

June 4 2025 (Wed) 3:15 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514995979>

- I. Call to order and introductions (Judy Alexandre)
  - a. Kevin Clerici – Downtown Partners, Brandi Brown & Maria Luna – Tender Life & City Center ; Deborah Schreiber – Activist; Anabell Taylor-Believe Center; John Jones-VSTF/ cochair, FS, Homelessness Prevention; Morgan Saveliff-VC CoC; Melanie Shankle-City Center; Javier Villa Solis–VC Homeless Services; Leona Rollins-City of Ventura Housing Services; Amanda Cruz–Mercy House; Kristian Nunez–CAUSE Nancy Phillips-Gold Coast Veterans; Kyler Carlson–City of Ventura Housing Authority; Kappy Paulson-LUYV to End Homelessness; Judy Alexandre-VSSTF Homelessness Prevention & Cochair
- II. Approval of or changes to the agenda for 6/4/25 Motion–Jones; Second-Rollins
- III. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 5/7/25 Motion Rollins; Second-Solis
- IV. Financial update (no change ~@2,000))
- V. **Tenant Protections** (Kristian Nunes and Leona Rollins)
  - a) Goal was to provide City staff with direction on 8 initiatives. All 8 were accepted by H&H and the Planning Commission. City Council accepted 4 & results are outlined in mailing with agenda. City Staff to make recommendations to Council no later than 10/1/2025.
  - b) Next steps? – We need to comment whenever possible & stand by for push for specific items
- VI. Report from the **City of Ventura** (Leona Rollins)
  - a) Portland Loo update – gone through all the hearings, out for bid
  - b) Safe Sleep update – Goes to **H&H June 18 @ 3PM Community Room**. Please Support
  - c) Foul Weather Shelter update - Last season upped to 40 beds at Motel 6 on Johnson Drive & Harbor; 238-39 rooms used pr event; RFP for long term operator for next season(s) closes 6/6/2205
  - d) Bimonthly Housing Advocates meeting - -
  - e) Need VSSTF speakers to comment during **6/10/2025 City Council** public period on increasing inclusionary housing proposals, increasing both rental and purchased to 15 %
- VII. Report from the **Continuum of Care** (Morgan Savliff)
  - a) HAP 6 application to the state due in August; east county stake holders meeting 6/26/2025, 3-4PM at TO Hillcrest Villas
  - b) HAP 3 realignment grants proposals due 6/19, focus is on youth only
  - c) No news on vouchers WRT HUD 44% cuts , Kyler added a lot of unknowns; there is bipartisan support, hope is that it will be saved; no additional comments from Kristian or John.
- VIII. **Agency updates:** what is the program overview, who is being served? Impact on homelessness? Other?
  - a) Turning Point Foundation (Edwin Martinez) – no representative
  - b) Downtown Ambassadors and Outreach (Kevin Clerici) – Uniformed Ambassadors – 7 days a week; 7-10:30 on weekends; 2 FT outreach staff; incl. Med services, housing, addiction treatment; Family reconnection Program – organize transport for people to return to family IF there is someone to receive them – 2024 – 75 reconnections; trying to expand partnerships citywide & countywide; newest partner is staff at Hillmont Psychiatric; 2025 – about 25 so far

