

Ventura Social Services Task Force Agenda Jan. 7, 3:18 via zoom

- I. Call to order and introductions (Judy Alexandre)
 - a. Announced as of 4/1/2026 John S Jones will be Chair & Judy Asst, Kappy Paulson will be secretary
 - b. Attendees: Judy Alexandre HPF & Chair VSSTF, Natalie Allen- Access Central Coast/Housing, John Jones -HP Board & VSSTF member, Laundry Love, Jeff Lambert- CEO Ventura Housing, Leona Rollins- Housing Manager Vta City, Deborah Schreiber – VHP Board, Javier Villa Solis- Health Services Ventura County, Kristian Nunez - CAUSE , Alicia Morales McKinney (For Jenn Harkey) Ventra COC, Cathy Nye- VC Office of Education, Emily Bridges Access Central Coast- housing, Claire Triplett- Access Ventura/ Indep Living Specialist , Anna Varella – Mercy House/ Comm Engagement, Kappy Paulson – LUYV
- II. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 12/3/25 (Judy Alexandre) – No changes
- III. Approval of or changes to the agenda for 1/7/26 (Judy Alexandre) – No Changes
- IV. Updates from the City of Ventura (Leona Rollins)
 - a. Entry System with the county to match homeless people to Valentine Rd Apts,
 - b. Arranging preliminary meetings (training) for the 1/28 Homeless count in Ventura 1/21/2026 @1:30
 - c. Tues Consent re ADUs, approval of CBDG reallocation of \$500k, midtown corridor regarding overlay to 3 stories
 - d. Announced 1/9/2026 will be Leona's Last day. 30 % reduction in Ventura City. She going back to LA County for a promotion and will be coming back for events from time to time, The team will be carrying forward, e.g. Cycle 7, Relaunch Homeless prevention, Care Court, etc. Recruitment posts 1/6/2026. Maruja Clensay will be acting
 - e. Kristian doesn't have much new on Tenant Protection, Leona gave the dates - Planning 1/14/2026, H & H 1/21, Full Council 2/10/2026. People to come out

- f. Safe sleep released RFP in late Nov, received 1 response, Subcommittee in Feb 18 for recommendation, to City council for March for contract approval; launch 30-45 day after released

V. Updates and information from the County (Alicia Morales- McKinney for J Harkey)

- a. HUD CoC grant – hope to hear more info by end of Jan. when HUD goes through the legal process in the US District Court. Team is taking a pivot while waiting
- b. Current funds are being sent for Rapid Rehousing and permanent supportive housing. No impact this year.
- c. Other grant HAP Round 6 – received applications. Opened NOFA, going to COC Board with the data evaluation committee results in March
- d. PIT 1/20/2026 Volunteers needed in Oxnard, Simi Valley, TO & Camarillo
- e. 1/15/training COC has date for other posted.

VI. Discussion on the direction of VSSTF (Judy Alexandre)

- a) Review and/or change mission and vision statement
 - a. Existing Statements are here [VSSTF | site map](#) and here [VSSTF | site map](#) Focus is ending homelessness
 - b. Changes – None Stated
 - c. Increase the # attending meetings, incl businesses. Now we have over 250 people on the email list. Where are they?
 - d. Administratively, need to update the website. Does current webmaster still want to do it? Is there someone who can help the current webmaster? Cathy will ask CLU, CSUCI & Pepperdine. Also Access will check with clients to see if there is a volunteer
 - e. Top 3-5 priorities for advocacy for 2026 – Long discussion on priorities.
 - f. Please see Addendum 1 & 2 for a short synopsis and the attendees votes on their top 5.

