

# COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Friday, March 22, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Orange County Rescue Mission  
Village of Hope  
One Hope Drive, Tustin, CA 92782

## MINUTES

### Board Member Names and Affiliations

John M.W. Moorlach, Board of Supervisors*	Bob Dunek, City Managers Association
Allan Roeder, City Managers Association*	Bill Ford, Orange County Business Council
Tom Burnham, Orange County Business Council	Scott Larson, H&CD Commission*
Jim Palmer, H&CD Commission*	Kathryn McCullough, OC League of Cities
Vacant, OC League of Cities	Barbara Jennings, HomeAid Orange County*
Larry Haynes, HomeAid Orange County*	Sister Regina Fox, OC Funders Roundtable
Kim Goll, OC Funders Roundtable	Wolfgang Knabe, OC Fire Chiefs Association
Paul Walters, Police Chiefs' / Sheriffs Association	Mark Refowitz, Health Care Agency Behavioral Health
Carolyn McInerney, County Executive Office	

\*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/WELCOME:** John M.W. Moorlach

Chair Moorlach called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Carolyn McInerney

The Pledge was led by Commission Member Carolyn McInerney.

**INVOCATION:** Carolyn McInerney

Carolyn McInerney gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** Karen Roper

**Present:** Chair Moorlach, Allan Roeder, Bob Dunek, Bill Ford, Sister Regina Fox, Kim Goll, Larry Haynes, Barbara Jennings, Wolfgang Knabe, Kathryn McCullough, Carolyn McInerney, Jim Palmer, and Mark Refowitz

**Absent:** Tom Burnham, Paul Walters and Scott Larson

**PRESENTATIONS:** (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. **Approve January 25, 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes**

Chair Moorlach asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar item. Motion by Mark Refowitz, seconded by Larry Haynes.

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

### 2. Changes to Commission Bylaws – Karen Roper

A. Karen Roper Reviewed Changes Discussed at January 25, 2013 Commission Meeting and February 22, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting:

a. Chair and Vice-Chair Terms and Appointing Bodies

**The following changes were recommended - no further discussion**

- Article II. A 1 changed from “Elected Officials who are members of and selected by Orange County Division, League of Cities” to “Elected Officials who are members of and selected by ***“City Selection Committee”***.”
- Article V. 1 (a) changed to reflect the Commission Chairperson shall be the appointee “from the County Board of Supervisors” to ***“that represents the public or private sector”***
- Article V. 2 (a) changed from “The Vice-Chairperson shall be an appointee that represents the private or non-profit sector” to ***“The Vice-Chairperson shall be an appointee that represents the public or private sector.”***

b. Commission Membership

- **The Commission discussed the addition more seats including:**
  - Homeless/Formerly Homeless
  - Public Health
  - Education
  - Board of Supervisors

**There was also discussion about a Senior Citizen Advisory Council (SCAC) request for a potential senior/senior homeless individual on the Commission. “Senior” would be defined as 60 years old or older.**

1. Hearth Act Requirements (Homeless/Formerly Homeless)

- **A seat for a homeless/formerly homeless person will be added.**
- **H&CD Commission in collaboration with OC Partnership to bring nominees forward.**

2. Number of Board of Supervisors Appointments

- **The Commission recommended keeping one BOS appointment.**
- **It discussed that an ex-officio member could also be added as a 2nd Board seat.**

3. Superintendent of Schools

- **Supervisor Moorlach extended an offer to Dr. Al Mijares, Orange County Superintendent of Schools, for appointment to the Commission to End Homelessness.**
- **Mr. Mijares is interested in participating but was unable to attend the March meeting.**

4. City representation
    - **Allan Roeder is contacting cities to solicit their feedback on their representation on the Commission.**
  5. Public Health
    - **Discussed fact that Mark Refowitz is the Director of the Health Care Agency and already serves on Commission.**
- c. Implementing Group Membership, Recruitment Process, and Appointments
- **Nominations for Implementing Group membership and appointments will be brought to the Executive Committee (this is consistent with prior C2eH full Board discussion)**
- d. Commission Member Attendance and Participation
- **It was agreed to keep attendance and participation as is and bring the topic back for a future discussion.**
- e. Annual Report should be filed with the Grand Jury not the Orange County Jurors Association. **This change will be made to the Bylaws and brought to the Board of Supervisors for final approval along with the Annual Report.**

