

**Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2014**

Continuum of Care Announcements

Rosa Durham and Colleen Brown, OC Partnership/2-1-1 Orange County

FY2013-FY2014 CoC Program NOFA Competition next steps

- Rosa expressed many thanks for completing submissions on time
- Next step is for NOFA AdHoc Committee (Sr. Regina, Scott Larson, Kim Goll, and Allan Roeder) to review ranking; this meeting will take place on Friday, Jan. 10.
- Agencies will receive notification of status of their application by 1/15, as this the deadline for the County to communicate back to everyone
- OCP and County will be doing final submission by 1/31 (due date is 2/3)

AHAR Update

- Rosa announced that for the second year in a row, Orange County data for all reporting categories (ALL and VETS) has been marked usable!
- Special thanks to the agencies that put in the extra work to make sure the data was the best it could be.
- In the next couple of months, OC Partnership will be emailing agencies to start clean-up for the 2014 AHAR to decrease the amount of work that has to be done during the next AHAR period.

HIC / PIT Sheltered Count

- Rosa announced that Orange County will be conducting the HIC and PIT counts on **January 24, 2014**. (HUD's requirement is that it be conducted on one day during the last 10 days in January 2014).
- HIC and PIT trainings will be conducted on **January 10, 2014** and **January 13, 2014**. To RSVP, please visit our calendar (ochmis.org).
- All data through January 25, 2014 should be entered into HMIS or the agency's comparable database by **February 2, 2014** to ensure data is accurate for the sheltered PIT count.
- Open office sessions have been scheduled for the week of February 3rd for anyone interested in additional one-on-one help to complete the HIC and PIT surveys. This is in ADDITION TO the mandatory HIC/PIT trainings. To register for a session, please visit our calendar.
- HIC and PIT Surveys are due to OC Partnership by **February 9, 2014**.
- HIC Training and PIT Training coming up in January
- **If you have not signed up, training is mandatory. Please make sure you do so.**

Merger of OCP and 211OC

- Rosa shared that we hope to have the legal transition completed by end of January
- OCP and 211OC staff will be moving into 1 location

2015 Point in Time

- Colleen announced that OC Partnership is starting the planning process now
- Colleen asked for those interested in participating in the planning committee to please contact OCP
- More to report at the next meeting

NAEH Conference

- 2014 National Conference on Ending Family & Youth Homelessness is Feb. 18-19 in New Orleans (Tuesday/Wednesday after President's Day Weekend)
- Cost is \$450 if you register by January 20 and then the price goes up to \$625, onsite registration at \$700
- This event tends to get sold out in January, so if you are thinking of attending, please register right away
- Go to NAEH website (www.naeh.org) to register or to see the agenda. There are sessions on coordinated entry; rapid rehousing, domestic violence, homeless prevention.
- It's a great opportunity to talk with people from other CoCs. The summer conference is in July in Washington DC.

Special thanks to Dinah Sapunarich and Working Wardrobes for hosting the meeting.

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New Attendees:

Ghislaine Dibong, South County Outreach
Sang Tang, OCAPICA
Edgar Vasquez, Western Youth Services
Andreina Lozano , Western Youth Services
Ilia Ferreira, Friendship Shelter
David Cox, Friendship Shelter
Bruce Rogers, 1736 Family Crisis Center
Miguel Hernandez, OC Child Abuse Prevention Center
Angie Coupe, Laura’s House
Angelica Molina, Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove
Gregory James, Right at Home
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, OCHCA Reach Program
Rachael Ferraiolo, OCHCA Reach Program
Deborah Davis, Caring Matters
Dana Fagen, Volunteers of America – SSVF Program
Denice Ramirez

Agency Spotlights:

Vernon Atwood and Gregory James, Right At Home – Right At Home provides in-home companionship, personal care, and respite care. Their mission statement is “To improve the quality of life for those we serve”. The local offices are currently working with HUD supportive Housing and American Family Housing providing care for elderly and the disadvantaged. Services are provided at a fee and anyone is able to use their services. You may be able to add their service in your budget as part of a grant. They are also always trying to find *loving* Right at Home Caregivers. For more information visit the web site at <http://www.rightathome.net/> or contact Vernon Atwood at vatwood@rahnorthwestoc.com