- b) Input on advocacy needs from any organization, City of Ventura, County COC
- c) How do we want and work with support Homes for All and the Ventura County Housing Coalition.
 - a. We will continue existing alliance.
- d) How do we increase participation: Asking whole mail list
 - a. Questionnaire – why don't come to zoom?? Is timing wrong? Consider Quarterly evening?
What would be helpful to you? Checklist Etc. Deborah, Judy & Kappy will work on it

VII. Housing updates:

- a. **1:16:39** Jeff Valentine Rd - Housing occupancy for all 4 components, Phase 2 move in , prioritizing encampment folks ~ 24 folks. Move in by 1/31/2026 per city goal. Pared 3 categories to 2, focusing on: chronically and literally. Not enough housing for “at risk” folks right now to. Residents had a community Tgiving potluck. Public art competition & artist works with residents. Bball court is used. By early spring 134 households living there, mostly singles. Staffing will 2 case mgrs.,1 more to hire, property mgrs. Will be hiring 1 more. Thanks to Leona & Encampment \$. New construction 33 unit Pastor drive, mostly for encampment folks, most 1 BR but a “stack” of 2BR units, construction by end of 2026 w/ occupancy in Spring of 2028. 45 encampment folks housed across 2 properties. Tours offered to anyone. Offered host an in person VSSTF meeting
- b. Leona – none from city, More coming later in the year

VIII. Faith subcommittee (John Jones)

- a) Workshop plans, flyer, date, time, program, promotion
 - a. Leona will check calendar to confirm if she is available to host, John will find a backup if she is not available project in TO

- b. Reimagine Home 2/26/2026 Thursday eve. Films to show: *No Place to Call Home* – Sr Housing in Portland. *A Place to Call Home* produced Common Good features Dignity Works housing solution, Nick Deitch, a speaker worked with them on a project in TO.
- c. Flyer coming – PDF & JPEG, BW & Color
- d. ***PLEASE Spread info wide especially people who do not know about homelessness issues.***
Out to Faith community. Cathy will send out to her list.

IX. Agency updates,

- a. VCOE – Cathy 10,000 kids homeless in schools. 3,000 coats, Leisure Village & Knotty Knitters of Ojai & Vta made scarves & hats. Smart N Final gave lots of seasonal stuff in storage now. Lot of VCOE info sent out by Judy to all on list.
- b. Javier – As usual
- c. Access - Clare * Emily
- d. Buddy Nation – Bingo Fundraiser 1/25/20 Sunday 2-4PM @ UU Church
- e. The Arch, and any others who want to share a brief update

X. Motion to adjourn to Feb. 4, 3:15 via zoom - John

Addendum 1: VSSTF 2026 Priorities Summary

Expand shelters especially for families – Waitlist for some is longer than a year. A lot depends on gender, ability to get into top bunk, disability

Expand foul weather shelter – lower trigger to $\frac{1}{4}$ " rain and raise temp to 45

Expand to a 4-month Winter Shelter – Like the former Winter Warming shelter. It was congregate shelter for ~ 100 people /night

Expand shelter for Seniors & Families

Housing for youth & families coming out of foster care and former fosters till they are ~25 years

RV parking and dump station and storage, incl Safe Sleep

Industrial laundry services for clothing used by unsheltered., environmental component of reusing cleaned clothing.

Continue with Housing Rights & Housing Element

Homeless Prevention – for low- and middle-income people with long-term support

Extremely low housing for Seniors – many are in unstable incomes

Eviction Notification BEFORE it happens.

Work at home opportunity for seniors and disabled people

Support people needing long-term low-income shelter support

Q&A – Provide answers to common questions on website, backup with data & Charts and Talking Points

Addendum 2 Vote of attendees (Not in rank order)

Name	Shelter for Families & Senior S	Expan d Foul Weather Shelter invokin g trigger S	Winter Warmi ng Shelter 12/1- 3/31	RV parkin g and Dump Station & Storag e	Industr ial Laundry Service S	Homel ess Preven tion & Evictio n service S	Housin g for Foster	Talking Points / Data/ Q & A / Storyt elling	Safe Sleep	Work from Home for Srs & people with disabilities	Senior & Disabl ed People Housin g & Service S	Evictio n resour ces - Streamline & accessi ble	Netwo rking w other Non Profits
John					x		x	x			x		
Kappy	x	x		x	x			x		x			
Cathy	x							x	x				
Anna					x		x				x	x	
Claire	x	x	x	x						x		x	
Kristian	x						x	x			x		
Javier				x			x				x		
Emily											x	x	x
Deborah	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Leona					x	x	x	x	x				
Alicia						x							
Jeff						x	x	x	x		x		
Natalie				x	x			x	x		x		
Judy		x		x		x		x			x	x	
Kristian							x	x			x	x	x