- c) County Homeless Services (Javier Villa) – Help at risk or actual homelessness; Contact (805) 3851800 for screening; Help with rentals – First Month, Security deposit, rental arrears Have state grants e.g. CalWORKS, CoC HAP 5 for Prevention; Bridge Housing, Supportive Services @ Valentine Rd; provide 6 months supportive services; PSH programs – 10 Chronically homeless & Disabled or 2) older (+62) – 20 units for each category; Both attend Pathways to Home; RAIN has 10 rental units for families collaborate with the River Community for 3-6 months; Joseph Mock outreach for Ventura ; July to April help 140 households/353 people ; 607 provided services.
- d) One Stop, etc. (James Boyd) short staffed w hiring freeze need 2 replacements . Judy's impression – increase in number of people – many are seniors; now partner dies & income ½. Kappy's impression – One Stop Mail - 3000 names; 900 are mostly active active; Unless the person has signed a renewable 6-month mail policy we have to send the mail back They have to be in HMIS & Current RIO to be in the program. Sometimes can't find people who receive a housing Authority letter. Phones have wrong #, Caseworker gone... its heartbreaking. We get about 2-3 per month. March – May ~ 100 new EBT Cards came in for former clients
- e) Believe Center (Annabelle Taylor) Started Jan 2024 – Case Management, biblical counseling, life skills (e.g. anger management, boundaries, recovery healthy relationships), Mentorship & Discipleship. Non-denominational & biblically based; Weekly - Mon BP Med; Tues Vta One Stop; Wed/ One Stop; Weekend/ Street outreach, Todd Road outreach to female Day Center – Olivas Park & Victoria – distribute Clothing, hygiene shoes, 2024 - 300+ people, 200+ case mgt sessions, 40+ biblical counsel sessions, clothing 3,000+, 700 mals hygiene kits, \$6,000 Rapid rehousing; +\$1000 gas & Food; 120 Volunteers; This year - 112 new participants - Private donations & Churches - Not on HMIS have their own database. Primary supporting individuals and Congregations – Eternal Life Christiana Center, City Church CA, Orchard Community, Grace Life Community, Praise Chapel, etc Atmosphere Church are new partner To help contct Anabell [annabeltaylor@vcbelievecenter.org](mailto:annabeltaylor@vcbelievecenter.org) Office: 805-222-0422 Cell:805-636-0110
- f) Tenderlife (Brandi Brown) – Brandi House Mgr for Tender Life – Homeless pregnant women beginning pregnancy to up to a year after birth; Faith based, programs - documents, addiction, prepping to move into City Center, To enter program must have 90 days of sobriety, Tender Life now expanding to outside counties beyond Ventura if available; 8 beds – 8 moms & 9 children (3 unborn) .Stories: Graduate (1 Mom w/4 kids) – did Tender Life; did City Center but children aging out so moved to the new Tender Life/City Center house in Fillmore. Another awesome story about a mom living in river bottom going through program & reconnecting with family
- g) City Center (Melanie Shankle) – Transitional living non-profit Faith based program for families w children 12 years & younger, Parents can be single or married. Adults must work 40 hours per week, acquire transportation, work way off govnt assistance & Pay off debt. Graduates can stay another 24 months as long as they are working toward vocational or educational goals. Staff provides case mgr – budget, meetings, random drug testing, Guests have Curfews, chores, etc. Population – 24 women, 6 men, 35 children, including 2 married couples. Almost no recidivism 3 graduates right now. IT is 30 room facility.

- h) Arch Amanda 55 bed emergency Shelter, Current population is 52, Pending intakes of 3 ; Safe sleep waiting for approval; Anna – Need Welcome Home Baskets – for Casa Aliento 37 units need apartment startup baskets
- i) **Next month** would like to hear from Mercy House (The Arch), VCOE, VCBH, United Way, Move in Project and Homeless Prevention

IX. **Faith Subcommittee Report** (John Jones)

- a) 4th of July update (John Jones, Debra Schrieber) – ***We need volunteers*** On July 3 evening we meet to make the yoyo balloons. That event is a pot luck at 290 Arnett Ave. On July 4 we have a table at the downtown July 4 Street Fair. The table space (and chairs and table) are given to us free from Downtown Ventura Partners. We collect donations for Ventura Homeless Prevention and talk to as many people as possible about homelessness. The yoyos & A new bubble machine are a big draw to attract children who bring their parents with them. We also have available the Ventura County brochures on services available. If you want to help at either event ***contact Debora 805 746-3676 or John 805 628-2520.***
- b) Laundry Love: needs, locations, dates (John Jones) – April 27 people /284 loads; May – 24 people/ 236 loads (Note: some of the big washers are counted as 2 or 3 loads) Flyers



Laundry Love Flier  
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are included in the minutes

- c) Mobile dumping update (Judy) – Safe sleep will be a permanent place for RVs will include Maaruja mentioned a service for a mobile pending approval. Connect with her for the Working with the county to determine how it might look.

X. **NEXT meeting is 6/24/25 4pm via zoom Housing updates:**

- a) Ventura Housing Authority, school sites, Valentine Road, other (, Kyler Carlson) Valen-Constriction Aug 2024 , Certificate of Occupancy for 63 units by end of July – former room key clients in unrenovated building & 23 from –Remaining construction is ongoing Fully completed 134 units by January 2026., Pasture Drive is vacant land next to new construction 25-30 permanent supportive units & remaining 20-25 units will be affordable @ 60% of area median
- b) Housing Updates - Maple Court/appeal dropped, moving forward; College Community Courts/ ground broken w Peoples Self Help, Ventura Springs/full, School District proposals for 2 sites – RFP is under review by district; Washington school RFP earliest in July. District has a short timeline to get these sites developed. Housing Authority conducted Community Engagement sessions in the immediate area of site for ~72 townhomes/apartments.
- c) Housing conference, Ventura County Housing Coalition June 11 3-5pm (Zuleth Lucero)

XI. **Motion to Adjourn to 7/2/25 @ 3:15 pm via zoom (Moved/John; Second/?)**

