

**Homeless Provider Forum  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Meeting Minutes**

**Kelly Lupro, Office on Aging and Homeless Prevention**

- The next quarterly Continuum of Care meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Housing & Community Services. This quarter's topic will be Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Break out sessions will be held to review the Sample Outline of Orange County's 10 Year Plan discuss and prioritize elements to be included in Orange County's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. It is strongly encourage your participation in this important discussion regarding where the community's priorities should be focused.
- OC Partnership will be contacting all CMIS participating agencies to assist them in enhancing their data quality. This is being done in preparation of our end of March CMIS Quarterly Regional Progress Report. This data is being gathered to complete our SuperNOFA Associated application and report our CMIS progress to HUD.
- Volunteer Center of Orange County is offering a FREE legal clinic on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 8:30am to 12pm located at O'Melveny & Myers in Newport Beach. The clinic will consist of contracts and nonprofits, an open-ended Q&A legal session and an opportunity to meet one-on-one with O'Melveny & Myers attorneys to ask your pertinent legal questions. The presentation will be on issues arising in several situations in which nonprofits might find themselves entering into contracts, including hiring consultants and leasing office space or equipment. The Q&A session is open to everyone. Ask your question on any legal topic to a panel of legal experts. To receive after-clinic assistance or longer-term services, your organization must benefit low-income or disadvantaged individuals or families. Please check [www.volunteercenter.org](http://www.volunteercenter.org) for more details.
- National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness – I attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness 2008 National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness on February 7-8, 2008 in Seattle. The conference brought together leaders from all parts of the country, from the nonprofit provider community, to local, state, and federal government, to business and philanthropy. We shared solutions, confronted issues, and united in our resolve to ensure that the day is near when no child or parent will experience homelessness. Workshops attended included: Building the Will of the Non Profit Sector; Financing It: Innovative Public Funding Strategies; Emergency Assistance: Preventing Homelessness; Building Collaboration Across Public Systems and How to Be Inclusive in Your Ten Year Plan.
- Southern California Continuum of Care Roundtable and Training will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 from 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. located at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple Street in Los Angeles. This one day event is designed to provide a forum for learning and sharing among your continuum of care peers. There will be presentations and discussions on a variety of topics. A large focus will be spent on working with Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and its application and its relationship to the Annual Performance Report (APR). We will also have a special presentation on accessing Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for providers' clients. The cost for the event is \$28 and includes a continental breakfast and plated lunch with dessert. To register you can contact Andrew Russell at 213-833-7988 or email at [arussell@enterprisecommunity.org](mailto:arussell@enterprisecommunity.org).

## **Shelter Information & Openings**

Joel Gumbayan with OCRM's Strong Beginnings program has about 10 openings for the 1 year program for mainly motel families with at least one child 5 and under or a pregnant female. They serve primarily motel families, but can work with any family in an unstable living situation. Joel can be reached at 714-247-4300.

Je'net Kreitner with Grandma's House of Hope has two beds open for single women, 17 yrs and older (may be pregnant) who are working through domestic violence issues and/or are homeless with addictions or compulsive disorders. Women must be working or able to work. There is a move-in fee of \$50 that covers the first week thereafter the weekly fee is \$125. 10% of this fee is retained in a savings account for the client. Non perishable food is provided.

Ray Brewer with Housing and Urban Development has a free two day Grant Writing Workshop on March 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 from 9:00am to 4:30pm. This workshop will take place at HUD's Regional Office, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 34 Civic Center Plaza in Santa Ana.

Gary Frazier with Tyrol Plaza has an opening for a senior, 62 years or older, who is homeless and has a disability. Please contact Lorena Romo for application materials at 778-5375.

Celenia Perez with Orange County Community Housing Corporation has three openings for Section 8 families.

Teri Niebuhr with H.I.S. House has one opening for one single man and a family of four.

Judi Bambas with Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services has openings for single men and women through their Interfaith Shelter Network program.

Sharon Halsey-Hoover with Bethany has two openings for single women.

Nicole Murray with Casa Teresa has three openings for their Adoption Program Hannah's House. Hannah's House offers a "communal living environment" that accommodates six women at a time. A safe and supportive home is provided for up to two months following the birth, ensuring the birth mother has time to safely process the grief that arises during the adoption process. The program provides expectant mothers with: career and education guidance, perinatal healthcare, individual and group counseling, referrals to adoption service providers and twice-weekly life skills classes.

Demonia Barlow with American Family Housing has openings for single moms.

Mariposa currently has five beds available through the Women Helping Women program for chronically homeless women who have a desire to stop drinking or using other mood altering substances. The beds are reserved for women receiving treatment at Mariposa's Women-Only Recovery Program. Please call Linda Savidge at Mariposa Women and Family Center, 714-547-6494 #412.

**Featured Topic:**

**Probation/Homeless Court/Inmate Re-Entry**

Pete Reedy, St. Vincent de Paul, Friends Outside

Pete spoke about the services provided from the Friends Outside and Lights Out Programs offered for ex-convicts throughout Orange County.

Andrea Chambers, Orange County Probation Department

Andres shared information on the special services offered through the Whatever It Takes (W.I.T.) and Mentally Ill Crime Reduction (M.I.O.C.R.) programs for ex-convicts who are homeless and mentally ill.

Spring Jaentsch, Orange County Public Defenders Office

Spring shared information about the services offered to homeless ex-convicts through Homeless Court and the New Leaf Program.

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
Topic: Human Trafficking**