



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**

**September 12, 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 and Invocation:** Pledge- Lee Quarcelino, Invocation- Les Smith
- II. **Introductions:**
- III. **Approval of the agenda:** Les Smith (Motion) Maria Nava (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- IV. **Approval of Minutes for August 8, 2019:** Jessica Solorio (Motion) Orlando Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- V. **Public Comments:** None
- VI. **Presentation:** Mickey Castro presented a video by Richard J. Berry, Albuquerque's Mayor, titled "A practical way to help the homeless find work and safety." It was based off of Albuquerque, New Mexico where the mayor depicted the services available for the homeless population in their community. The Mayor provided the storyline of how he and his staff strategized ways to provide services for the homeless population. The city had an established working relationship with a local Non-profit organization and they funded a van and a staff member to drive around the city every day to offer a job to any homeless person for the day. They would transport the homeless to the job site scheduled for that day. Many of the jobs consisted of clean ups, which has resulted in the City having cleaned up 400 city blocks in the city of Albuquerque and having picked up over 117,000 pounds of trash, weed, and litter. All done by homeless individuals who simply wanted a job.

#### **Thoughts on video:**

- Maria Nava found it inspiring and thinks we can do that here.
- Katherine Grijalva liked the fact that he identified all of the red tape. How Non-Profit agencies can do things that Cities and County can't, such as hiring at a faster pace.
- Tracy Roscoe shared that Spectrum has been airing a show on homelessness in California. The show shares how Long Beach has been improving in reducing homelessness.

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

- A. CoC Standing Committee Reports: Mickey Castro
  1. CoC Evaluation and Resources– Leslie Lopez announced they had no update. They will provide update at the next meeting.
  2. Veterans Services – Lee Quarcelino announced members who were present at their last meeting; Dr. Edward met with Senator Vargas. Lee shared that Tomas Olivas has asked if they can get a building, and so Lee called the National Guard for the Armory building, but was informed that the City must be responsible for it, which includes insurance costs. Bill Harbison talked to Duncan Hunter's office regarding funding. The committee meets at Desert Trails on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

3. Youth Services – Cecilia announced that Luis Torres was not able to hold the youth committee meeting for last month in August because he was working on grants. Luis is planning a Trauma event for Friday November 15, 2019 at IVC.
  4. Point in Time – Isaen Equihua announced that their meeting is scheduled right after the IVCCC meeting. They will focus their meeting on updating forms for 2020's PIT Count.
  5. Victim Services – No Report.
  6. Coordinated Entry System
    - a. Diversity and Inclusion – No report
    - b. Education, Training and Employment – No report, Katherine Grijalva announced they will meet after today's IVCCC meeting.
    - c. Mainstream Resources – Orlando Johnson presented and explained the new mainstream resource list. He explained that it's a draft and will finalize after he receives any suggestions from the IVCCC members.
    - d. Outreach and Recruitment – No report
- B. Executive Board Report: Les Smith, Executive Board Chair – Les announced that two (2) ladies from HCD presented to the IVCCC Executive Board about future funding opportunities. By the Spring of 2020 we should expect Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) to be awarded.
- C. IVCCC Administrative Entity Report: DSS Assistant Director Paula Llanas
1. Grant Updates –
    - A. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) – Paula announced that Isaen has joined ICDSS. She explained that they've met with all awarded applicants for HEAP to finalize contracts. Expect 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October contracts will be executed. She referred Isaen as the primary contact. She shared that they found out this week from the State that HEAP allows HMIS spending. Confirmation was made from the State that 50% of funding does not have to be expended, it just needs to be 50% contractually obligated.
    - B. California Emergency Solutions Housing (CESH) 2018 & 2019 - Paula explained that they've met with all awarded applicants for CESH 2018 to finalize contracts. She received many recommendations from County Counsel for the CESH 2019. She emphasized that this may hold up process a little, but she wants to ensure everything is done appropriately.
    - C. HUD FY 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFA – Paula announced that CoC applications are due on September 30, 2019.
    - D. Other –
      - Rosyo announced that we will upload subcommittees' calendars of their meetings into the IVCCC website ([www.cociv.org](http://www.cociv.org)). She shared that having worked on the 2019 CoC applications, has made them aware of the requirements for the IVCCC and how they affect our funding.
      - Paula identified and shared how eye opening it has been on how every effort in the IVCCC may have an effect on our funding.
      - Les shared his deep appreciation for Imperial County Department of Social Services' efforts in the IVCCC.
      - Mickey shared that having active committees increases funding opportunities.

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

- Jovana Araujo from Imperial County Public Health Department announced a poster that Mickey will forward to IVCC members for more information.
- Diana Peacher from Molina Healthcare announced that an event will take place on September 18, 2019. Assembly member Eduardo Garcia will be at Spread the Love Charity to provide recognition.
- Maria Nava announced two (2) big events. First event is called “Walk and Bike” and it’s on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2019 at the City of Calipatria. Second event will be a school event in May 2020. She also announced working with IRS through VITA program. On September 18, 2019 there will be an information meeting to help people certify themselves for working with IRS.
- Ken Wuytens – Shared that we should have a PA system for introductions because it’s hard to hear names. He expressed that we should all get to know each other.
- Veronica Navor from WomanHaven announced that in Mid-September they will have their Gala event.

**VIX.** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. - Next meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.