



IVCCC Meeting Minutes

February 14, 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 4TH STREET, SUITE 106 EL CENTRO, CA.

- I. Welcome/Pledge/Invocation: Lee Quarcelino (Pledge), Orlando Johnson (Invocation)
- II. Introductions:
- III. Approval of Minutes: Les Smith - Approved, Rosie Blankenship – Seconded.
- IV. Public Comments: None
- V. Presentations: None
- VI. Reports/Discussion/Action Items:
 - A. CoC Standing Committee Reports - Mickey Castro:

Mickey will be working with committees to provide additional guidance and request dates of future meetings to report to the rest of the members.

 1. Point in Time - Anna Garcia & Isaen Equihua:

Still working on number count. 349 interview surveys were submitted. 305 observations turned in. 50 more than last year. There were 493 homeless count last year; Slab City. 78 volunteers to participate, and there were over 120 volunteers in the cities helping towards homelessness activities. Over 1,800 donations in food. About 600 gallons of dog food donations towards animal shelter. 188 volunteers were trained.
 2. Youth Services: - Luis Torres:

Met with youth groups, and planned goals/services to avoid future negative impacts. Currently trying to pass AB-307 Bill: “Youth Experience Homeless Grant”; Funding for homeless youth services. Letters from concerned citizens, or committee members could help increase chances for the bill to pass. Trainings to be provided for homeless youth regarding college plans/services. Training will be provided by John Burton; Advocate for Youth. Trauma services will also be provided. “Save the Date” on March 22nd at Imperial Valley College. Scholarships are available for foster youth; 6 available for \$1,200 each.
 3. Veteran’s –Isaac Donayre: Reported information on the upcoming I.V Veteran Town Hall Event on February 15, 2019 from 11-12:00. Representative from Veteran’s Health Administration, V.A Benefits Office, and Veteran Center will be present to provide information, and answer questions.

4. Mainstream and Resources – Orlando Johnson:
Main Stream is trying to build more resources for the homeless. Trying to find out more on providers who offer specific services for homeless individuals, and to look for homeless grants. Main priority is to focus on providers and its services to homeless needs. Passed out a draft for a plan-to-action to provide services/resources for the homeless.
5. Outreach and Recruitment: No Report.
6. Education, Training and Employment: No Report.
7. LGBT: No Report.
8. Domestic Violence: No Report.

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

Trying to find more members and representatives to expand the board, and its priorities. Working hard to update charter. Expand funding, and more priorities to the community. Andrea Kuhlen agreed to join the Board from Behavioral Health. Need coordinated entry system; HMIS. Next Executive Board Meeting: March 6, 2019.

C. IVCCC Administrative Entity Report: Rosyo Ramirez

1. Updates on HEAP: Says there is plenty of work to be done. The grant has been approved, but still currently waiting for the funds to be available. Waiting on Standard agreements to be approved from the State. Grant total is 4.8 million dollars to be used on Capital improvements, Homeless services, administrative costs, new projects/ideas that will help the homeless community.
2. CESH Update: waiting on standard agreement approval, and updates to be available periodically on the status.
3. Update on HUD: Currently working with HUD to ensure contacts are updated and funding be allocated properly. There was an automatic CoC renewal awards for Woman Haven Rapid Rehousing in amount of \$121,000, and \$44,000 for IV CAP that went to Catholic Charities.
4. Update on HMIS: There were system changes due to different vendor. Major updates. Trainings, and access codes will not be official until agreements are established with vendor.

VII. Roundtable:

- a.** Esperanza Colio Warren: Stated that in Yuma, the Military provide services for Homeless individuals, such as: Feeding the homeless, donations on apparel, shelter services, etc. Concluded with the idea that perhaps that could be implemented in the Valley as well.
- b.** Rosa Diaz: Provided information on upcoming seminars, 4 classes on Basic Automotive Skills: \$10.00 per class, or waived fees for those who qualify. Starting on the 1st Saturday of March, 2019.
- c.** Rosie Blankenship: Wants to hear more from the community, plans to hold more public meetings to address public needs on behalf of the Alzheimer’s Association. One-one discussions, and teach the public on brain health.
- d.** Maria Nava: Will send an Invitation memo to the 100th year anniversary of Calipatria on March 1st, 2019. On March 2nd, the 17th annual 5K run, and other public activities for families will need; Sponsored by Molina Health Care Services.
- e.** Les Smith wanted to publically thank and say that CEO Tony Rouhotas worked very hard to give county employees “flex-time” and availability to help volunteer/help with the homelessness services.

VIII. Meeting Adjourn – Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.