

**Homeless Provider Forum
February 3, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Lorraine Krisak, OC Partnership

Let There Be Coffee in 2011! Veteran's First has graciously offered to provide coffee service for the entire 2011 Homeless Provider meetings. A big **Thank You** to Vets First for stepping up!

OC Partnership 2011 Agency Partner Spotlight OC Partnership offers an Agency Partner Spotlight opportunity on our website to organizations that serve homeless or at risk residents of Orange County. The intent is to publicize local service providers and other stakeholder organizations to help them communicate their programs. Our website gets about 6,000 hits a month and exists as an informational resource. We are in the process of selecting agencies to be profiled for the months of 2011. We also maintain a listing of local agencies as an informational resource and if you'd like to include a link to your website please let us know. Please contact Sharon McKeag Ash at coordinator@ocpartnership.net or (714) 288-4007 ext. 1116 for further information.

Employment Opportunities at OC Partnership We currently have openings for HMIS Support Analyst/Data Analyst and for HMIS Project Manager. For detailed information on these positions, please send an email to coordinator@ocpartnership.net.

PIT Count OC Partnership would like to thank all of you for your participation and support of the PIT homeless count on Saturday, January 22nd. Mark your calendars for January 2013!

PIT Shelter Count Thanks to those agencies that completed the PIT shelter count. This count was taken on Friday, January 21st for transitional and emergency shelters. If you have not completed and returned your survey, please do so ASAP.

PIT Shelter Survey Starting next week the Point in Time survey process will begin. This is accomplished by homeless guides taking surveys and incentive packages to the street homeless and asking survey questions. In addition, some LDS volunteers will be taking part this year. Some transitional shelters may be contacted to allow the LDS and other volunteers to administer surveys. Mercy House Army, Friendship Shelter, MHA and Veterans First will be deployment centers for this effort.

Community Programs & Updates distribution list: Provides updates and information about Orange County's non-profit community such as job openings, funding opportunities, new programs, or other resources available to benefit non-profits in Orange County. Please contact Sharon McKeag Ash at coordinator@ocpartnership.net to be added to this distribution list.

Maria Cabrera, OC Community Services

NOFA Renewal Awards Congratulations to agencies on the renewal awards announced by HUD on January 19, 2011, OC renewals amounted to \$12,264,352. The County of Orange CoC had all of the renewals approved for the requested amount and renewed for a one year period. For a local summary of the grants announced today, visit HUD's Homelessness Resource Exchange, www.hudhre.info (What's New section).

Thank you for all volunteers in the PIT and Deployment Center Volunteers - This is a big a big job and we couldn't have done it without the help of all the volunteers.

Shelter Count and Housing Inventory Count - This will be coming soon, please be on the lookout for the forms, and when they arrive, please complete and return in a timely manner. Data collection assists in the completion of the CoC NOFA application.

Upcoming training: 2011 National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness will be held on February 10th and 11th in Oakland.

Featured Webinars: Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. ET, the NAEH Alliance will host a webinar on the President's fiscal year (FY) 2012 budget proposal. The budget reflects the Administration's funding priorities for the upcoming fiscal year and is meant to provide information and recommendations to Congress as it moves through the federal appropriations process. www.endhomelessness.org

On Wednesday, February 23, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) is hosting a webinar to present information and field questions increasing access to mainstream benefit assistance programs for at risk of, homelessness. Executive Director Barbara Poppe will present an overview derived from *Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. www.usich.gov

The next quarterly CoC Forum will be held on March 30th from 1-4pm location TBD. The meeting will be facilitated by the Deputy Regional Commissioner, SSA Region IX and an executive with the HUD Community Planning and Development, Los Angeles Regional Office to discuss ways homeless service providers may increase their clients' access to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and some best practice examples. We look forward to your participation, and we hope this collaboration will result in quicker and more accurate determinations of entitlement to SSA and SSI benefits.

Reminder on the Whopping Cough vaccine that will be required for school effective July 1, 2011 – Copies of the flyer will be on the hand-out table.

Christina Castrillon, 2-1-1 Orange County

If agencies have any updates to the information 2-1-1 has listed for them they can contact the Resource Department at Resource@211oc.org.