Josh Milius and Max Salera, Working Wardrobes – Josh shared that Working Wardrobes is looking for opportunities to collaborate with other agencies to work together and serve more people. He also offered a facility tour to any interested attendees. Max works as a job developer with the VetNet team at Working Wardrobes and explained that they offer services like Job readiness, resume writing, mock interviews, and online job search to both military and non-military people with these services. To learn more about Working Wardrobes, visit the website at <http://www.workingwardrobes.org/> and to learn more about the VetNet team, contact Max Salera at maxs@workingwardrobes.org.

Announcements

Martha Tillman, Our House Transitional Housing – announced that they have one opening for a homeless single mother with a teen. For information contact Martha Tillman at mjtillman@gmail.com

Dana Fagen, Volunteers of America – Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) – announced that they provide rapid rehousing and homeless prevention to Veterans/Veteran families who are homeless or at risk of becoming. For more information, contact Dana Fagen at danafagen@voala.org.

Angelica Molina, Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove –announced that they provide preschool services for kids 0-5 years old and that they are in different cities in Orange County. For more information, contact Angelica Molina at angelica@bgcgg.org.

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Miguel Hernandez, OC Child Abuse Prevention Center – shared that they break the generational cycle of abuse and neglect in education and supportive services. For more information contact Miguel Hernandez at mhernandez@brightfutures4kids.org.

Kathy Tillotson, Build Futures – announced that she has housing available for single homeless youth age 18-24 that want to work and are able to work toward self-sufficiency. They must be physically and mentally able to hold a job. To place a youth, or for more information, contact Kathy Tillotson at Kathy@buildfutures.org or 714-907-7358.

Steven Moraldo, ResCare Workforce Services announced that they provide assistance with employment and family self-sufficiency. For more information, contact Steven Moraldo at steven.moraldo@ssa.ocgov.com.

Sang Tang, Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) Well(ness)essity PEI Program – announced that they provide case management and individual, couples, family counseling to all of Orange County - no age limit, all ethnicities, free. For more information, contact Sang Tang at stang@ocapica.org.

Sadie Schuster, Safe Families for Children/ Olive Crest - We have host homes available to children ages 0-18yo whose parents are in temporary crisis (ranging from 1-45 days) such as temporary homelessness, job hunt, jail time, drug rehab, respite, hospital stay, etc. There is no cost to parents. No loss of parental rights. Host Families are fully screened for safety and are located all over SoCal. Parents and agencies can call 1800 550 CHILD x1234-24/7 hotline. For more information contact Sadie Schuster at Sadie-schuster@olivecrest.org.

Gregory James, Right at Home – announced that they provide in-home companionship and personal care and that they are currently working with HUD supportive Housing and American Family Housing providing care for elderly and disadvantage. For more information contact Vernon Atwood at vatwood@rahnorthwestoc.com.

Max Salera, VetNet / Working Wardrobes – announced that they provide assistance with job readiness, resume writing, mock interviews, and online job searches for both military and non-military. For more information, contact Max Salera at maxs@workingwardrobes.org.

Featured Topic: Understanding the Service Provider Landscape in 2014

Karen Roper's presentation reviewed the progress we've made in the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. We are making system change which is not always easy and there are many stakeholders in the process and we need to remember to celebrate our successes. Handouts included the [Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness Dashboard](#) and accompanying [Status Report](#). Both documents can be found on the OC Partnership web site on the Commission to End Homelessness page: www.ocpartnership.net/content/commissiontoendhomelessness.html. Before reviewing and explaining the Ten-Year Dashboard Karen deputized all attendees and asked them to be vocal about the Ten-Year Plan so we can accomplish our goals. She responded to questions from the audience and encourages everyone to read the status report.

**Next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
February 6, 2014 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Hall
1855 Orange Olive Road, Orange 92865
Topic: TBD**

Refreshments: We need an organization to sign-up for refreshments.

E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, February 5, 2014

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to HPF@ocpartnership.net and include HPF in the subject line