



MEETING Minutes
IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
March 12, 2020
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: Terri Gonzalez (pledge) Katherine Grijalva (Invocation)**
- II. **Introductions: (Name & Agency)**
- III. **Discussion/Approval of the agenda for Thursday, March 12, 2020: Katherine Grijalva (Motion) Linda Shaner (2nd).**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2019: Susan Chasang identified corrections to be made on minutes for February 13, 2020. Ray Roben (Motion) Katherine Grijalva (2nd) approved amended minutes.**
- V. **Public Comments:**
 - Kitty Gay shared about the Salvation Army. She reached out to them to encourage them to join the IVCCC. Kitty shared that we need showers. Salvation Army has showers, although they are not able to open them because they don't have staff. Kitty shared with everyone that they need volunteers.
 - Kathy asked the IVCCC if someone could share information about the hoarding training that Anna Garcia had scheduled. Terri, Clara, and a gentleman from public administrators shared information.
 - Ray Roben emphasized on how we cannot depend on HHAP, HEAP, and CESH entirely because they are one time block grants, and they are not guaranteed to exist in the following year. He also shared that we need to partner with the housing authority because they have project base vouchers. He shared that housing authority is supposed to be attending the IVCCC. He emphasized that we need project base vouchers, because those will impact in helping homeless. Mickey Castro shared about the paperwork that is involved with Cal Works. It is a short term job opportunity that is open to anyone. Sarah Enz shared that their goal with HEAP and CESH funds, will be to provide wrap around services to lead them into housing and keep them sustainable. Ray and Mickey emphasized that we should invite the new CEO of the Imperial Valley Housing Authority, Kirk Mann, to the IVCCC meetings. Susan Chasang offered to reach out to him on behalf of her subcommittee.

Public Comment is limited to items NOT listed on agenda. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the council on any subject matter within the council's jurisdiction. Any action taken as a result of public comment shall be limited to direction to staff. Individuals will be given three (3) minutes to address the council; Groups or topics will be given a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes. Public comments will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. If additional time is required for public comments, they will be heard at the end of the meeting.

VI. **Presentation(s): None**

VII. **Reports/Discussion/Action Items:**

A. CoC Standing Committee Reports:

1. CoC Evaluation and Resources – Susan Chasang reported that they're still forming. Their first official meeting was in March because they had an official agenda. She mentioned that the committee composed of five (5) total individuals. They do not have a set time and date for their meetings, although they foresee meeting at least quarterly, and not monthly. Ray Roben chimed in that it is a bit difficult for the committee to be evaluating because the funds have not yet been disbursed. He is

focusing on reaching out to and working with behavioral health services because he thinks we are lacking behavioral health services in our community. Susan asked everyone to share of any funding sources that are available to our community.

2. Veterans Services – Francisco Garcia did not have a specific update, although he shared his recent work with Karina Hiraoka, by referring homeless veterans to her. Terri Gonzalez asked him about the recent event in Slab City. He reported that it went great. Behavioral health services was present. Flu shots were provided out there, as well as other services such as clothing. They enrolled individuals into specific programs.
 - Ray Roben shared that he understands the board in pushing for housing for the recent state funds, although he also believes that we need behavioral health services and other wrap around services, because housing alone will not solve homelessness. He elaborate about helping the higher acute patients, who need more help/ services.
 3. Youth Services – No report.
 4. Point In Time – No report.
 5. Victim Services – No report.
 6. Coordinated Entry System:
 - a. Diversity and Inclusion – Not Active.
 - b. Education, Training and Employment – Katherine Grijalva shared that its only her and Gabriel in the committee. Katherine shared about the resource list they recently created and have continued to update. Isaen Equihua shared that it's available in the IVCCC website.
 - c. Mainstream Resources – No report.
 - d. Outreach and Recruitment – Mickey Castro shared that Terri Gonzalez has volunteered to take lead for this committee. Mickey elaborated the purpose of this committee. To bring in more members and share to other agencies about what the IVCCC is about.
- B. Executive Board Report: Les Smith, Executive Board Chair
1. Isaen Equihua provided updates for the IVCCC Executive Board. A discussion and decision was made on reallocating ICWED's recommended HEAP funds of \$392,100 for their Mobile Home Acquisition project, to CRP. He carried on to provide an update on status of all existing and upcoming funding sources. He also shared every single project that was awarded for HEAP and CESH and the amount of funds recommended. He shared that the CRP was executed and approved by the BOS for \$2.6 million.
- C. IVCCC Administrative Entity Report: Administrative Analyst Isaen Equihua
1. Grant Updates –
 - A. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (**HEAP**) – Isaen Equihua informed everyone that DSS continues to work on all HEAP projects, by communicating back and forth with awarded agencies, as well as internally with County Counsel.
 - B. California Emergency Solutions Housing (**CESSH**) 2018 & 2019 – Isaen Equihua informed everyone that they are still working on all 2018 CESH projects, by communicating back and forth with awarded agencies, as well as internally with County Counsel. They have not yet released an RFP for 2019 CESH. They will finish the 2018 CESH first, before addressing 2019 CESH.
 - C. HUD FY 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFA – Isaen Equihua reported that they have not heard any update from HUD yet.
 - D. HHAP – Isaen Equihua announced that DSS successfully submitted their HHAP application to the State.
 2. Homeless Plan – Isaen Equihua announced that the two (2) Homeless forums in February that Rosyo Ramirez and him hosted, were a great success. They have provided the TAC team with the feedback that was collected through the forums, and have continued to work together routinely. He also shared that the homeless plan is near finished.

VIII. Roundtable - Agency announcement/reports/services, etc.

- Mickey Castro shared about the webinar held by the State, which talked about the Coronavirus epidemic and it was open to all community members. She provided some data and important information that the State shared for us to watch out for. She shared that the State encourages the County to have a plan for addressing the coronavirus.
- Maribel Padilla shared that they feed every day and they have taken precaution for the coronavirus by wearing gloves. She shared about the work they have been doing. They are looking for a truck.
- Kitty Gay shared a flyer with information on the flu and Coronavirus, that the Public Health Department recently created. Mickey said she will share through email.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2020 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.