

Ventura Social Service Task Force

Minutes 7/2/25 (Wed) 3:15pm via Zoom

- I. Call to order and Introductions (Judy Alexandre)
- II. Kevin Clerici – Downtown Partners, Deborah Schreiber – Activist, John Jones-VSTF/CoChair, Faith Subcommittee, Homelessness Prevention, Javier Villa Solis–VC Homeless Services; Anna Palmer City of Ventura Housing Services; Anna Varela - Mercy House; Kristian Nunez–CAUSE Nancy Phillips-Gold Coast Veterans; Kappy Paulson-LUYV to End Homelessness; Judy Alexandre-VSSTF/Chair & Homelessness Prevention
- III. Approval of or changes to the agenda for 7/2/25; Motion with move up announcements to number V. Clerici, 2nd Solis
- IV. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 6/4/25 Motion Jones, 2nd Solis
- V. Financial update - no changes
- VI. Announcements
 - a. 805Immigration Coalition and Indivisible Ventura issued a Notice that ICE is planning to be out on July 3&\$. They recommend that vulnerable people refrain from being in large crowds & public events [Judy noted that there is a noticeable decrease in One Stop clients. Those that DOD attend are Caucasian. ICE is the reason]
 - b. Ventura Housing (formerly the Housing Authority of the City of Ventura) is opening applications for all housing until July 21 or 22
 - c. Continuum of Care Veterans Stand Down is 8/1/2025. Registration for Agencies and clients is now open
- VII. **Tenant Protections:** Kristian - next steps -4 things that moved forward – HRC expansion, property owner resources, anti-harassment enforcement displacement regs. Will be a package to Planning in end of August, H&H, then City Council.
- VIII. **Safe Sleep update:** (Andrea Palmer) Advocacy to move forward with more research. Look into Santa Barbara Safe Sleep program. Will be heard again on 8/20 at the City H&H committee VSSTF opinion: Is SS ideal for children, of course not but they are already sleeping in the RVs Mercy House was underrepresented. H&H balked at Cost increase to \$541K from original estimate – providing meals was an issue; Security costs went up 2-3 times depending on 12- or 24-hour security the scenario. There will be black & grey water dumping Here's a link to the Staff Report [See Item-4---HHS-STAFF-REPORT-Safe-Sleep-Program-Update](#) SOMETHING is better than nothing comments Deborah.
- IX. **Foul Weather Shelter** (Andrea Palmer) Went out to bid for an operator. Can't disclose who responded. Only one responded. Coming back in August 20th meeting @ 3:00 PM H&H meeting SHOW UP
- X. **Housing updates:** Valentine Road, Farm worker housing, Maple Court, school sites, PSHH College Courts. Advocacy needs: dates of development coming to Council? Future plans? Andrea reported

open house for Valentina Rd huge turnout. Ventura Housing Authority no longer; now called Ventura Housing with a new logo.

- a. Elimination of CEQA restrictions will allow infill housing to go forward
- b. New Spaces @ Valentine Rd. Kevin reported construction expected done in January
- c. Report on the housing coalition workshop on public lands. Zuleth Lucero organized. Talked about successful groups who obtained public lands. Most important take away – Invest a lot of time & Education in advance of the votes.

XI. **City of Ventura Updates:** Grants, programs, Portland Loo, other

- a. Home American Recovery Act (Andera) ~ \$1M available for development. 2 Letters of interest back Deadline is late August.
- b. Loo (Kevin)– Location mini park Santa Clara & California. Underground utilities in Sept Or Oct. Aiming for end of year installation

XII. **Agency Updates:**

- a) Mercy House (Anna Varela– no big changes @ Arch, LUYV/ Moving in provided boxes at Casa Aliento, Next move is Casa Carmen. Arch had 5-year anniversary! Link for report is internally Password protected. Cannot access
- b) Ventura County Office of Education (Cathi Nye)
- c) Move In Project (Kathy Powell) – Orchard sent 30 complete kitchen kits to Move in .
- d) CAUSE – hiring for Oxnard info is on website.
- e) VC Homelessness - Javier – nothing new
- f) Downtown Partners – City Council renewed contract for Ambassadors & outreach team. Last 10 days, influx of unhoused people & Families seeking help to reconnect with family
- g) Homeless Prevention – Always fundraising. 7 to 8 households/month Increase in # of requests. No longer have an agency vetting people. Sue, Judy & Adele Fergusson vet the clients.
- h) United Way - [Stuff The Bus – United Way](#)
- i) Rescue Mission – collecting household stuff [Giving - Ventura County Rescue Mission](#)
- j) Ventura Homeless Prevention –booth at July 4th Street Fair thanks t Downtown partners. Need help with water balloon yoyo tomorrow night.

XIII. **Faith Sub-committee** (John Jones) Laundry Love, 4th of July, & The Two Trees Avenue site dropped back to one Saturday & moved the time up earlier ~0730. Next Faith Subcommittee meeting is July 25 at 4pm via zoom Contact John jones (johnsandersjones@gmail.com)

XIV. **Other Issues** – We need to increase attendance & increase # of members

XV. **Motion to adjourn:** until Aug 6 at 3:15pm Motion: John; Second Kappy