Shelter Information & Openings

As there are limited parking spots available carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Serving People in Need (SPIN) - GAPP Housing program is a 12 month case management program for homeless families that are in need of permanent housing. They have immediate openings for the month of February. Clients must be employed, and have children under the age of 18. They now have Homeless Prevention HPRP funding for the city of Costa Mesa. If you have any questions, you can contact Serving People in Need (SPIN) directly at 714-751-1101 and speak with a case manager, Michelle Delacio ext. 20 or Shannon Lamb at ext. 15.

Christian Church Network-Orange County (CCN-OC) is a group of Christian churches who pool our resources to help with legitimate verifiable needs. Due to an increase in our call volume, helping agencies or shelters should contact us directly first at 1-714-637-8833 or at outreach@covp.org with the client's name, city and nature of the need. Then, if we are able to assist, we will send you our intake form or contact the client directly for income and expense information and verification. For clients not being referred by a community agency or shelter, our "Help Line" is 1-714-637-2085. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-2pm.

Gilchrist House has 6 openings in their Transitional House for women and women with children under 10; if eligible for the program they can stay up to a year, and we now have an aftercare program which continues to offer support and case management for another 6 months after completing the program. Family Assistance Ministries is the parent organization which both runs the house and the local food bank, which provides case management, homelessness prevention, bus vouchers, as well as food.

Precious Life Shelter has 5 openings in their emergency shelter and they must be willing to work. The intakes will begin next week providing they get an Emergency House Manager. They also have 2 openings in their 2nd Step Program and they must be working and afford to move in and they still contact Melissa at 562 431 3356.

Grandma's House of Hope has six openings for single women, and women who are in the reunification process with their children. Backgrounds may vary from Domestic Violence, addiction and recovery, mental health, physical disabilities and/or human trafficking. We also work with women who are in treatment for or recovering from breast cancer. (Women's ages range from 18 to 70) This is a two year transitional living home that offers group and individual counseling, case management, job search and wardrobe assistance, food,, internet and cable access, bible studies (voluntary) and most importantly; a safe place full of the promise of healing and hope. Monthly program fee is \$500. There are scholarships available. Please refer your clients to GHH at (714) 636-3690 to set up a phone interview. Case Managers can call Je'net directly at (714) 457-3187 with referrals.

Families Forward now has openings in their Rapid Re-housing Program – This program partners apartment communities in various cities in Southern Orange County with families that are literally homeless, imminently at risk of losing their housing (facing eviction) or exiting shelters/transitional homes. Client signs their own lease, and rent is partially subsidized and the client's portion scales over a 12 month period. Upon successful completion of the program family may be offered opportunity to re-sign 12 month lease. Applicants must have income and last permanent address can be anywhere in Orange County. Please call the main phone number 949-552-2727 and fill out an application with a volunteer.

Resident House Guidelines with Precious Life Shelter Emergency Program – Stipend: \$400.00 per month plus on-site housing including utilities, Room, Laundry, Food and household supplies. No Pets Allowed, Non Smoker. Job Requirements: Must have valid California I.D., if vehicle must be insured, allow to be fingerprinted by Dept. of Justice (DOJ); Must be able to work with people from all social, economic and ethnic groups; Must be Dependable and must be able to take initiative regarding tasks to be accomplished. Ability to read, write & speak English. Perform minor household tasks. Desirable Qualifications: Experience working with the homeless, low income families and unemployed clients. Send Resume to P.O. Box 414, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 or fax to (562) 430-3997 or contact Theresa Murphy at (562) 431-5025 Website: www.preciouslifeshelter.org

Mental Health Association has HPRP funds for the cities of Anaheim and Garden Grove. The applicants do not have to be mentally ill. The number for those programs is 714 234-9074.

Laguna Beach Resource Center is looking for a Site Manager/Transportation Organizer -- This person would work Monday through Friday 8 to 6 with a two hour break at 2. Pay would vary depending on skills. Their time would be spent assisting Donna Valenti and driving their van to and from town. Please contact Donna Valenti at donna@lagunaresourcecenter.org for further information.

