

Agenda 2/5/20

Ventura Social Services Task Force

3:15pm.; 303 N Ventura Ave, 93001 (Catholic Charities Bldg.)

- I. Call to order (Kevin Clerici)
- II. Approval of or changes to the agenda of 2/5/20 (Kevin Clerici)
- III. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 12/4/19 (Kevin Clerici)
- IV. Treasurers report (Dave or Jan Schmutte)
- V. Election of chair/co-chair/secretary (Kevin Clerici)
- VI. Moment of gratitude for the opening of the ARCH (Judy Alexandre)
- VII. Update on the ARCH and meet the site manager Sabrina Petrescu (Kevin Clerici)
 - a) Update on those enrolled at the shelter
 - b) Update on how things are going
 - c) Update on needs
 - d) Time for Q and A
 - e) Contact Sabrina at sabrinap@mercyhouse.net; to volunteer contact Anabel Garcia AnabelG@mercyhouse.net.
- VIII. Update from the City of Ventura (Meredith Hart)
 - a) Plans for a warming shelter
 - b) Other
- IX. Mental Health Advocacy Action (Mary Haffner)
 - a) Action items follow the letter sent by Mary
 - b) The 3 Action items will be sent with the agenda
 - c) Write a letter of support
 - d) Discussion
 - e) Action (Kevin Clerici)
- X. Update from Continuum of Care (Jennifer Harkey)
 - a) HAPP Grants
 - b) Point in Time count
 - c) Other
- XI. Agency updates or reports (Kevin Clerici)
- XII. Reports:
 - a) Faith Sub Committee (waiting for new chair or co-chair to be identified)
 - b) Homeless Prevention Fund (Brian Brennan or sue Brinkmeyer)
 - c) Vulnerable Populations Housing Advocacy Network (Clyde Reynolds)
 - d) Homes For All (Sonja Flores or???)
 - e) Other
- XIII. Other (Kevin Clerici)
- XIV. Adjourn. Next meeting is March 4, 2020; 3:15 pm

MEETINGS:

- COC Alliance March 19; 1-12 TBA
- Faith Sub Committee TBA
- **City of Ventura Safe and Clean, housing and Homelessness committee 4pm, City Hall Feb 3; March 9**
- Homes For All, contact Sonja Flores (sflores@hacityoffventura.org)
- Vulnerable Populations Housing Advocacy Network Clyde Reynolds (cbreynolds@roadrunner.com) Feb. 20,2020; 9:30 am

XV. Mental Health Advocacy Action (Mary Haffner)

Ideas for a motion:

I move that the VSSTF endorse the main points in Mary Haffner's letter to the BOS dated October 29, 2019, regarding the continuum of care for the seriously mentally ill, and that this body specifically request that the VC BOS take the following actions:

1. Open all beds at the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (from 30 to 42).
2. Open all 12 chairs at the Hillmont Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and ensure that medical screening can take place at the CSU.
3. Commit to generating a comprehensive plan to implement effective psychiatric emergency treatment services that alleviate hospital emergency room boarding and provide both acute and long-term bed capacity commensurate with the population of Ventura County, keeping in mind that the California Hospital Association and health experts agree that in-patient psychiatric bed capacity should be at 50 beds per 100,000 in population.

