



## **MEETING MINUTES**

IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

**June 13, 2019**

**8:30 am – 10:00 am**

LOCATION: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
2895 SOUTH 4<sup>TH</sup> 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/Invocation: Lee Quarcelino (Pledge), Orlando Johnson (Invocation)
- II. Introductions: (See attached sign in sheet of attendees)
- III. Approval of Agenda: Les Smith moved to approve the agenda and second by Alexis Villa. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2019: Lupe Ponce moved to approve the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and second by Terry Nava. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Public Comments: No Report.
- VI. Presentations: No Report.
- VII. Reports/Discussion/Action Items:
  - A. CoC Standing Committee Reports – Mickey Castro:

Mickey sent out information for the committees to complete, identify Chair/Co-Chair, goals and objectives, and meeting calendar. Says that the annual calendar still needs to be developed. Stated that it is not an obligation to meet every month; that every three months is fine, what works best for the committees to work together towards goals. Says that information from committees is still needed, and wants to know of any updates. The information has not been received back.
  1. Point in Time report provided by Isaen Equihua -  
Announced that the next meeting for the Point in Time committee will take place right after the IVCCC meeting. Extended an invitation to anyone who would like to join the meeting.
  2. Evaluation report provided by Mary Gwartney –  
Says that the committee is still in formation stage and they will be meeting right after the IVCCC meeting.
  3. Youth Services report provided by Alexis Villa –  
Explained that no recent meetings have taken place due to a lot of events and work that is being done. Says that there is a prime focus on homeless youth. The group has been meeting with the youth, and gathering input from them on what they need. Was surprised to hear that there has been a request for more sensitivity/empathy trainings. The group is trying to help, but it is on a case-by-case basis and funding is needed in order to move forward with the services.
  4. Veteran's Committee report provided by Lee Quarcelino, Vietnam Veteran-  
Extends an invitation for everyone to come meet and see how homeless individuals live in order

to gather insight. Says that it starts this Friday in North County, but the full-on event will take place on Saturday in San Diego. This event provides services to homeless individuals such as clothing, haircuts, showers, etc. Expressed the essential need to help homeless women with children. Says that It takes a lot of work, effort, time, and money to provide these events. Concluded with the announcement of the next Veteran's meeting on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Desert Trails offices at 5:30p.m.

Tracy Rasco from American Legion wanted to introduce himself, and is a first time attendee to the meeting. Is pleased to see that a lot of people are meeting to collaborate and help individuals. Says there is an advantage to attending the homelessness events in San Diego, because it allows people to be impacted by the homeless population. Expressed how the homelessness events provides opportunities to learn from the people who have been organizing, and participating in the annual events for many years. Says that attending the events will help gather information on how to start annual homeless events here in the Valley.

5. Mainstream and Resources: No Report.
6. Outreach and Recruitment: No Report.
7. Education, Training and Employment report provided by Kathy Grijalva- Announced that they will be meeting to discuss plans and goals right after the IVCCC meeting.
8. Diversity and Inclusion: No Report.
9. Domestic Violence report provided by Veronica Navar, Woman Haven – Still working with the group to develop plans/goals towards victims services.
  - B. Executive Board report provided by Les Smith, Executive Board Chair – Would like that everyone please keep in mind the essential and crucial factor of the Point in Time committee. The Point in Time committee needs more supporters/volunteers to help gather data. The importance of reporting the numbers is what helps projects move forward.

Still finalizing the development of the coordinated entry system group. Continues to grow, and is great to hear that everyone supports it.
  - C. IVCCC administrative entity report provided by Rosyo Ramirez-
    1. HEAP Update: Received 13 applications and still evaluating its process, and progress. Projects have not been finalized and hopes that selection is completed within 2 weeks. The last executive board meeting did a review of the HEAP applications, and the Board has requested to go back, and review all applications that did not score due to common technical errors, and disqualification for not following certain instructions.
    2. 2018 CESH Update: Still waiting on the contract from the State.  
2019 CESH Update: Will move forward and submit the grant application due June 29<sup>th</sup>. It is not required to have selected the projects at this time. The IVCCC

Executive Board is looking at opening funding to eligible 2018 CESH proposals that were underfunded or unfunded with state approval, however, there will still not be enough funding for all the projects. More information and details to come.

