

Ventura Social Services Task Force

Minutes 8/6/25 3:15pm via Zoom:

- I. Call to order and introductions (Alexandre) Attendees John Jones, Jenn Harkey, Kevin Clerici, Melanie Beeson, Leona Rollins, Kate Mills, Jeff Lambert, Javier Solis, Anna Varella, Suzanne Troolines (ILRC is now ACC Central Coast) Kappy Paulson & Judy Alexandre
- II. Approval of or changes to the agenda for 8/6/25 (Alexandre) Add: Vote to support Housing Bond before Tenant Protection Motion: Sanders; Second: Harkey
- III. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 7/2/25 (Alexandre) Motion: Solis; Second: Rollins
- IV. **Tenant Protections** (Leona Rollins)
 - a) Kristian thank you for the great op ed
 - b) Staff is working on reports Leone H&H on 20 August -> Planning 7 days later -. Full city Council by 9/23. All has to be done by 10/1/2025
 - a. HRC contract increases,
 - b. Landlord & tenant education,
 - c. Relocation Plan
 - d. Anti-Harassment
 - e. **Actions needed**- Support the program. Preferably in person/zoom & letters
- V. **Housing Bond** – Developed at VC Coalition for Affordable Housing & CAUSE are the lead – **State measure** for affordable housing. WE don't have to groundwork
 - a. Leona reported Bond authorizes - \$10B Bond to Build 135,000 affordable housing units, build 35,000 *new* affordable homes, help 13,000 households become Homeowners
 - b. Motion to support - Leona; Second - John: Vote - Approved
- VI. **Housing Updates:**
 - a) Valentine Rd., - 50% done - 62 units w/ 56 moved in expect to be full by end of August, 2nd phase move in w/ remaining 62 units end of Jan. Move in starts in mid Feb. Exceeded goal for chronic homeless people from Room Key & Behave Health (28 of 40 - VCBH) – 12-14 units in next phase
 - b) City got \$ from State's encampment resolution grants – 15 units for encampments, One is now housed. Plan to expand Behav health clients to 50 Reduce at risk and increase
 - c) Pastor Drive – 0.6 acres - 32 -unit property – 25 will be from encampments, plus community & Staff space. Land use entitlement by end of 2025, line up funding, Construction next year.
 - d) VCUSD - Jewett Site ag site at end of Ralston – District & Public agency priority
 - e) RFP Avenue School – This fall -
 - f) RFP Washington – this fall -
 - g) Maple Court - no one knows anything

- h) Farm Worker Housing
- i) College Courts, - in Development
- j) Ventura Unified,
- k) Vta Springs - Community of Friends – is full.
- l) Low-income housing - Housing Choice Vouchers article– may be true nationally but not Ventura; The report cites abuse of section 8 housing. Landlords voucher timing is an issue e.g. voucher holder may take weeks to approve where non voucher is immediate. Who do you think landlord prefers? City is trying to speed up the process for ~ 2-week period. New CA reg – will allow landlords to prioritize vouchers.

Continuum of Care updates and discussion (Jenn Harkey) See Report (s)

- a) Follow up to the Point In Time count recommendations moving forward
- b) HHAP 6 Regional Coordinated Homeless Action Plan – requires more stakeholder engagement, safe families, people w experience, Regionally Homeless Action Plan – Data driven from Point in Count subpopulations seniors, HMIS, looking for Gaps,
- c) Will be shifting to housing placement, housing retention, sustainability IN housing over time
- a. Info in the Slides may change – Question Age – Youth= 2 -24; focus is 18-24 Unified standards for Street outreach – Have several jurisdictions doing Outreach. Not getting equivalent documentation & Case mgt for housing plan. Connect Need better Data for street outreach. CoC is doing training early Sept.
- b. RFP for HAP-- next process in early 2026
- c. Point of Count finalized – Lot of data for Ventura, sub populations listed
- d. For more info see 8/13/22025 report <https://s47585.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Item-8-REVISED-HHAP-6-Grant-Funding-Recommendations.pdf>

VII. City of Ventura update: (Leona Rollins an- d others)

- a) Council Housing and Homeless Subcommittee items for 8/20 3pm
- b) Tenant Protection package will be on the agenda
- c) Home Amer Rescue Plan - Home ARK funding – spend on development Permanent housing
- d) Foul Weather Shelter – RFP closed, Contract in Negotiations, H&H /Oct Council/Nov
- e) Safe Sleep program (discussion) – New Beginnings / Santa Barbara
- f) Focused on Housing Element – 50% through timeline – Looking for grants to accomplish goals

- g) Safe Sleep – things got changed at H&H that hadn't been discussed. Many were disappointed with changes. Security guards needed. Limited people getting food. Please communicate to committee disappointments

VIII. **Agency updates...**please share what you are doing to address homelessness

- a. Suzanne – getting CAL AIM funds in Ventura. Getting training & will work on housing
- b. City Center - 65 residents – School Kids shopping w Cook Kids
- c. KCLU – story on United Way home program w Carrie Bristow

IX. **General Discussion on low. Attendance @ VSSTF meetings:**

- a) Last 4 months a
- b) Jenn should continue task force and bring to leadership. Maybe summer is causing low. Zoom is better
- c) Suzanne ILRC Maybe more could be invited. Let Judy know name & emails of folks. 250 currently on mail. Judy culls the list every few months ILRC now called ACC Access Central Coast
- d) John – Lets get info out to more people
- e) Javier Better question to ask for those NOT coming
- f) Kappy - Clean up Mail list & some just want the minutes. Do we need the detailed minutes. Apparently yes. Dang!
- g) Anna – Hate to see VSSTF Arch wouldn't exist w/o advocated
- h) Eight people received Agenda & Minutes from Mercy Housing & several County Homeless Services. One person generally represents the org. BUT different people focus on different
- i) Those here find value, check with groups to see what they need, who should be here or is it just a summer lull. Re-assess value in November.

X. Motion to adjourn/ Leona Second/Javier. Next meeting Sept. 3, 2025 3:15

Meetings:

COC Alliance 8/21 10:30 zoom

Faith Subcommittee 8/22/25 via zoom 4pm (johnsandersjones@gmail.com)

Housing and Homeless Council Subcommittee 3pm, community room 8/20

Ventura County Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan

The Ventura County Homelessness Action Plan is a comprehensive strategy aimed at addressing homelessness in the region. It focuses on a systems-level approach, addressing root factors contributing to homelessness. The plan includes the following key components:

- **Housing Prioritization & Funding:** A 1:4:10 ratio for investment in interim housing, permanent housing, and homelessness prevention.

- **Regional Coordination & Leadership:** Appointing Homelessness and Housing Solutions Directors and promoting joint advocacy among service providers.
- **Outreach & Service Delivery:** Establishing a "Command Center" for coordinated multi-disciplinary outreach and standardizing engagement.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Developing a real-time and interactive database to track services, outcomes, and resource allocation.
- **Representation & Inclusivity:** Prioritizing lived experience in planning and decision-making, with a Lived Experience Advisory Committee.
The plan aims to create a responsive, efficient, and humane homelessness response system, striving to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. It is tailored to specific cities, ensuring consistent and equitable service delivery across the region.