

**Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum  
February 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

**Continuum of Care Announcements**

**Karen Williams, OC Partnership to End Homelessness**

**Upcoming meetings**

SAVE THE DATE: Commission to End Homelessness Executive Committee Meeting Friday, February 22, 2013 from 9-11:30 a.m. This meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Village of Hope, One Hope Drive, Tustin 92782. Please visit [http://www.ocpartnership.net/our\\_services\\_coc\\_board.htm](http://www.ocpartnership.net/our_services_coc_board.htm) to view the 2020 Ending Homelessness Board meeting, schedule, agendas and meeting minutes.

**Dayann Shepherd, 2-1-1 Orange County**

**2-1-1 Orange County is pleased to announce an exciting enhancement to our services!**

Through our website, agencies included in 2-1-1 OC's resource database can now send a "one-click" direct request to update their own information! Check it out! <http://211oc.org/index.php/211oc-database-search>

**Amber Killinger, OC Partnership to End Homelessness**

**HMIS Updates**

Introduced Rosa Durham as OC Partnership's new HMIS Data Analyst

We have a new HMIS Policies and Procedures and Client Consent Form, available on [www.OCHMIS.org](http://www.OCHMIS.org)

New Agency Data Quality Report Card, available on [www.OCHMIS.org](http://www.OCHMIS.org) sometime late February

Reminder of HIC/PIT survey deadline of February 10th

**Shelter Information & Openings**

SAVE THE DATE: CRA Round Table March 21, 2013 from 8-10:30am – Come join the discussion on the State of REO's in Southern California. How does the state of REO inventory affect nonprofit partners serving the low-to moderate income communities in Orange County? To register, contact Janelle Abarca at 949-525-4944 or [jabarca@affordable-housing.org](mailto:jabarca@affordable-housing.org). Interested in sponsoring or contributing to this event, please contact Brenda Rodriguez at 949-525-4948 or [brodiriguez@affordable-housing.org](mailto:brodiriguez@affordable-housing.org). This event will be taking place at the Brea Conference Center, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea 92821.

One Step Ministry has a room available for a single mother of at least one teenager and up to 2 kids – Their kids must attend school in South Orange County and they cannot be feeling abuse, have mental or have physical disabilities. If you have any families that meet this criteria, they can email Jackie Jordan at [jackie@onestepministry.org](mailto:jackie@onestepministry.org) or call 949-458-2424 extension 11.

Working Wardrobes Career Success Network: 6 Reasons You'll Get a Job – "What Employers Look for Whether They Know It or Not" FREE Workshop Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 9:30-11am – The workshop will cover: Understanding what the employer is looking for; the reason you're not getting hired even though you are right for the job and maximizing your job search impact. Space is limited! Please RSVP by Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to Judy Grant at [judyg@workingwardrobes.org](mailto:judyg@workingwardrobes.org) or 714-210-2460. Working Wardrobes is located at 3030 Pullman Street, Suite A in Costa Mesa 92626.

Gilchrist House is a transitional shelter for women and women with children, run by Family Assistance Ministries. Residents must be clean and sober and willing to seek work. Residents may stay up to 12 months, and will receive weekly case management, supportive services and food/household needs while in the program. They currently have 3 openings for single women and one opening for a mother & up to 3 children (12 and under).

Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC) has openings for four single women and 3 families. WTLC accepts people and their children of all ages and both genders. This includes male teenagers up to 17 years of age.

WISEPlace transitional program has openings for single women whom are employed or immediately employable; 90 days drug and alcohol free; and 18 years old and older. Intakes are on a walk-in basis on Wednesdays from 9-11:30am at the 1411 Sycamore, Santa Ana. Their fee is currently \$75 a week. Call Demona Barlow at 714-542-3577 ext. 117.

Grandma's House of Hope (GHH) has one opening in their Healing House for a single woman with a significant medical challenge. In particular this is a good fit for homeless women with a diagnosis of breast cancer or any subsequent returning cancer. There are some scholarships available. Stage one to Stage 4 and terminal cases accepted. Hospice can be provided on site. This is an active healing program, and clients are expected to do as much as they are able with consideration for their health restrictions. Medications (including pain meds) are allowed. No contagious diseases - this is a germ free environment. This is a Transitional Housing Program (with limited emergency beds) that offers group and individual counseling, case management, workforce development, wardrobe assistance, food, internet and cable access, bible studies (voluntary) and most importantly; a safe place full of the promise of healing and hope. Please refer your clients to GHH at (714) 558-8600 to set up an intake phone interview.

