



IVCCC Meeting Minutes

May 9, 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
2895 SOUTH 4TH STREET, CLASSROOM A, EL CENTRO, CA.

- I. Welcome/Pledge/Invocation: Lee Quarcelino (Pledge), Les Smith (Invocation)
- II. Introductions:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Les Smith – Approved, Orlando Johnson – Seconded.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2019: Rosie Blankenship – Approved, Les Smith – Seconded.
- V. Public Comments:
 1. Jesse and Cassandra Franco – Catholic Charities –
Wanted to extend an invitation to their organization, and asked everyone to please take handouts, brochures, and contact information.
- VI. Presentations: Rosa Diaz, CEO Founder of Imperial Valley LGBT Resource Center –
 - A. Rosa Diaz wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to talk about this non-profit organization. She introduced herself for the first time, shared her personal story, and journey to become an advocate, and started a group for individuals who identify as part of the LGBT community. Stated that there is a crucial need for an LGBT center within the community. Would like to gather more information, and be able to provide/guide the public with educational information. Stated that she would like to have the opportunity to offer different supportive services to LGBT individuals. Says that it is extremely difficult to feel safe/comfortable in many places. Rosa Diaz brought “Safe Place” stickers representing the LGBT colors to let people know that they can open up about their gender preferences in certain departments.
 - B. Rafael Perez – Retired Veteran –
Introduced himself to everyone and says that veterans uniting more, and have been working together with LGBT for over a year for resources and facility. Wanted to extend an invitation/inform about the “Youth Cadet Academy” which is a military based training combined with real-life stressors. The camp is offered during the summer from June to July (4 a.m-5 p.m.) with a capacity of 25 students. If interested contact information through flier/handout.
- VII. Reports/Discussion/Action Items:
 - A. CoC Standing Committee Reports – Mickey Castro:
Mickey announced that two committees have been added. The county website was compromised, and many e-mails/documents are not accessible. Therefore, it has been difficult to send information out to some committees. Wants to know if the committees have met with each other. If they have completed the 3 forms regarding meeting schedules of dates/times, and development of goals/plans and Chair/Co-Chair.

1. Point in Time – Isaen Equihua –

Isaen Equihua and Rosyo Ramirez presented the committee and attendees with handouts showing the total number count. Says they submitted the charts/reports to HUD, and the data explains that there was a 5% drop of sheltered, and unsheltered individuals, 8% less than last year, which is 108 individuals. Explained that there were 17% more individuals due to two additional shelters that carry a 35 people capacity, and that explains why the number count went up. Says that more people are being housed. The next handout (2 pages, in color) explained the demographics, and specific details about individuals and their household count. HUD is asking for data, and number of people per household. Says that there are four projects in plan. Working on the plan to provide forms for Point in Time count. Wanted to publically thank Ms. Colio, Mr. Rouhotas, and Ms. Khulen for allowing Isaen to continue to work on Point in Time count, since he has moved on to Behavioral Health.

Rosyo Ramirez: Explained that the handout in color is the actual total, and it is in color to tell the difference between the other handouts in order to avoid any confusion. That data was required in order to report to HUD. Will be meeting with S.D.S.U. to help analyze the data, and have a full breakdown of the qualitative data. This way there is a better understanding of this year's number count. Stated that it may take a while, but hopes to have the information available soon. Says that the nursing program has been a part of the process, and it has been an on-going community effort. Working with locals to help with this data, and probability of being done during the Summer.

Mentioned that HUD would like to receive more interview surveys, but mindful that the safety of volunteers comes first. The increase on the number of surveys helps gather more data; there were 41 more than last year. Stated that just because there is a higher amount of surveys, it does not mean that the number count goes up. HUD interviews are an essential factor on collecting accurate data. Says that more trainings/reminders are useful to help improve the number count.

Stated that the inner cities tend to have smaller groups as opposed to Slab City, which has a larger group of homeless individuals. Sheltered count is going up, and unsheltered number is going down as the funding becomes more available.

Les Smith: Commented on how Point in Time committee is the most critical, and crucial to our community.

2. Youth Services: No Report.

3. Veteran's Committee: Lee Quarcelino; Vietnam Veteran-

Stated that he sent out invitations to the Veteran's committee for the months of April and May. Meetings will be held at the Desert Trails Resort Offices at 5:30p.m; located at 225 Wake Ave. El Centro, 92243.

Would like everyone to please attend, so they can get things going. Next meeting will be on May 14th, 2019.

4. Mainstream and Resources: Orlando Johnson –

The committee met on April 18th, and they had 6 attendees during the meeting. Says that there are approximately 800 resources that have to update new information/data. Stated that meetings for the committee will follow after the IVCCC meetings, and will last about 30 minutes. To please contact with any questions, or request information to his personal e-mail: 71ssdna@gmail.com

Rosyo Ramirez: Wanted to present a new motion, the "Coordinated Entry System" committee. Says that this will facilitate existing committees to work together, and help develop new projects.

Motion created, "*Coordinated Entry System*" : Les Smith – Approved, Mary Gwartney – Seconded

5. Outreach and Recruitment: No Report.
6. Education, Training and Employment: Kathy Grijalva-
Announced that she is the official Chair of the committee. Wanted to express the difficulty of reaching out to members due to the compromised system. Susan Chasang is also involved with the committee. Says that she has been reviewing and keeping up-to-date with the IVCCC minutes, and agenda. Stated that she has been taking notes. Would like to know who has the information regarding the services that targets homeless individuals who want to continue education/employment opportunities. To contact her if they have any information on which agency is involved.
7. Diversity and Inclusion: Rosa Diaz –
Rosa Diaz is Chair of the committee, but still trying to recruit more members. Please contact if interested or for more information. Says she would like to build a strong, proactive committee. Also informed everyone about the Veteran’s Support group, meetings are every Tuesdays at 6:00; contact for further information.
8. Domestic Violence: Veronica Navar, Woman Haven –
Met with the committee group, but still trying to get things started. Will meet soon to discuss future meeting schedules and develop goals.

B. Executive Board Reports: Les Smith, Executive Board Chair –

Says that there is not much information to report, but there is an upcoming meeting to set up the Rating/Ranking committee. More volunteers are needed.

C. IVCCC Administrative Entity Report: Rosyo Ramirez-

1. HEAP Update: Announced that HEAP is out, and there has been an extension to apply, due on May 16th at 2:00p.m. at the Purchasing Department. Stated that the date for HEAP recommendations has moved to May 30th and is no longer June 5th.
2. CESH Update: There has been a delay, but will update soon with any news/information.
3. ESG grant Update: Says that on May 20th will be the discussion on the ESG program, and its recommendations. Applications are due this Friday, May 10, 2019. Board recommendations will be on May 30th.
4. HMIS Update: Website will be updated. Be aware of the new updates that will be posted on the website soon. There will be information on HMIS memberships, and applications.
5. IVCCC Governance Charter: The IVCCC is due for approval, push for amendments, and recommendations/suggestions to send in for review. Currently working with contractors. Hopes there is location availability for trainings for new users. Says that once funding is allocated there will be new trainings for new users, and current users of HMIS. IVCCC committees section will be updated with meeting dates, times, and locations.
6. Motion created – *Governance Charter for Review* in June 2019. Ratification for board members, and annual calendar for committee members. Recommendations, and reviews. Ken Wuytens – Approved, Orlando Johnson – Seconded.

VIII. Roundtable:

- a.** –Anna Garcia: Point in Time will have a meeting next month after the IVCCC meeting. Contact for more information or if interested.
- b.** – Stacy (United Way): Says that she received an information sheet from Woman Haven that had all the emergency contact information available, but wanted to know if the contact information was still the same. Wants to be able to find people who offer services, and be able to send out the information.
- c.** – Orlando Johnson: Says that Mainstream Resources has the emergency contact information.
- d.** – Rosyo Ramirez: Stated that the information will also be added/updated to the IVCCC website.
- e.** –Veronica Navar: Wanted to know what is currently being done for individuals who suffer from serious mental health issues.
- f.** –Les Smith: Following Veronica Navar’s comment. Concluded that there should be more interaction with Behavioral Health.

IX. Meeting Adjourn – Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.