**Direction to staff to bring the Bylaw changes for approval to the next Commission meeting.**

### **3. Update on Implementing Groups – Group Chairs or Designees**

- A. Larry Haynes, Implementing Group #1 (Outreach to Homeless/At-Risk of Homelessness)
- i. Prevention
  - ii. Outreach
  - iii. Centralized Intake/Coordinated Assessment Sub-Committee
- Max Gardner is leading the CA/CI sub-committee. A meeting was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the plan and receive feedback. It was recommended that the project be piloted with a subset of the population by September and be fully in place by December.**

- B. Scott Larson, Implementing Group #2 (Improve Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing)
- i. Improve Emergency Shelter
  - ii. Improve Transitional Housing
  - iii. Point In Time Count Ad Hoc Committee

**Karen Williams reported on behalf of Scott Larson. Karen discussed the timing on process to extract and report Point in Time Count data. A draft of the report should be available in May and will be made public after it is presented to the Board of Supervisors.**

**Karen announced a recognition event for volunteers who participated in the Point In Time for a celebration on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. at the Village at OCP.**

**Chair Moorlach asked how the Point in Time Count went at each Deployment Center. Julia Bidwell, Billy O'Connell, Carolyn McInerny, Barbara Jennings and Kim Goll gave brief positive reports on their experiences.**

**Kim Goll did request further input on how volunteers are trained in the future.**

**Initial ideas were shared about doing a Count every year—maybe a Youth Count.**

**Karen Roper commended Karen Williams and Scott Larson on a job well done.**

- C. Allan Roeder, Implementing Group #3 (Permanent Housing/Resources to Remain Housed)
  - i. Permanent Housing
  - ii. Resources to Remain Housed
  - iii. Employment/Mainstream Resources Sub-Committee  
**No Update**

- iv. SB2/City Managers & Planners Task Force Sub-Committee  
**Allan Roeder reported that SB2 Sub-Committee is working on bringing in the Cities with Karen Roper. He provided an update on Commission activities with the Association of California Cities- Orange County. Karen Roper and Allan Roeder to present at a future ACCOC meeting.**

**K. McCullough mentioned that Commission may want to also contact the League of Cities, Orange County.**

- v. Rapid Rehousing Sub-Committee  
**No Update**

- A. Jim Palmer, Implementing Group #4 (Data/Community Support/Social Policy/Systemic Change)
  - i. Data
  - ii. Community Support
  - iii. Social Policy
  - iv. Systemic Change

**Jim Palmer reported that they face challenges to solicit input for annual HMIS report. OC Partnership will send a survey to the Continuum of Care, the Commission to End Homelessness, and the Board of Supervisors.**

**The Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) was successfully submitted to HUD.**

**Jim offered support to the CA/CI working group and merger of 2-1-1 and OC Partnership.**

#### **4. Legislation – Donna Grubaugh**

- A. Update on AB 5

**Donna Grubaugh provided a summary and status update of Assembly Bill 5 Homeless Person's Bill of Rights and Fairness Act (introduced by State Assemblyman Tom Ammiano)**

**There was much discussion. No further action at this time.**

#### **5. 2013 Implementing Group/Subcommittee Meeting Calendar – Karen Roper/Staff Team**

- A. Review and discuss 2013 master calendar

**K. Roper reported the 2013 master calendar will be placed on the OCP and the OC Community Services websites. K. Roper reminded the Commission that the Brown Act applies to the Implementation Groups, but not to Subcommittees or Ad Hoc Committees.**

#### **6. Interim Executive Director/OC Community Services Update – Karen Roper**

- A. Follow-up from Strategic Planning Off-site & Additional Commission Focus Areas for 2013
  - i. Data
    - 1. County Data in HMIS – Carolyn McInerney

**Carolyn McInerney met with OCP and OCCS staff to discuss a survey to County Departments on Data they collect on homeless.**

2. Year-Round Planning for Count of the Homeless – Scott Larson/Karen Williams/OC Community Services

**There has been discussion to keep the discussion of Point in Time Count planning going year-round.**

- ii. Multiple Year-Round Emergency Shelters and Multi-Service Centers (Integration of Mainstream Resources/County Services – Carolyn McInerney & David Mansdoerfer)