Mental Health Association, Shelter Assistance Manager to share responsibility with the House Manager. Free rent in exchange for Managers Duties. May be a full time student or employed. Must pass back ground check. Not on Probation or Parole 714-234-9074.

South County Outreach has two openings for families (2-3 people) with dependent children in their Transitional Housing Program. The families must have a vehicle. Call (949) 380-8144, ext. 205 or ext. 208, for more information.

H.I.S House (Homeless Intervention Shelter in Placentia) has an opening in their first step program for a family of 4-5. The adult must be employable; we do accept children up to 18 as long as he/she is in high school. There is a \$100 one-time fee due and payable (unless on CalWORKs) when the client has income. Adults must be drug and alcohol free. For more information contact Ronda at (714) 993-5774 or (714) 872-1250.

OCCHC's Current Vacancies – We accept Section 8 vouchers. Families must qualify below 80% area median income for their family size. Families must be able to show that they have a monthly income at least 2x the rental amount. We also accept Section 8 vouchers. Please call (714) 656-6673 or (714) 558-8161.

Career Consultant (Work Readiness Specialist) with Arbor Education & Training – Specific Education, Certification and Skill Requirements (if applicable): Bachelor’s Degree, preferably in a human services related field or equivalent and/or one (1) to three (3) years related experience or equivalent. Experience working with CalWORKs or WTW programs preferred. Job Description: Responsible for providing CalWORKs orientations, employment support services, job services, job development and consultations to referred participants. Facilitate job search and life skills workshops in a motivational, professional, educational, and cooperative environment to maximize employment success. Initiate, update, and maintain participant files. Responsible for documentation, service delivery, outcomes and action plans. Responsible for communication with Case Managers via completed referral forms, emails, and phone calls. Meet with community employers to develop employment opportunities. Other information about this job: A good driving record is required. Apply online at: <http://www.rescare.com/careers.cfm>

Working Wardrobes Customer Service Job Training – Increase your Earning Potential! Training Program includes 36 hours of interactive classroom training through Working Wardrobes, Costa Mesa; 16 – 40 hours of on-the-job training at Working Wardrobes Resale Shops or Thrift Shop; opportunity to take assessment test to become certified by the National Retail Federation in Customer Service and NRF-certified trainers. Classroom date is February 15th from 9-3pm at Working Wardrobes, 3030 Pullman St., Costa Mesa 92626. On-the-job training locations are in Anaheim, Brea, Laguna Niguel and Tustin Scholarships Available! Reservations Required. For more information or to reserve a spot call Mary Ann Profeta at 714-210-2460.

Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter has 2 openings at their Transitional 1- Costa Mesa site and 2 openings at Transitional 2 site in Santa Ana/Garden Grove area. Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter is a two-set transitional living program that supports families with children under the age 18. Interested persons should call 949-631-7213, and someone at that number can complete a phone inquiry with the caller (or leave name and contact information on answering machine) - and a case manager will get back to the person.

Featured Topic: Law Enforcement: Actions to Assist the Homeless

Judge Wendy S. Lindley, Homeless Court

Judge Lindley shared information on the Orange County Collaborative Courts, which features a multi-agency approach to sentencing and rehabilitation of non-violent offenders.

Jean Wilkinson, Orange County Public Defender’s Office

Jean spoke on the collaborative courts as well as the development of the WIT, RC, Veterans’ and Homeless Courts. Jean continues to represent the clients participating in Homeless Court, and remains involved in client case management and court representation.

Randy Beckx, Santa Ana Police Department

Randy spoke on implementation of the Homeless Contact Team and the partnership with Homeless Court.

Victor Bakkila, Costa Mesa Police Department

Victor shared information on the Costa Mesa Police Department’s Best Practices when Dealing with Homelessness.

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
March 3, 2011 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Sisters of Saint Joseph Campus Auditorium * 480 S. Batavia * Orange, CA 92868
Topic: Dos and Don’ts of Serving Special Populations
Refreshments: Mercy House and South County Outreach
*E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, March 2nd
to Sharon McKeag Ash at coordinator@ocpartnership.net**