

Homeless Provider Forum
April 5th, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Community Announcements

Karen Roper

- Mary Bishop has relocated out of state, but will still be helping facilitate the SuperNOFA grant and 10-Year Plan until her replacement is found.
- The recruitment for the Homeless Coordinator is continuing. Applications are being reviewed and the interview process will begin shortly with qualified candidates.
- The Spring Continuum of Care Quarterly Forum tentatively set for May 21st will address the challenges faced in meeting the needs of the homeless as they are discharged from hospitals. Bright ideas needed to build strong strategies for filling this gap so all are encouraged to attend. More information to come.

Dawn Lee

- SuperNOFA Bidder's Conference Questions & Answers were sent out on April 4th, 2007. All of HUD documents are available on OC Partnership's website. Applications are due to HCS by Wednesday, April 11th by 3:00 p.m.
- Check out the MS Foundation at <http://www.ms.foundation.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=5>. They recently released an RFP for which shelter providers may be eligible. They support programs that focus on the areas of reproductive rights, women and AIDS, and prevention/responses to sexual abuse of women and children and domestic and the organization funded \$3.9 million in grants in 2006.
- The Orange County Homeless Multi Service Center Task Force began meeting in March and is tasked with developing the framework of a model multi-service center to meet the needs of Orange County's homeless and at-risk residents. This group meets bi-weekly.
- The Laguna Beach Homeless Task Force has been established to address issues that the city is experiencing with their chronic and mentally ill homeless residents.
- Save the Date – HUD Technical Assistance providers have tentatively scheduled a Supportive Housing Program for June 26th or 27th. More information to come.
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles has taken over the database and communications functions of the Institute for the Study of Homelessness and Poverty. The latest statistics on hunger, housing, education etc. can be found on their site and may provide useful data for your grants. Please visit www.unitedwayla.org and select **Get Informed** and then **Research and Reports**.
- A draft of the final report of the Anaheim Motel Task Force is being completed containing recommendations as to how the city of Anaheim can support the efforts of stakeholders who address the needs of the city's motel families. This

document is intended to be a model for other communities that have homeless resident living in motels.

Jennifer Lee-Anderson

- Thank you to everyone for turning in their Needs Assessment data. There might be some follow-up calls if more information is needed.
- Point in Time Count & Survey data is still being worked on by the Social Science Research Center at Cal State Fullerton. Count and survey results are expected to be available in late May or early June.
- 2-1-1 Orange County welcomes all to visit their new website at www.211oc.org

Shelter Information & Openings

Mark Mazza with Orange County ARC has two pallets of work pants available. Please call Bob Dicarlo at 714-744-5304 extension 108.

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.

David Curran with Global Asset Management can help with acquiring surplus office equipment. You can reach David at 714-545-4500.

Nichole Murray with Casa Teresa has five beds available and a new staff member opening.

Theresa Murphy with Precious Life Shelter has two emergency beds open.

Darlene Hendertilo with H.I.S. House will be interviewing on 4/17/07 for their openings for 2 to 3 families.

Jessica Petrass with the Crossroads Program will have two apartments opening come mid-May.

Cassie Eidem with South County Outreach has openings.

Karen Munoz would like suggestions emailed to her regarding Dr. Handler, the new county health officer, has asked a group of us to come up with a plan with our community partners to address the health needs of the chronically ill and disabled homeless. You can reach her at kmunoz@ochca.com.

Joan Henry with Mariposa Women's Center has three chemical dependency beds available.

Jill Mattinson with Arbor E&T is having a Community Fair on April 26th from 4:30-6:30pm at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center. OC Partnership has the flyer if needed.

Alison Lugo with the Mental Health Association will be opening rehab services in South County soon.

Tiffany Tabares with WISE Place has openings.

Gary Frazier with Tyrol Plaza has at three openings for people who are 62 years or older. Please contact Lorena at 714-778-5375.

Lincoln Inn can help with emergency shelters.

Paola Flores with Orange County Community Housing Corporation has eight vacancies for Section 8 families. They will be building an alliance with shelters looking to move people into permanent housing.

Featured Topic

Mental Health Issues & the Chronic Mentally Ill

Kimberly Kercher Smith, NAMI Board Member

Kimberly shared her story of growing up with mental illness and how it affected her life.

Jeff Hernandez, Homeless Outreach AB 2034

Jeff shared information on what we, as a community, can do to better serve the homeless here in Orange County.

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
May 3rd, 2007 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Topic: Domestic Violence**