

Ventura Social Services Task Force
MINUTES 08/07/2024
3:15 pm via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

VSSFT Members: Judy Alexander VSSTF Chair, Cathi Nye (VCOE) Kappy Paulson, Kyler Carlson (Housing Authority), Lee Sherman (City of Ventura), Kevin Clerici, Debora Schrieber, Javier Via Solis (), Alicia Morales-McKinney (COC), Kristian Nunez (CAUSE), Clyde ,
Melanie Shankle (City Center)

Guests: David Tovar, Gold Coast Health Program – CALAIM program

I. Call or Order and Introductions (Judy Alexandre) started at 3:15

See Attendee list at bottom of minutes

II. Approval of or changes to the agenda for 8/7/24 (Judy Alexandre)

Motion for Approval Cathi Nye /Seconded Javier / Passed

III. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 6/5/24 (Judy Alexandre)

Motion for Approval: Cathi Nye/ Seconded Debra/Passed

IV. Financial update

No changes see past minutes. Funds will be spent for refreshments & room rental for the Candidates Forum

V. Presentation by Gold Coast/Cal-Aim program for the unhoused 10-15 minutes (David Tovar)

CalAIM is a large waiver program given to MediCAL managed health care management to create an integrated health care system through enhanced case management directed to whole person supports and aligning benefits wherever a person is.

Reference PowerPoint

Addressing the social needs of members such as housing, food and other basic necessities and coordinate with all other services that enhance WHOLE PERSON CARE.

From the Chat:

Information and ECM Referral's <https://www.goldcoasthealthplan.org/for-providers/provider-resources/calaim-resources/enhanced-care-management/>

Community Supports Referral and Authorization Forms <https://www.goldcoasthealthplan.org/for-providers/provider-resources/calaim-resources/community-supports/>

Please send referrals to CalAIM@goldchp.org or call 805.320.8419

My contact information is: David Tovar, DTovar@goldchp.org Cell phone: 805-889-2586

You can select or change your Primary Care Provider (PCP) by calling GCHP at **1.888.301.1228**, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you use a TTY, call **711**.

VI. Candidate Forum (Kyler Carlson)

Shared the following information Ventura City Council Candidates Forum hosted by VSSTF & Homes for All on Thursday Sept 26th, Unitarian Universalist Church 5654 Ralston 6:30-8:30 pm

Judy – Send any questions you have send to Kyler to ensure it is part of the forum. Request was made additional funds to cover event from \$200 to \$400 Motion made by Debora/Second Kappy/Passed

Linda Braunschweiger from HTFVC will be the moderator

Cathi asks that how will the City of Ventura Work with VUSD to utilize excess property to provide housing

VII. **Tenant Protections:** (Lee Sherman subbing for Leona Rollins; City of Ventura and Kristian Nunez CAUSE- Homes for All , Kyler)

Lee Sherman – Verified that Leona is medical leave - update that tenant protections work plan to HOPES Committee on July 15th lots of public comments and robust discussion, final motion which is headed to city council on August 27th to focus on Community workshops and pause on the RFP and Judy Alexander- Homes for All & VSSFT not satisfied and there will be lots of advocacy hold on the at City Council meeting on August 27th Asks that Kyler & Kristian speak for Homes for All.

Kyler had to leave to go pay for the permits for Valentine Road construction.

Kristian Nunez – CAUSE and Homes for All comments on the Tenant Protection Plan and its advocacy. They will be asking protections for tenants in enforcing state housing laws (VSSFT is supporting the HOMES for ALL) more resources such as: they think there should be an in house attorney specializing in housing law and to deal with issues that come up, expand the current contract with Housing Rights Center, shared that SB city council approved \$250,000 right to council program to help tenants facing no-fault evictions. Also shared some of the LA issues. Lastly, a important piece is an enforcement plan to protect the tenants in the city. Recommend stronger eviction protection laws and tenant protections such as rent increase limits and increases in relocation allowances.