Salvation Army Transitional Housing program in Buena Park will be interviewing for 1 opening for a family of 5 or less. Adults must be working full time or going to school part time and working part time and they must be referred by a transitional or emergency program where they have received at least 90 days of case management. Anyone can e-mail [Shannon.Lamb@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Shannon.Lamb@usw.salvationarmy.org) for more info and/or a current application.

SparkPoint OC at Abrazar, Inc. in the city of Westminster opened in April 2012 and their goal is to find Orange County families and individuals reach long term financial stability. SparkPoint services focus on four areas: improving credit, increasing income, building assets and increasing financial literacy knowledge. Because change does not happen overnight, SparkPoint OC commits to working with clients for up to three years to achieve their financial goals. They are looking for Orange County employable residents that want to learn to save, have better credit, build assets increase financial literacy and voluntarily commit to the program long term. Those interested can call 714-893-3581 and ask for the SparkPoint program.

Precious Life Shelter has space for 2 emergency clients. Phone intake at 562-431-5025 or 1-877-880-5469, which is a toll free number for intakes from anywhere. 1-30 days need a proof of pregnancy from a doctor with due date, and some valid identification to verify 18 years and older.

Recently, Grandma's House of Hope had the amazing opportunity to visit The Horse Whisperer (Monty Roberts) on his Flag is Up Farm in Solvang, CA. Monty is hosting a retreat weekend in March for Veterans with PTSD and would like to extend an invitation to a limited number of veterans to come up for a 3 day weekend clinic. Staff will be expected to come with Veterans at a ratio of at least one to six. While the clinic is free and lunch is provided daily, transportation, lodging and other meals will be the responsibility of the agency/veteran. Local hotels/motels offer budget rates to those attending Monty's programs and 4 can sleep to a room. For details and information, please call Je'net Kreitner at Grandma's House of Hope (714) 558-8600.

Orange County Register Community Assistance Hawking Program – The Orange County Register is looking for organizations that serve the communities of Orange County. They need your help to launch a street vendor program that will give your organization ad those you help, an opportunity to become self-employed, earn extra income and rebuild a vital part of their lives. For many people, this is the opportunity they need to get back on their feet, and for us, it is an honor to provide this platform. If you are looking for employment opportunities for members of your organization, please contact Emilio Zamorano, Account Executive, at 714-609-4137 or [ezamorano@ocregister.com](mailto:ezamorano@ocregister.com). Please visit <https://www.yousendit.com/download/UW15ak85NmNLVlg1SE1UQw> to view the detailed flyer. Feel free to share this information with those who can benefit from this service.

Families Forward Job Launch Workshops: February 2013 – The New Year is finally here, the cliff has been avoided (for now) and the season for real hiring is at hand! NOW is the time for you or your clients to prepare for the job search process! What will it take to be competitive in today's market? A strong working knowledge of the latest search strategies! This includes a resume that doesn't date you, strategies for maneuvering ATS software restrictions, interview answers that make you stand out, and negotiating skills that maximize your earning potential! Call now to sign up for these five stand-alone job search workshops that will cover all of these topics and more. Workshops are free and available to anyone of any age, from any city, and of any family type. A good understanding of English is all that is required. Space is limited so call today to save a seat! All sign-ups are through 949-552-2727 or in person at Families Forward. Please visit <https://www.yousendit.com/download/UW15ak85NmN3NUkxZXNUQw> to view the detailed flyer.

Hosted by St. Jude Brain Injury Network Benefits & Employment: MediCal, Medicare, Social Security, and SSI: How to earn significant income and protect medical benefits March 5, 2013 – This is a - bring two pens and roll up your sleeves - workshop. Six hours of information you can use the next day. Location: St. Jude Brain Injury Network, 130 W. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton, CA 92835 Important Points Covered: What is countable earned income? How to manage benefits to avoid the loss of medical benefits. When can work incentives reduce the amount of income SSA counts? How much can a person earn? What Employment Networks must know to be successful in the Ticket to Work program. Register online at <http://www.benefits-training.com> to reserve your seat.

