASH

Broad stakeholders group=city council clarity

Workshop with City Council

City working to facilitate ending homelessness

One Stop with partners pilot home housing case management

Opening of Castillo del Sol

People making loud noise to let the city know this is important

Continue pushing partnerships

City Council open to changes

Pathways to homelessness

Return of Journey house and senior housing

School district helping students and Laura's Law

Coordinated entry system

Value of more stakeholders engaging involvement in same direction

Emerging solutions in grant funding

Lots of meeting

Assisting with minor housing

Cottage industry bike repair training

Changes to the agenda approved

Minutes approved

Treasury report \$3837.51

New Business

Showers of Blessing not going forward

Ben Unseth Talking with motels about a pilot program to rotate through showers in a motel room with a case manager in attendance

Jeff Lambert Housing Futures presentation-link sent out by Judy

Comments What can we as a task force do to encourage low or very low income housing?

Jeff Lambert-advocacy speak with city council and neighborhoods that may be hesitant.

Veteran's Homelessness

Property issued back to the city from the state on Wells and Telephone. 10 acres behind the current veterans home, needed to give back by 2020 if building wasn't completed transaction in progress now.

Sondra Troxell Salvation Army

Resources are tremendous for veterans, unique population need to understand and respect their backgrounds, need to refer to them appropriately many have PTSD and trauma. Triggers can be anywhere and everywhere, don't want to retraumatize anyone.

Denise Adams Salvation Army

Homeless vets- not everyone discharges honorably so different situations

Group resources-legal clinic child support-benefits-vash vouchers

Resources will help with 1st month and deposit, help with resume, employment monitor after housing

Turning point on Vince St for veterans and Wilshire VA facility all services one spot

Patrick Campbell saintsoup52@yahoo.com for help with GI Bill if needed

David Deutch NAMI

Hurdle to find ways to engage person to inform they have EARNED these services

Peter Brown City Homeless Subcommittee canceled until January

Meeting with Arundell neighbors for info and concerns-chance to find out what needs to be addressed

will people who don't live there receive services

Task Force formed addressing resident concerns

Warming shelter 56 people night before

\$249,000 in funding now, not enough to run it through the season

LAURA's LAW

Needs to be up and running by January 31st or will lose \$1,000,000 from Samsung

NAMI, Telecare, Behavioral Health meeting with stakeholders January 10, Vineyard Community

Church 1320 Flynn Rd Camarillo

Tara Caruth Continuum of Care

Waiting for funding expecting to hear by end of the year from HUD office. Applied for a Youth

Homeless Demo grant ESG grants open Preparing for the Homeless Count

Judy Alexander

Does the Ventura Social Service Task Force still need to exist. Judy will serve as Chair but no person interested has come forward to serve as Vice Chair and she will not serve this year alone Secretary is also open. We will wait until January 4th to decide.

Neal Andrews Having sat at this table for 18 years I think it is vital to continue this right now