Judy Alexander – Letter being composed to be sent out with talking points for August 27, City Council meeting – Her issue is enforcing the existing laws and what is being done about that. Also thinks that recommendation from City Council on HOPES

Lee Sherman – Focus their advocacy, tough lift to hire an attorney, and expanding the current contract with Housing Rights Center, lots of rental properties in Ventura are exempt from 1482, not corporate landlords, should use as a talking point. Staff input vs council decisions are different. Housing Rights Center additional services for SB567 advocacy for tenants.

Judy Alexander – Final comments regarding the Housing Element for the City of Ventura and its impact on citizens. Encourages anyone that can advocate at the City Council meeting on August 27. Shared that Jacqueline was evicted and is now on the street with her 4 dogs.

Alicia Morales-McKinney

VIII. **Continuum of Care (Alicia Morales-McKinney)** <https://www.venturacoc.org/>

- a) Changes to the County Community Development Housing Team & COC staff
Housing Solutions Director is Tracy McCauley guiding housing development n VC
Interim Homeless Solutions Director, Jennifer Harkey
Interim COC director is Alicia Morales-McKinney and shared that
- b) Grants and programs – NOFO to continue existing projects and expand and these will now be funded for 2 years
- c) Committees – Alliance next meeting is October 17th
Housing & Services
Public Information

IX. Response to Supreme Court ruling on encampments - Alicia is responding on behalf of Jennifer Harkey an official press release went out July 29, the county will continue to address encampments using a multi-disciplinary approach on coordination to maintain a humane approach in response to the executive order from Governor's office to align with state policies and coordinating with community partners.

Judy Alexander – City of Ventura is working with Sheriff's dept to address encampment dissolution hoping to get ERF funds

X. Reports and updates:

Lee Sherman - College Development in progress, breaking ground 2025
Alicia Morales-McKinney Valentine Road – 8 applicants but no opening date
Ventura Springs for Veterans is opening – 68 Veterans being referred
Melanie – City Center Miracle ballon payment maid. 30 rooms 29 filled
Anna - Mercy House Homeless Prevention Grant – some roadblocks (Jan -May)
Income Qualification was the 80% of AMI not 30% however they assisted 4 families
and City of Ventura is now handling grant and 4 referrals contact Ashley Figueroa at
City of Ventura afigueroa@cityofventura.ca.gov

Arch – 23 of the 55 referred to COC

Have housed 311 people since opening

Cathi Nye VCOE reported that school is starting and districts are identifying students
that qualify under McKinney Vento supports, 8100 enrolled students in the 23-34
year, working on identifying the under 5 year olds that are experiencing homeless
ness in our county, Stuff the Bus backpack distributed about 3500 to schools

Javier Via Solis – CA homeless assistance grants down due to state budget –
outreach continue

Debra Schreiber - Feedback from the 4th of July Street Fair Booth – everyone had a
good time, lowest ever funds raised DebraSchreiber0@gmail.com

Homeless Prevention Fund – trying to identify the high-end donors in the
community, a fundraiser planned at Doug & Randy's house to invite – collaborate
with Salvation

Kristian – no updates from CAUSE - kristian@causenow.org

Clyde – Inclusionary Housing Toolkit for housing elements

Kyler Carlson – Valentine Road starts construction next week Phase 1 of 64 units of
permanent supportive housing

40 to move in from project homekey and open for more referrals

Meetings:

HOPES Committee, Monday Aug. 19, 3pm Community Room, City Hall

Faith subcommittee, Aug 16, 3pm contact John Jones (johnsandersjones@gmail.com) –

Laundry Love and Storage – no update on Portland Loos

Continuum of Care Alliance, Oct. 17, 10:30am-noon

IX. Motion to adjourn to Sept 4, 2024 3:15pm via Zoom made by Kristian/seconded by Clyde
Motion Passed

Recording of the meeting is available at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/V4P0qNMe_3rYUYIAqUkRjGk6INKHUGKLEngCpTPIzHy1OdnVLxjhglBMBGEofqTc.VKjqeeel2vsnX_Bu

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