



## IVCCC Meeting Minutes

**JANUARY 10, 2019**

### **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.**

LOCATION: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – KARI HILL TRAINING CENTER  
2995 SOUTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 106 EL CENTRO, C

- I. Welcome/Pledge/Invocation: Les Smith (opening prayer)
- II. Introductions:
- III. Minutes: Les Smith Approved/Esperanza Colio seconded
- IV. Public Comments:
  - a. Ana Garcia: Brought up that a correction should be made on the minutes. For the Homeless count, polo shirts can be worn but without any logos.
  - b. Sydney Arouza: Owner of Super 8 motel regarding transitional housing and temporary housing. Short-term stays of 5 days to 2 weeks or maximum one month until permanent housing is available. No charge for those who are truly homeless.  
Gabriel Aguirre (IVROP): State funded housing through CalWORKs (family has to be connected to CalWORKS; be participants).  
Esperanza Colio: Can provide up to 3 months (w/o tax)  
Sydney Arouza: Tax exempt status for any non-profit organization. Private sector needs to get involved.
- V. Old Business:
  - a. Tony Phillips: CESH completed in October. Application was approved. Funds will be deposited soon. Does not know when ESG will be approved. HUD affected by the Federal Shutdown. Working on draft RFP for HEAP.
- VI. Committee Reports:
  - a. Tony Phillips: Regarding “housekeeping”. Charter adopted by the Executive Board needs to be done annually. Mickey Castro: Agency can only have 3 voting members. San Diego does not consider the County government as voting members.
    1. Point-In-Time – Isaen Equihua
      - a. Training today @10:30am – 36 captains trained, 36 volunteers along with DA Investigators; 89 in total. Every County requires a count every year. Was looking for donations by tomorrow (January 11). Must be 18 yrs. or older to do the count.
      - b. Ana Garcia: there’s a need for dog food, toiletries, trash bags for belongings.
      - c. Les Smith: wanted to publicly thank and say that Tony Rouhotas approved County employees to take time off and county vehicles will be provided.
      - d. Tony Phillips: 2 years ago count increased due to more volunteers.

2. Youth Advisory – Luis Torres

Gave thanks for the support for fundraising for scholarships – saw HUD webinar on youth component – follow-up w/SDSU for homeless students – stats on reports for 2017 count (11% were youth/41,000 in L.A.) – 9500 are parent/homeless youth – 9% in colleges – 75% experienced trauma Collaborating w/IVC - March 22<sup>nd</sup> planning conference for traumatized clients. January 30<sup>th</sup> next Youth Advisory meeting – Peer employment.

\*\*Tony Phillips: Ages 18-24 yrs. homeless youth (target age), former foster care, Victims of abuse, runaways, etc. are a high priority. These are reluctant to cohabitate w/other age groups due to experiencing some type of abuse. LGBT reluctant to divulge gender.

Tony Phillips: suggested 1-day seminar on Trauma for the IVCCC. Need fiscal agent to pursue grants for COC.

3. Update on Veterans - Carlton Bradley

Not as many veterans coming in – less migrating to the Valley – seeing barriers to employment – depend on partnering agencies. Barriers for recently released (incarcerated).

Isaac - Upcoming events: Will have a Veteran's outreach booth at the Fair Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Round table to show latest trends (vet. Claims, benefits, etc.) at Imperial Veteran's Memorial Hall next to Johnny's in Imperial – time TBA

VII. Actions Steps: