

COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Friday, January 22, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 am

County of Orange
1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. B
Conference Rooms A/B/C, 2nd Floor
Santa Ana, CA 92705

MINUTES

Board Member Names and Appointing Bodies

Andrew Do, Board of Supervisors
Dave Kiff, City Managers Association
Tom Burnham, Orange County Business Council *
Kathryn McCullough, H&CD Commission
Tita Smith, City Selection Committee
Larry Haynes, HomeAid Orange County*
Kim Goll, OC Funders Roundtable*
Ward Smith, Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Association
Carolyn McInerney, County Executive Office
Jeanne Awrey, OC Department of Education

David Cavazos, City Managers Association
Bill Balfour, Orange County Business Council
Scott Larson, H&CD Commission*
Billy O'Connell, City Selection Committee
Barbara Jennings, HomeAid Orange County*
Sister Regina Fox, OC Funders Roundtable
Dan Stefano, OC Fire Chiefs Association
Cate Murphy, H&CD Commission
Mark Refowitz, Health Care Agency

*Members also on Executive Committee

The Commission to End Homelessness welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, please complete a Speaker Form identifying the item(s) and deposit it in the Speaker Form Return box located on the side of the podium. If you wish to speak on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the close of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record. Please address the Commission as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Power Point and video presentations must be requested prior to start of meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Larson

Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: David Cavazos

David Cavazos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: David Cavazos

David Cavazos presented the invocation.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Scott Larson

Chair Larson talked about the recruitment for the County Homeless Care Coordinator Position, posted on the County and 211OC/OC Partnership websites.

Karen Roper announced that Norma Dickerson, her Executive Secretary, is retiring in March 2016 – that the January 22, 2016 meeting would be her last meeting and acknowledged her for services to the Commission and the Department.

ROLL CALL:

Karen Roper

Present: B. Balfour, D. Cavazos, B. Jennings, S. Larson, K. McCullough, C. McInerney, C. Murphy, B. O’Connell, M. Refowitz, T. Smith, W. Smith

Absent: J. Awrey, T. Burnham, A. Do, R. Fox, K. Goll, L. Haynes, D. Kiff, D. Stefano

PRESENTATION:

NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Commissioner for discussion or separate action. At this time, any member of the public may ask the Commission to be heard on the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of December 11, 2015 Commission Minutes

Chair Larson asked for motion to approve Consent Calendar. Carolyn McInerney made a motion, Tita Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

2. Continuum of Care Ad Hoc Committee Update – Scott Larson/Kim Goll/Sister Regina Fox/Juanita Preciado

A. 2016 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application

Juanita Preciado gave an update on the Continuum of Care application. No news yet on the 2015 awards.

B. CoC Ad Hoc Committee

- I. Convene Next Steps/Pre-Ad Hoc Committee Meeting - Early February 2016
 - a. Existing Members
 - b. Providers
 - c. Staff
 - d. Interested/New Members
- II. Determine Date of 1st CoC Ad Hoc Committee Meeting and Discuss Process for 2016 NOFA

Chair Larson gave overview of 2015 process including the how decisions were made, role of CoC Ad Hoc Committee, and process. He stated the CoC Ad Hoc committee would be looking to add members for the 2016 COC application cycle. The 2016 cycle will begin process in March.

Juanita Preciado stated that the Performance Analysis will once again be used for project ranking.

Billy O’Connell shared that he went to a conference in New York at the Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness last week. There is pending legislation that may not allow HUD to prioritize chronically homeless over families and children. He distributed copies of the handout from the conference.

C. Discuss Nomination/Appointment of additional Governance Ad Hoc Committee Members

Chair Larson mentioned that additional appointments will be made to the Governance Ad Hoc Committee and that the Committee Members will be identifying the CoC structure. Anticipate the new Care Coordinator to weigh-in on governance.

3. Coordinated Entry System Update – Karen Williams/Juanita Preciado

Kristen Jefferson (211 lead for CES) gave an update.

Coordinated Entry Numbers as of 1/19/16:

Assessed	<8	8 or <	Housed thru CE	Matched to CE housing	Connected to Shelter + Care	Document Ready (w/ Barriers to housing)	Not Document Ready	Housed Outside CE	Other
264	211	53	1	33	2	81	51	4	?

