

# Commission to End Homelessness Implementation Group #3

Friday, April 18, 2014  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**The Village @ 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
1505 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 100  
Santa Ana, CA 92705**

## Minutes

**Allan L. Roeder, Implementation Group #3 Chairperson**

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Called to order at 2:12 p.m. by Allan Roeder.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve August 2013 and February 2014 Implementation Group #3 Minutes – Minutes approved.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. In May 2014, the Commission to End Homelessness will be conducting a strategic planning session to review and update the 10-Year Plan. In anticipation of the strategic planning session, this meeting was dedicated to soliciting input from community members and providers for those areas which fall under the purview of IG #3. This involved active engagement by the participants, and the subsequent feedback, on each of the following topics.

a. Permanent Housing

- i. There is a gap between data and the population (specifically with certain populations including those with mental health issues, domestic violence issues and veterans).
- ii. Insufficient data to be clear on the type of housing certain populations need and the actual number of the number of people comprising each population. Therefore, there is still a gap between the numbers and the housing we should be developing.
- iii. HMIS user frustrations despite having a good grasp on how the data is used and why we gather it, there is still flaws on the program and remain a continuous challenge.
- iv. Veteran barriers to permanent housing including veterans marrying undocumented persons, dishonorable discharge status, PTSD and other mental health issues.
  1. Positive development: The V.A. is re-vamping their mental health program.
- v. There are no numbers showing how many people have been successfully housed which make it difficult to know what is working and to celebrate these successes.
  1. Possible solution proposed: In order to get a PIT count that reflects what the local homeless population is, you need city involvement. Allan hopes to have 8-12 cities involved in this year's PIT count.
- vi. Need more clarity on the types of numbers coming from OC Partnership
- vii. Was suggested that it may be beneficial to separate permanent housing in the numbers

b. Resources to remain housed

- i. None proposed

- c. Employment/Mainstream Benefits
  - i. There is a need to analyze what areas we as providers have not touched on and what more we can do in this area.
  - ii. There is a lack of places that will hire clients who don't have any work experience, criminal backgrounds and substance abuse issues.
  - iii. We as providers need more of an understanding of applicants who have offenses and how to best work with and encourage employers to work with them.
  - iv. There is a lack of conversation about the young population in regard to permanent housing.
  - v. There is a need to focus on creatively finding employment opportunities.
  
- d. Rapid Rehousing
  - i. There is a lack of expertise in Orange County surrounding Rapid Rehousing. Since this is the focus of HUD, it was agreed that it would benefit us to do become more educated on this topic.
  - ii. There is a lack of data regarding the need for housing and the existing housing inventory in the county.
  - iii. Changing requirements and information from HUD creates confusion.
  - iv. There is a need for information regarding which funding streams are driving the various types of available housing so as to know how HUD requirements may impact.
  - v. There is a lack of knowledge surrounding what agencies are serving what population.
    - 1. Example: Latino Health Access makes it a priority to serve veterans, which not many are aware of.
  - vi. It was suggested to partner with the county to reallocate funds that are spent on residential facility items that could be better spent on big picture items discussed here.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNED**

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.