

**Homeless Provider Forum
May 6, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

Kelly Lupro, OC Community Services

- **Orange County's Draft Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness** – We are now approaching the completion of the community input process on the Draft Orange County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Our goal is to submit the final Ten-Year Plan to the Board of Supervisors in early Fiscal Year 2010-11. In order to accomplish this goal, we need to finalize receipt of input from the community. The deadline to receive feedback or input on the Draft Plan is May 31, 2010. Please direct all comments or questions to 10yearplan@occr.ocgov.com. To view the Draft Orange County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness please go to www.ochousing.org and select Homeless Prevention. You can then select Ten-Year Plan from the list of documents on the Homeless Prevention page. If you are interested in participating in one or more of the implementation groups that will be formed around each of the Plan's nine goals, please email 10yearplan@occr.ocgov.com indicating which group(s) you are interested in and you will be notified when the groups are convened.

- **Funding Opportunities** – For information on either of these programs, please visit HCD's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa> . For a complete list of available State funding and NOFA schedule visit <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/DFAProgramNOFAsWorkshopsStakeholderMtgs.pdf>

Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Capital Development (EHAPCD)-Deferred payment loans for capital development of emergency housing and transitional housing for the homeless (no operating subsidy authorized). NOFAs are anticipated to be released on May 13, 2010 and due by July 15, 2010.

Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (State FESG)-Funds shelter maintenance, operating costs, rent and essential services such as transportation, life skills, legal aid and counseling to help the homeless transition into permanent housing and independent living. Renovation and rehabilitation funds are also available as well as funds for homeless prevention. Can be used for emergency shelter or transitional housing. The NOFA was released on April 22, 2010 and is due by June 1, 2010. http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/fesg/2010_FESG_NOFA_FINAL_042010.doc

- **Housing Inventory Chart** – We are still in the process of updating and verifying the 2010 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Chart in preparation for the 20101 NOFA. It is important that each agency in the Continuum is represented and that all of their programs and bed capacity are reflected accurately. Thank you to all agencies that have responded. Please bear with us while we finalize the HIC. We may be following up with some agencies who have not responded or if clarification is needed. County staff is working closely with OC Partnership to ensure that the programs and names listed on the HIC are in sync with the programs and names in CMIS. The HIC will now be electronic and directly linked to the AHAR database.

- **RFP for Point in Time and/or SuperNOFA Application Assistance** – On April 30, 2010, the County of Orange, OC Community Services released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select an organization or group of organizations to provide professional services for the Point-In-Time Count and Survey Project Management and Volunteer Coordination and/or the HUD SuperNOFA Exhibit 1 Application Assistance for the Homeless Prevention Division. All questions pertaining to this Request for Proposals (RFP) must be posted through county website at www.bidsync.com under the Q&A section for RFP Bid# 1004-002. If you are interested in applying for any County of Orange solicitation you must register at www.bidsync.com.

- **2010 SuperNOFA** – The 2010 SuperNOFA competition season is upon us, while we don't have a date of release, please note that potential applicants, at minimum must:
 - Be active participating members of the County of Orange Continuum of Care
 - Be in compliance with Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements which are:
 - Have a DUNS Number - maybe obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711
 - Be registered with the Central Contractor Register - to register at www.ccr.gov

HUD will advise of items as they become available on through the Homeless Resources Exchange (HRE) and through their listserv system. You may join the listserv at www.hudhre.info go to the quick links and select join listserv. Organizations wishing to be notified when the RFP will be issued are asked to register on line at www.bidsync.com, or by calling BidSync at (800) 990-9339. BidSync is the electronic system which is used by the County of Orange in their solicitations.

- **2010 OC FAIR** – We will soon be soliciting volunteers to man the booth for the 2010 OC FAIR. The available dates are 8/14 & 8/15. There will be a total of 20 slots available. Everyone is welcome to display their resources; however, due to space limitations we will display resources provided on a first come first serve basis with volunteers staffing the booth given first priority.
- **Continuum of Care Forum** – The next Continuum of Care Quarterly Forum is scheduled for June 2 from 1-4. The topic is Re-Entry.

Dawn Lee, OC Partnership

- **CMIS** – The three new monthly reports have been rolled out to most agencies. With this first set of reports agencies were asked to review and verify the data for accuracy and respond to OCP. If we did not hear from you we will assume that your reports are correct. Beginning with the reports that you receive this month, HUD funded agencies are required (and all CMIS participating agencies are requested) to sign and return the CMIS Data Certification that appears on the last page of the Bed Utilization and Data Quality Report. Your signature verifies that you have reviewed and addressed any identified data quality issues. ***Timely receipt of your agency's monthly certifications will be included as a threshold item in the annual Continuum of Care SuperNOFA application process.***
- **HUD's New Homeless Data Portal** - HUD has rolled out its new Homeless Data Exchange (HDX). The HDX is an online, one stop centralized reporting website where community data on the Housing Inventory, Point In Time, Annual Homeless Assessment and the new Pulse Report will be available for public viewing. Information is available down to the program level so it is critical that your agency provides accurate information for your Housing Inventory and in CMIS.
- **Housekeeping** – The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange have graciously allowed us to hold the monthly Homeless Provider Forums at their location for the past several years and have historically covered the cost of coffee. In recent months the donations from attendees have not covered the cost that they are charged from their coffee service vendor. We are asking agencies to consider contributing a donation to SSJ so that we can continue the service. You can contact Sister Louise directly at csjbeth@csjorange.org to donate. We appreciate your consideration.