- **Carolyn McInerney and David Mansdoerfer (with support from Karen, Julia, and Kelly of OCCS) met with multiple County agencies to discuss opportunities for partnership and proposed County services to clients of the Multi-Service Center and Year Round Emergency Shelter.**
- **Agencies in attendance included HCA, SSA, Public Defender, Probation, Child Support Services, OC Community Services (Homeless Prevention, CID, and VSO), and Board District offices.**
- **County Agencies are currently being surveyed to determine what services they can provide alone with an estimate of cost and whether any equipment or other resources are needed.**
- **At an Implementing Group #2 meeting, Scott Larson to ask provider community and homeless for feedback on what services to provide at Shelter/Multi-Service Center.**
- **Wolfgang Knabe mentioned educating the public on the issue.**

- iii. Partnering with the Faith-Based Community to End Homelessness in OC

Karen reported on some of her efforts to facilitate partnerships with the faith based community including:

- **Presentation at the Interfaith Luncheon**
- **Meeting with Bill Ford and Karen Williams**
- **OCP/OCCS presentations being merged to develop a master template that can be used as part of a regional campaign.**

- iv. Partnering with the Business Community to End Homelessness in OC

- **After Faith Based master messages developed, message for the business community can be developed.**

- v. Partnering with OC Cities to End Homelessness in OC

- **Allan Roeder has been working with cities on opportunities to partner in ending homelessness in OC.**

- vi. Succession Plan for Commission Members

- **The Executive Committee agreed to discuss at a later time.**

- B. Discuss the Next Commission to End Homelessness Progress Report to the Board of Supervisors

- **The Annual Report to the BOS is targeted for June or July, depending upon receipt of final PITS report from OCP and agenda availability during the budget season in June 2013.**
- **It was requested that an SB2 and a PIT update be included in the annual report.**

- The Executive Committee determined that reports will continue on an annual basis unless otherwise requested by the BOS.

C. Year-Round Shelter Update

- Staff attended a community meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> in the City of Fullerton to discuss the site for the proposed Year-Round Emergency Shelter and Multi-Service Center at 301 S. State College Boulevard.
- Approximately 250 residents attended to discuss the proposed shelter/service center.
- Rusty Kennedy moderated the meeting and a panel composed of Karen Roper, Larry Haynes, Pam Keller, Sgt. DiCaprio and Chairman Nelson to conduct presentations and to answer questions from the attendees.
- Karen Roper and staff continue to work with Chairman Nelson's office on next steps for community outreach and with CEO Corporate Real Estate on due diligence items to be completed during the 150 days.

D. Other Miscellaneous Updates

- The Interim ED was directed to review the offsite topics and make recommendations for the Commission's focus
  - HMIS-more government data
  - Potential yearly PIT count
  - Community and Board of Supervisors focus on multiple year round shelters/multiservice centers
- Karen mentioned the planning of a meeting with HUD and the Southern California CoC Collaborative to discuss best practices and share information
- 2012 HUD Continuum of Care Competition
  - On March 13, HUD announced Tier 1 funding awards. All renewal projects submitted in Tier 1 were awarded as follows:
    - Tier 1 requested amount: \$14,546,165
    - Tier 1 funded amount: \$14,173,300
    - Difference between Tier 1 funded amount and Tier 1 requested amount: \$372,865
  - The difference between the requested amount and the funded amount is due to budget adjustments made by HUD to fair market rent amounts and leasing line items.
  - HUD has indicated they will announce additional grant funding later this year. Tier 2 awards (Tier 2 requested amount: \$1,254,419) are pending additional funding announcements from HUD.

7. Update from Chairman - John M.W. Moorlach

John Moorlach congratulated Barbara Jennings who will be honored on May 2<sup>nd</sup> by OC Human Relations.

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.

2 members of the public provided comments.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mark Refowitz remembered Janice DeLoof, an advocate for the homeless who lost her life to lung cancer.

Mark Refowitz asked Dr. Eric Handler to talk about efforts about hunger and connection to health and homelessness. There will be a meeting of stakeholders on strategies and solutions on April 19.

Chairman Moorlach asked Allan Roeder about criminalization of homelessness in reference to the email received from Madeline Spencer. Allan reported that he had conducted research on local efforts to adopt or change laws to decriminalize homelessness and found that no changes to local laws have been made and no new laws have been adopted. Allan Roeder suggested taking a look at specific training for police officers.

Chairman Moorlach requested that follow up on this item be placed on a future agenda.

**ADJOURNED:**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Moorlach at 11:09 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**May 24, 2013, 9:00 am – 11:00 am**  
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