3. ESG grant: Two applicants submitted applications for recommendation of competitive funding: Woman Haven, and Catholic Charities. Womanhaven submitted an application for non-competitive funding as well. All were certified for state submission.
4. HMIS Update: The County is working with San Diego Homeless Regional Taskforce to conduct HMIS user training. Due to some of the County internet systems still having some issues the previous scheduled training was canceled. The training will be re-scheduled for June 25 or 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration Information will be sent out for active and new HMIS users who are/will be using the system. Two sessions will be made available.
5. IVCCC Governance Charter: Still need to work on the updates and incorporate policies within the charter. Some of these include IVCCC Board Selection process and conflict of interest policies and procedures for example. The current charter recommendations posted and shared with members include mainly grammar and agency updates, and recommendations such as that the IVCCC will follow the Brown Act, meeting agendas follow the 72 hour posting, and IVCCC Board Membership to remain at 11 members, and consider changing the annual meeting that takes place in May to be moved to January each year in the final version of the charter.

**Motion** was made by Les Smith *to approve the Governance Charter with revision recommended and with an understanding it will come back with further policy recommendations to be incorporated in the charter.* Orlando Johnson seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

**Motion made** by Orlando Johnson *to ratify the roster of Executive Board Members as presented,* and was Second by Lupe Ponce. Vote taken- all approved and motion carried.  
**Corrections of Motion** by Orlando Johnson to approve corrections of roster *Board Members* and remove Angela Delgado from the list. Anna Garcia seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

**Motion made** by Alexis Villa *for Les Smith to continue as a member Liaison Board Representative.* Karina Hiraoka seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

**Motion made** by Gabriel Aguirre *to approve & receive annual meeting calendar and move the annual meeting to January.* Anna Garcia seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

**Recommendations:** for *Evaluation/Resources* committee as one group. *Domestic Violence* to be changed to “Victims Services”; more inclusive than just Domestic Violence Victims. Not removing priority groups. The members also agreed to incorporate outreach; mainstream resources; education, training and employment; diversity and inclusion as subcommittees of the Coordinated Entry System Committee to avoid

duplication of time and services efforts from everyone involved.

VIII. Roundtable:

- a.** Terry Gonzalez: Stated that she helped coordinate homeless events on behalf of Behavioral Health and has been very successful in providing services. She stated that Niland called them and wanted to do something at the Slabs. Would like to hear back from anyone who would like to coordinate an event and set a date for it. If interested, please contact her for more information.
- b.** – Stacy Caro (United Way): Says that she would love to help, but still currently waiting on funds to start working on goals/plans.
- c.** – Karina Hiraoka: Wants to know if anyone knows of an apartment complex that accepts pets, primarily in Brawley area; with low rent for an elderly couple.

IX. Meeting Adjourn – Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

IVCCC **Voting Members** who attended June 13, 2019 IVCCC General meeting:

Aguirre	Gabriel	IVROP HSP
Villa	Alexis	IVC EOPS
Garcia	Anna	City of El Centro
Gonzalez	Terri	IC Behavior Health Services
Hiraoka	Karina	Veteran Community Services
Johnson	Orlando	2-1-1 Imperial
Nava	Teri	Housing Authority of the city of Calexico
Navarro	Sonia	Womanhaven
Peacher	Diana	Molina Healthcare
Ponce	Guadalupe	Campesinos Unidos
Quarcelino	Lee	VFW/AL/VEC (Individual)
Smith	Les	Desert Trails RV Park & Golf Resort/El Centro Chamber of Commerce (Manager) Individual
Solorio	Jessica	Spread the Love Charity
Strieppling	Angie	Veteran Community Services
Tewalt	Dan	Imperial County Office of Education
Vargas	Gina	Womanhaven
Wuytens	Ken	United Way of Imperial County