Salvation Army is now a men's only shelter, men can line up starting at 3pm and if they have a bed they will do a lottery drawing at 3:30pm for any open beds. Intake is at 4pm and they can stay for 14 nights. Everyone must be in the shelter by 5pm and out the next morning at 7:30am. If someone cannot make it here by 3:30pm they can come later to see if there are any openings but it is best to be here by 3:30pm. 818 E. Third St., Santa Ana CA 92701

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group on Saturdays is now held at the new Wellness Center location, 401 S. Tustin Street in Orange, 92866, and the Wednesday night group discontinued some time ago. For more information people can call (714) 544-8488 or go to the NAMI OC website <http://namioc.org/>.

The California Rx Card is a FREE statewide prescription assistance program. It provides discounts of up to 75% on both brand, and generic medications. It can be used at any major chain pharmacy, and it's open to everyone. Please visit <http://www.californiarxcard.com/index.php> to learn more.

Safe Families for Children Hotline 800-550-CHILD ext.1234 – No cost to families; Children 0-18 years; any length of time and no loss of parental rights. This program is for parents dealing with homelessness; no job; jail time; drug addiction; sickness; hospital stays or other crisis.

YWCA's Beverly's House is now under the Orangewood Children's Foundation Rising Tide program.

Orange County Health Care Agency's REACH program Seeking Safety groups – These groups focus on healthy coping skills and provide an environment for people to give/receive support, share resources, and build skills for daily living.

They currently hold a group every Wednesday at REACH from 10-11AM (1725 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana 92706; room 149B).

Most recently they started a group at the Fullerton armory (400 S. Brookhurst, Fullerton) that takes place every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30PM. They currently have two available spots in this group.

The third open group takes place every Thursday from 8-9AM at The Vineyard (5340 E. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807; conference room inside building), and the final group is held every Thursday from 4-5PM at The Valencia Inn (2630 W. Lincoln Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801; in the community room).

Interested individuals can contact their office toll free at (866) 337-3224 or simply show up before the group. These groups are open to any Orange County resident 18 and older. Although anyone is welcome to join, their goal is to engage those who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness.

SPIN has closed its substance abuse program, at least for the foreseeable future, due to the inundation of early release prisoners from the County, with no reimbursement for its services. Looking ahead to HUD and the County's priorities, SPIN decided it was best to serve the clients remaining in the program and then close it

**Orange County Community Housing Corp. (OCCHC) wait list will be open from February 11 through March 5th. Please call 714-558-8161.**

**Friendship Shelter is having a fundraiser**

**Featured Topic: CoC/C2eH Implementation Groups: Going Forward**

Kelly Lupro, OC Community Services

Kelly gave a Commission to End Homelessness Update, which included Re-Start of Implementing Groups; Status of Interim ED; Year Round Shelter Update; SuperNOFA CoC Application Update and the State HCD/ESG Application & Process.

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, 2-1-1 Orange County

Dolores spoke on the ways 2-1-1 Orange County plans to improve their overall services to the community.

David Gillanders, Project Hope Alliance

David provided an update on the C2eH Coordinated Assessment Implementation Group.

Carol Ferguson, Orange County Community Foundation

Connect OC offers the latest information on Orange County's pressing community needs and gives people the opportunity to do something about it. Sign up to receive email invitation for upcoming training sessions or for questions, please email [ocnonprofitcentral@oc-cf.org](mailto:ocnonprofitcentral@oc-cf.org).

**Next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for  
March 7, 2013 from 9:00am – 11:00am  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Hall  
1855 Orange Olive Road, Orange 92865**

**Topic: Funder Perspectives of Service-Delivery and Grant Compliance  
Refreshments: Salvation Army and Working Wardrobes**

**We still have refreshment slots to fill for the months of July, August and November. If you know someone who would be interested in being a refreshment provider for one of these meetings, please contact Sharon McKeag Ash at [ocp-coordinator@ocpartnership.net](mailto:ocp-coordinator@ocpartnership.net).**

**E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
to Sharon McKeag Ash at [ocp-coordinator@ocpartnership.net](mailto:ocp-coordinator@ocpartnership.net)**