She also talked about the Coordinated Entry System being revamped and will be connected to HMIS. There are 9 Outreach Teams working with City's Homeless liaison officers. They are working on dealing with barriers that currently hinder housing people sooner.

Cate Murphy asked what paperwork is needed.

Zulima Pelayo, Continuum of Care Coordinator at 2-1-1 Orange County, said that Outreach is to those who are literally on streets. The quickest that they have housed took 2 weeks to process.

Billy O'Connell said that the City of Huntington Beach has similar issues where they had to place people in motels in the interim.

Karen Roper said that the Year-Round Emergency Shelter will help with sheltering people and facilitate placement in housing.

Chair Larson said that CES just started in August 2015.

Public Comment from Donna Lynn: Where do you pick them up?

4. OC Housing Authority Homeless Preference Plan Amendment – Karen Roper/John Hambuch

Karen Roper discussed the proposal Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) Administrative Plan Amendment and there was a handout.

Karen Roper gave background on history of bringing this Amendment forward and acknowledged Paul Leon, Paul Cho, David Gillanders, Max Gardner, Judson Brown, David Cavazos and OCHA staff on their role.

OCHA has had a preference for homeless previously including allocation of 100 Project Based Vouchers, allowing Shelter + Care graduates to move to the top of the Housing Choice Voucher list, and utilization of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers.

This year the plan is to allocate more housing choice vouchers for chronically homeless.

Karen reviewed the handout.

- Use of 35% of turnover vouchers for homeless (HUD had not issued any new vouchers since 2003)
- 600 vouchers turnover in a year. 35% of 600 for homeless is 210 vouchers.
- There will be an allowance to go up to 50% depending on performance and funding.

John Hambuch gave further details.

There are approximately 44,600 people on the HCV waiting list.

- Key items related to vouchers for the Homeless: Supportive Services are key to their success
- In OC there is a 1-bed unit shortage.
 - Even Applicants with good credit and good reference cannot find units
- In OC we have very high rents and very low vacancies
- Project based vouchers are a better option because you have a fixed unit
- Options that may help in the 1 bedroom shortage include: looking at congregate or shared housing
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Chair Larson asked for motion to approve the proposed Administrative Plan change to allow for 35% - 50% of turnover from vouchers to be set aside for homeless individuals. David Cavazos made a motion, Kathryn McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Carolyn McInerney asked:

- How often are income certified for eligibility? Answer was annually.
- Is there a term limit on voucher? There are no time limits.

Public Comments:

Paul Cho, Illumination Foundation

- This is the first step
- Where will you find housing for these vouchers
- No time limit on vouchers- not incentive
- Could vouchers be directed at agencies who will have success in making family independent?

Helen Cameron, Jamboree Housing Corporation

- In favor of Project Based Vouchers
- Encourage to get up to 50%
- Crucial work with to Non-profit developers
- Typical client in PSH is on disability- not necessarily going to be independent
- Work with MHSA resources

- La Shawn Hye, Project Hope Alliance**
- Incentivize to move from Section 8

Mark Refowitz

- State contemplating \$200 million bond in MHSA funds for the development of affordable housing
- Changes may require that counties have to compete with other counties

5. Implementing Group Items

- I. Barbara Jennings, Implementing Group #2 (Improve Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing)

Chair Larson announced that Barbara Jennings (Pathways of Hope) is leaving the commission. Barbara expressed that it was her pleasure to serve in the capacity as Commission to End Homelessness Board Member.

Year Round Emergency Shelter Update – Karen Roper/Scott Larson

- A. North County
- ii. RFP Ad Hoc

Karen Roper gave an update on the Year Round Emergency Shelter Request For Proposals (RFP). She said that her team, County Counsel and Public Works are refining the RFP.

RFP guiding policies will come to the Commission Ad Hoc Committee for feedback. Chair Larson will be vetting Ad Hoc committee members.

Kathryn McCullough asked if we would be paying prevailing wages. She also said that we should ask for a waiver and solicit to carry a bill.

Mark Refowitz asked about discussions with the City of Anaheim. Karen Roper indicated the public forums were part of that and that there is an ongoing dialog with the City of Anaheim.

