

**Homeless Provider Forum**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Community Announcements**

**Mary Bishop**

- The Point in Time Count & Survey volunteer recognition date will be announced soon and is expected to be held in April.
- Informed the group of the recent funding announcement by HUD regarding the 2006 SuperNOFA awards and congratulated those that were included in the awards.

**Dawn Lee**

- Reminded the group that HUD requires 75% countywide bed participation in CMIS regardless of whether an agency is HUD funded or our \$10 million annual award may be lost.
- Funding opportunities – The Gas Company is accepting applications for the CARE program and may shelters qualify for the 20% discount
- The 2007 SuperNOFA process will include a CMIS participation certification signed by OC Partnership to be included in applicants he grant submission.
- OC Partnership is partnering with the Volunteer Center of Orange County to link volunteers with your organizations. Please visit [www.volunteercenter.org](http://www.volunteercenter.org).
- Dawn shared national progress and recent trends on reducing homelessness as shared at the National Alliance to End Family Homelessness Conference.

**Billy O'Connell**

- The FESG funds will be released the week of March 5th from the State of California.

**Shelter Openings**

Sharon Halsey-Hoover with Bethany's House will have three openings coming up on March 10<sup>th</sup> and a staff member opening.

Jessica Petrass with the Crossroads Program has openings.

Tiffany Tabares with WISE Place has openings and a job opening for Program Policy.

Mercy House has openings in mid-March for their Ontario shelter.

Deby Harwell with Colette's Children's Home has openings for 1 woman & 1 family and a staff opening.

Nancy Daws with Giving Children Hope have computer classes for people who need to get out into the work force on an ongoing basis on Monday & Wednesday from 10-12pm.

Tyrol Plaza has at least one opening with a possibility of two.

Paola Flores with Orange County Community Housing Corporation has seven vacancies for Section 8 families; taking applications for the 166 units at The Great Park call 714-558-8300.

Ralph Sanders with Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services has one opening.

Marissa Presley with Laura's House has openings and three staff positions available.

Beverly Schuberth with the Kennedy Commission has the E-mail newsletter available. They will also be watching a few bills that are making their way through the California Assembly. SB2 – proposes that each city must be required to plan for their homeless and SB122 – proposes that crimes against homeless would be considered a hate crimes.

### **Featured Topic**

#### **Psychology of Homelessness, Establishing Safe Havens & Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness**

##### **Betty Kroeker, Springboard Ministries**

Betty shared signs to look for that would indicate depression in clients and suggested a number of ways to help them in moving out of depression.

##### **Roe Piccoli, Human Options**

Roe shared information on domestic violence within the homeless population as well as information on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

##### **Shearly Chambless, OASIS**

Shearly shared some of the stigmas attached to the older adults who are mentally ill and homeless and ways to help them out of this cycle.

##### **Carol McLaughlin, St. Vincent De Paul**

Carol shared updates on the Save Haven Program and ways to knit together all the pieces needed to make this program more effective.

Jean Watkins, Salvation Army

Jean reminded us there are basic things we can do to help the homeless and that we are made with our own special, unique characteristics.

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - 9:00 am – 11:30 am  
Topic: Mental Health Issues and the Chronically Mentally Ill**