



MEETING MINUTES

IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

August 8, 2019

8:30 – 10:00 am

Location: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,
2895 SOUTH 4TH STREET, CLASSROOM A, EL CENTRO, CA

IVCCC MISSION

TO ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF IMPERIAL VALLEY IN A COMMUNITY-BASED PROCESS THAT WORKS TO ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS IN THE REGION, ADDRESSES THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS, AND LESSENS THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS ON INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY.

- I. **Welcome, Pledge and Invocation: Sgt. Thompson (Pledge) Orlando Johnson (Invocation)**
- II. **Introductions:**
- III. **Approval of the agenda: Lupe Ponce (Motion) Gabriel Aguirre (2nd)**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2019: Jessica Solorio (Motion) Ana Garcia (2nd)**
- V. **Public Comments: None**
- VI. **Presentation(s):** California Leadership Academy for the Public's Health (CalAPH) team – Coordinated Entry System (CES) Rosyo and Isaen.
There are 5 on the team (Andrea, Belen, Les, Rosyo and Isaen). There is a need to work on Leadership skills and work as teams to focus on different issues; works better as a collaborative effort. Moving to enhance CES, develop framework of politics; not a simple project. There are different resources.

(Video presentation – “Meet Joe” - Who is he? Homeless man in Brawley who goes to Agency “A” in El Centro and was told there were no funds. Was told that Agency “B” in Calexico had funds but was told to come back tomorrow. Spent the night in great pain and also lost the contact phone numbers to the agencies. Statistics show 1413 homeless in the Valley, 33% are women, 4.3% veterans, 20.7% are families with children, 4.9% are unaccompanied youth, 34.7% are chronic homeless.

CES needs to have equal access and clients should be quickly identified. Referrals; need access points throughout geographical area, should be well advertised. All should use same process, have lower barrier policy, not delay services due to income, illness, etc., should be a person-centered approach and a universal intake system by all access points. Need to assess conditions, levels of need, vulnerability in order to prioritize decisions on rank. Once active should be based on specific criteria and should be applied consistently through policy and training. All projects and services can voluntarily use CES process. Clients should not be removed from the list because they denied service (example: person lives in Calexico and is offered a place in Brawley), client-centered approach.

CES can eliminate duplicate efforts. There should be no “wrong door” access. Working on policies; will post on website. Request feedback. Changes continue as new elements unfold. Need to add follow-up. Policies will require release of information. Client will decide what and who to release their information. There may be health-related issues.

HMIS will show information and progress.
Information not integrated. Each county/State has its own. Hoping to have policies ready in 2 months and begin implementing in 6 months.

VII. Reports/Discussion/Action Items

A. CoC Standing Committee Reports

1. CoC Evaluation and Resources –Susan Chasang - Lost 2 people. Fundraising takes work. If you leave an agency, you can still be part of the council.
2. Veterans Services – No Report
3. Youth Services – Luis Torres - Looking for younger members (24 and under) that are homeless, near poverty, etc. There are 100 beds for those in extreme poverty. Giveaway on September 14 at 4pm. Contact Heather White; need volunteers.
4. Point in Time – Ana Garcia - Anna announced that the committee is meeting after the IVCCC and that they are still actively recruiting fully committee members. She emphasized the importance of the PIT Count, as it helps bring in more funds for our community.
5. Victim Services- No Report
6. Coordinated Entry System
 - a. Diversity and Inclusion – No Report
 - b. Education, Training and Employment – Kathy Grijalva - Met in June. Trying to gather resources for education. There's a mix of services. Need list of addresses, phone numbers, etc.
 - c. Mainstream Resources - Orlando Johnson - No updates have been made, but will send Rosyo the original directory/ resource list.
 - d. Outreach and Recruitment – No Report

B. Executive Board Report: Les Smith, Executive Board Chair – No Report

C. IVCCC Administrative Entity Report: DSS Assistant Director Paula Llanas

1. Grant Updates –

- A. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (**HEAP**) – Award letters sent out in July. Will contact those w/modifications and reach out to all for the status of the budget. July 17, 2019 received agreement; will finalize. Reviewed minutes; found discrepancies on awards to Social Service and Catholic Charities. There will be a meeting with Executive Board to see how to alleviate. RFPs had no detailed budgets; will be requesting.
- B. California Emergency Solutions Housing (**CESH**) 2018 & 2019 – CEHS 2018 Paula Llanas announced that they finally received the standard agreement from the State on July 17th. Slight hiccup, reviewed October 2018's minutes and found a few discrepancies in the allocations between then and now. Roughly, \$100,000 in difference of allocations announced. Next week, the IVCCC Executive Board meets to see how they can fix discrepancies. CESH 2019 Paula announced they submitted CESH 2019 application. There was only a \$20 increase in full allocation funds, still it requires Executive Board and County Council to review and approve. Paula announced that they will have 2 representatives from the State on September 5th at the IVCCC Executive Board meeting to provide a presentation from 1pm to 3pm. Representatives will provide helpful information about funding applications.
- C. HUD FY 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFA – COC application due September 30. Expect to have forum next Tuesday at Council meeting. DV grant \$61,175 and \$111,514 available.

2. HMIS Update – No Update

VIII. Roundtable - None

IX. Meeting Adjourn at 9:49 a.m.