Karen Roper mentioned the filing deadline for CEQA-related lawsuit came and went without any claims.

- B. South County Roundtable

Karen Roper gave an update on the South County Homeless Roundtable. The group held their 3rd meeting and identified the unique needs in South County to end homelessness. There is a need for resources for housing, emergency and year round shelter. The next Roundtable meeting is scheduled for April.

- C. Temporary Emergency Shelter for El Nino/Other Emergencies
- ii. RFP Update
 - iii. Potential locations including SATT

Karen Roper stated that the Board of Supervisors approved \$500,000 to expand temporary shelter beds during El Niño season. An RFP was issued and Mercy House was the only responder. During January 6th storms, Armories were not at full capacity. Additional transportation locations being identified and discussed with cities in Newport Beach/Costa Mesa, Orange and Santa Ana. She also said that Supervisor Do had a directive to negotiate a lease for the Santa Ana Transit Terminal while currently in escrow for potential interim use as emergency shelter during severe weather.

David Cavazos: stated he supports the need to discuss the SATT use further

Juanita Preciado gave an update regarding the Emergency Solutions Grant Funding. A single collaborative RFP for the cities of Santa Ana, Anaheim and Garden Grove went out yesterday.

- II. Tom Burnham, Advocacy/PR/ Fund Development Sub-Committee - Tom Burnham/Karen Roper
- A. 2016 Action Plan
 - B. Next Steps

Tom Burnham not present. Bill Balfour gave update and stated that the Ten-Year Action Plan drafted by Sub-Committee. This will help streamline and define the success in 2016 by its measurability, accountability, achievability and "gotta want to do it."

Proposed Goals:

1. **Open Kraemer year-round emergency shelter/multi-service center by December 2016 and identify/secure a 2nd year-round emergency shelter/service center site in central/west or south county.**
2. **Deploy resources to place at least 500 homeless in permanent supportive housing units.**
3. **In addition, deploy resources to house at least 200 homeless in the Santa Ana Civic Center.**

Objective for Successful Goal Implementation:

Commission to End Homelessness to work with the new County Director of Coordination (Homeless Czar) to develop mutual goals and objectives.

Barbara Jennings clarified about the 500 homeless. Karen Roper recommended counting people "500 homeless people"

Public Comment:

Helen Cameron stated she supports and encourages the Commission to push for the plans. The Year Round Emergency Shelter involved a ton of steps and should start working getting another one identified.

Chair Larson asked for motion to approve. Mark Refowitz made a motion, David Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- III. Larry Haynes, Implementing Group #1 (Outreach to Homeless/At-Risk of Homelessness)
- A. Prevention
 - B. Outreach

No report.

- IV. Kim Goll, Implementing Group #4 (Data/Social Policy/Systemic Change)
- A. Update on HMIS Data Quality and Reporting

No report.

- V. Dave Kiff, Implementing Group #3 (Permanent Housing/Resources to Remain Housed)

Karen Roper met with Dave Kiff to review next steps for IG #3 and aligning resource to the plan.

6. 2016 National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in Oakland – David Gillanders

David Gillanders not present. Scott asked David to coordinate on Oakland conference and to bring back ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any off-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person and twenty minutes for all comments, unless different time limits are set by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Board.

Curtis Gamble, an activist on behalf of homeless, thanked Anaheim and Santa Ana for their efforts and he is looking forward to seeing the shelters open as soon as possible. He passed out some flyers with resources that he put together for the homeless.

Paul Hyek stated his support for the Shelter. He recommended to let the homeless help build it, man it, help take care of it. There should be both male and female security guards. He also suggested to use better transportation.

Donna Lynn stated concerns about the Armory program and nominated Mary's Kitchen to run the shelter at Kraemer Place.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Cate Murphy stated that there a hospital zoning bill in San Clemente introduced by Senator Bates in March but was killed bill by nurses' union (Memorial Care).

Scott Larson mentioned an article by KPCC and Orange County Register about the number of homeless dying on the streets.

Mark Refowitz stated they spoke with the reporter to understand the data points.
Need to know how data is collected

Scott mentioned bringing up with Kim Goll.

ADJOURNED:

Chair Larson adjourned the meeting at 10:34 am.

NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2016 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location of Next Meeting:

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