

**Homeless Provider Forum
February 7, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

Community Announcements

Dawn Lee – OC Partnership

Cathleen Murphy – County of Orange Disaster Planning

- The Laguna Beach Task Force submitted its final report to the City Council on January 22nd and the Council unanimously approved all recommendations. Recommendations included the creation of a Community Outreach Officer within the Police Department, a public education campaign, increased partnerships with the network of resources available throughout the County, and the expansion of the efforts of local service providers. Implementation of the recommendations has already begun. This was a wonderful example of a city taking ownership and working with the local business community, residents and homeless advocates to develop a plan to address the needs within their community.
- The 2008 Continuum of Care Forums have tentatively been scheduled for March 18th, June 17th, September 16th and November 18th. The focus of the March 18th meeting will be the 10 Year Plan. This meeting will be a working session to address specific elements within the plan. Copies of the plan will be available beforehand for review.
- The Orange County Continuum of Care Leadership Cabinet congratulates the homeless services agencies that oversee the twenty- eight projects were awarded \$11.7 in HUD funding through the 2007 SuperNOFA process. This brings our cumulative award total to over \$72 million dollars since 2001.
- Carmen Dickerson has joined OC Partnership as a Project Manager. Carmen's primary responsibility will be overseeing the successful implementation of CMIS.
- We still are in need of six organizations to volunteer to provide refreshments for the Homeless Provider meetings. Please contact Sharon McKeag at coordinator@ocpartnership.net to specify which month you're willing to cover.

Funding Opportunities

- The 2008 SuperNOFA application will be released within the next two weeks. The Bidder's Conference is scheduled for February 27th, 2008 at Housing and Community Services in Santa Ana. A Save the Date announcement will be emailed and mailed out within the next week. This year's application is being released early and in advance of the HUD announcement to allow applicants more time to complete it.
- We are seeking volunteers to participate as Evaluators for upcoming SuperNOFA review. Interested parties may contact Kelly Lupro at (714) 567-5162 or kelly.lupro@hcs.ocgov.com.
- Homeless Prevention has begun and effort to identify partners within the Faith Based community that serve homeless residents. We are also working to identify service providers that serve residents that are using motels as de facto shelters. We welcome your input into the process. Please contact Cathleen Murphy at (714) 567-7434 or cathleen.murphy@hcs.ocgov.com to add to the list.

- The State of California Federal Emergency Shelter Grant released its Early Notice of Funding Available. The RFP is expected to be available on February 11th with a submission deadline of April 7th, 2008. Eligible applicants are emergency shelters, supportive service providers and transitional housing for homeless individuals and families. Eligible activities include facility maintenance, operating costs, rent; essential services such as transportation, life skills, legal aid, and counseling; expenses related to moving the homeless into permanent housing and transition to independent living. Renovation and Rehabilitation funds are also available. Visit <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/fesg/> for more details. OC Partnership is the Designated Local Board for the county and is able sign the Certificate of Local Need document for you. Please send to dawn.lee@ocpartnership.net.
- An RFP to oversee the 2009 Point in Time Count, Needs Assessment and Housing Inventory was released on January 29th and is due to the County on February 19th. Interested parties should contact Kelly Lupro at (714) 567-5162 or kelly.lupro@hcs.ocgov.com .

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
March 6, 2008 - 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Topic: Probation/Homeless Court/Inmate Re-entry/TCMP**