



## **MEETING MINUTES**

IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

July 11, 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: Tracy Rasco (Pledge), Orlando Johnson (Invocation)
- II. Introductions: Voting members 18      Attendees 21      Total: 39      (See Attachments)
- III. Approval of Agenda: Esperanza Colio moved to approve the agenda and second by Jessica Solorio. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2019: Ken Wuytens moved to approve the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and second by Orlando Johnson. Maria Nava-Froelich and Esperanza Colio abstained. Motion carried.
- V. Public Comments: No Report.
- VI. Presentations: No Report.
- VII. Reports/Discussion/Action Items:
  - A. CoC Standing Committee Reports –
    1. Evaluation and Resources committee report provided by Susan Chasang –  
The evaluation and resources committee reported being in the forming stage. They are learning the process and tasks that need to be completed. This committee is to focus on the program evaluation for the CoC. This will include funded programs. The committee will be meeting after this meeting to collect contact information of those interested. There will be a lot of work that needs to be done and will need a lot of help.
    2. Youth Services report provided by Luis Torres-  
The committee reported to be coordinating with IVC and if anyone knows of any homeless youth that would like to be part of the committee have them reach out to Luis.  
A legislative update was provided: AB 74 was signed into law allocating \$19 million for community colleges to assist homeless youth. SB 80 was signed into law which will provide \$8 million for Transitional Housing Programs for young adults ages 18-24. The committee thanks agencies that provided letters of support. Luis also wanted to thank those that attended the Trauma Informed event in May. It was a great event and hopes to be able to coordinate another one in the fall. Luis advised that the Brown Bag coalition helps feed homeless including youth if anyone wishes to donate. The committee also provided a handout titled “Missed Opportunities:

Youth Pathways through Homelessness in America.” The documents provides the following recommendations: address family-based trauma, apply developmental lens, policy should match the mobility of the homelessness experience, coordinate with child welfare to enhance prevention and improve engagement and share data. The committee would like to see some of these things addressed through the Coordinated Entry System.

3. Victim Services report provided by Judith Pritchard-  
WomanHaven/CFS are working on establishing the committee. They invite anyone interested to contact Center for Family solutions. They are looking at meeting on Wednesday. Judith also wanted to report that they recently had four (4) homeless families come to their center and were successful in being able to place all of them in a home or shelter.
4. 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. They expect that meetings will be running from 60-90 minutes. The committee has provided Mickey with a calendar of the meeting schedule to be posted. The PIT committee stressed the need of additional members to start forming teams. Each team will be assigned duties to increase efficiency. The committee attended a HUD provided webinar on planning for the PIT and were provided a customizable power point for CoCs to use as they see fit for the PIT planning and training needs.

Thomas Oliva reminded everyone that 2020 was a Census year and may need additional assistance for the count. Esperanza Colio clarified that the Census only focuses on counting people through addresses.

5. Veteran’s Committee – no report provided.
  6. Coordinated Entry System report provided by Rosyo Ramirez –  
Rosyo Ramirez reported on behalf of the CaLAPH leadership team that they would be presenting at the next meeting an update on the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and next steps. The team is working on developing the framework for the CES and have the CES committee take it on and continue to develop it through implementation.
    - a. Mainstream Benefits and Services: No Report.
    - b. Outreach and Recruitment: No Report.
    - c. Education, Training and Employment: No Report
    - d. Diversity and Inclusion: No Report.
- B. Executive Board report – No report. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2019.
- C. IVCCC administrative entity report provided by Paula Llanas, Assistant Director-
1. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Update: There were a total of 9 applicants and 14 project proposals received through the RFP process. The applications have been scored and we are currently working on award letters and contracts. We will be in touch with awarded agency. There was only one (1) project that was fully funded, all others were partially funded. It was further clarified that the County of Imperial is the HEAP grantee and responsible for the contract. The process is still a collaborative process between the CoC and the county as the administrative entity. The BOS approved to move forward with the recommendations from the IVCCC Executive Board. They did not change any of the recommendation and supported their

decision. Both the IVCCC Executive Board and BOS hold a level of responsibility and transparency in any process.

2. 2018 CESH Update: There is no update. The AE has not received the contract from the State.

Ken Wuytens, from United Way asked why the funding from HEAP were available when that RFP was done at a later time.

AE staff further clarified that the funding is coming from two (2) different sources and have a different process and deadlines to spend the money.

Susan Chasang further commented that if you go back to the RFP you will find that CESH has a 5 year term which is longer than HEAP.

3. 2019 CESH Update: The 2019 CESH application was submitted to the state. The AE is currently working on a Notice of Funding Availability for those interested in applying for funding.
4. HUD FY 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program- The 2019 COC Program NOFA was just released. The AE will provide additional notice for anyone interested in applying or renewing their projects. The CoC Application is due by September 30, 2019.
5. HMIS Update: The AE is working on updating the HMIS policies and procedures and user agreements. Once they are reviewed and approved by counsel, we will release for additional comment and finalized. There will not be any additional trainings scheduled until the policies are finalized.

#### VIII. Roundtable:

Tracy Rasco from American Legion introduced himself as operation manager for the region. He wanted to inform that American Legion is able to provide support to veterans. They provide financial assistance for members as well as devices such as wheelchairs and walkers. Mr. Rasco also suggested to maybe ask the PIT count question on veteran status differently to capture those that may not identify. The American Legion has eight (8) posts throughout Imperial County and serves approximately 600 members.

Mario Renteria and Judith Pritchard wanted to inform that WomanHaven is planning a Domestic Violence awareness event on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm. There will be a march in El Centro starting at the Town square Park to the Courthouse. There will be guest speakers and resource tables. An event flyer was provided and will be forwarded to everyone interested in registering to attend.

Ken Wutyens from United Way wanted to remind everyone that their Food and Shelter Emergency Services Program (EFSP) application is due July 18 at 3pm to the United Way office in Imperial.

Susan Chasang from Sister Evelyn Mourey Center announced that the agency will be piloting an entrepreneurship program. This program is for low income women who want to build capacity and learn how to start a business. They still have spots available.

Maria Nava-Froelich from Calipatria Family Resource Center (FRC) is planning on doing outreach in Bombay and Niland due to influx on homeless in the area. She requested anyone interested in partnering with her to let her know. Currently the City Library is open during business hours and the Fire department during the weekend as a cool center. Also, more information to go out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wellness fair scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>. Another fair is being planned in January in partnership with the Chamber and a Children's fair is scheduled in March.

IX. Meeting Adjourn at 9:57am – Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.