Shelter Information & Openings

Serving People in Need (SPIN) - GAPP Housing program is a 12 month case management program for homeless families that are in need of permanent housing. They have immediate openings for the month of May. Clients must be employed, and have children under the age of 18. They also received Rapid Re-Housing HPRP funding for the city of Costa Mesa. If you have any questions, you can contact Serving

People in Need (SPIN) directly at 714-751-1101 and speak with a case manager; Katie Hook ext. 15, or Michelle Delacio ext. 20.

Permanent One-bedroom Apartment with Section 8 for Homeless Senior Citizen – Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments at 891 S State College Blvd in Anaheim has approximately one vacancy each month. Requirements include: age 62+, income less than \$19,550, referral letter from Anaheim Housing Authority (requires that the applicant either live or work at an Anaheim street address at the time of the application), case manager certification of homelessness and physician certification of disability. Contact Lorena at 714-778-5375.

Arbor Education & Training is hosting a Job Fair on 05/17/10 from 9-11am at the Anaheim Community Center. It is a great opportunity for job-seekers to come dressed ready for an interview and meet potential employers!

The Orange County Rescue Mission has two openings for women with children under 12 at the House of Hope (Orange) and for 2 unaccompanied women at the Village of Hope (Tustin). Please call our intake line at (714) 247-4379 for more information or to schedule an interview.

South County Outreach has three openings for families (from 3 to 6) with dependent children in their Transitional Housing Program. Call (949) 380-8144, ext. 205, for more information.

American Family Housing has one opening in their transitional (12-24 months) housing program for an unaccompanied adult, located in Midway City near Beach and the 405 freeway. AFH also has one transitional program opening in Garden Grove for a family. Please contact Belma at 714-897-3221 ext.111 for income qualifications. Clients must be working and pay a program fee of 30% of income. Available supportive services include case management, counseling, child care assistance, health services, transportation assistance, and legal services.

City of Huntington Beach has openings for single parents in their Project Self Sufficiency which serves low income single parents who are in school.

Precious Life Shelter has three openings for their emergency house. They can call Precious Life and do a phone intake with anyone who answers the phone. The women must have valid ID and proof of pregnancy signed by a doctor with the due date. Precious Life has one opening for the 2nd Step Program for parenting mothers with pre-adolescent children. Both programs require clients work and save. We are a working program & require that all clients work. For 2nd Step clients may contact Melissa 562-431-3356 and all others may call Precious Life directly at 562-431-5025.

On May 18th, the Orange County Coalition for Comprehensive Mental Health Services will hold a follow up meeting on May 18th. The meeting will be at 11:45 in the Library Conference Room at 480 S. Batavia, Orange. The topic of the meeting is "Improving Mental Health and Criminal Justice Outcomes". Please RSVP via email to hcameron@homesinc.org. Lunch will be provided.

Mercy House's HPRP County Funds is currently taking applications. The best way to contact Valerie Lopez if anyone has a client that think may be a good fit for the Rapid Re-Housing Program, is to email Valerie at valeriel@mercyhouse.net.

Colette's Children's Home has three family openings at our Placentia locations and one family opening in Huntington Beach. They also have two openings for two single women (chronically homeless) at one of their Placentia locations.

Grandma's House of Hope has three openings for single women, and women with one or two children (one must be 0-5) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Backgrounds may vary from Domestic Violence, addiction and recovery, mental health, physical disabilities and/or human trafficking. (Women's Ages range from 18 to 80) This is a two year transitional living home that offers group and individual

counseling, case management, job search and wardrobe assistance, food, , internet and cable access, bible studies (voluntary) and most importantly; a safe place full of the promise of healing and hope. Weekly program fee is \$130 per week. There are scholarships available Please refer your clients to GHH at (714) 636-3690 to set up a phone interview. Case Managers can call Je'net directly at (714) 457-3187 with referrals. www.GrandmasHouseofHope.org

Women's Transitional Living Center has openings. Call their Hotline at 714-992-1939.

OCCHC have openings in their permanent affordable units (a 1 bedroom and a 2 bedroom) for clients with Section 8 vouchers.

Christian Life Fellowship has 7-10 openings for their Saturday Food Distribution Program.

Featured Topic: Jail Release/Exit Planning

Eric Godeke, OCSD Correctional Programs

Eric shared information on the mission of the Correctional Programs Unit , which provides the inmate population incarcerated in the County's four jail facilities the opportunity for an effective, rehabilitative experience following state and federal guidelines.

John Chetti, OCSD Re-Entry Program and Cassie Haro, OCSD Re-Entry Unit

John and Cassie shared information on the mission of the Inmate Re-Entry Unit's seamless transitioning of their inmates upon release from custody into community based programs designed to enhance their successful reintegration into the community.

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
June 3, 2010 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Sisters of Saint Joseph Campus Auditorium * 480 S. Batavia * Orange, CA 92868
Topic: Youth Issues/Youth Homelessness/Emancipated Foster Youth
Refreshments: Orange County Community Housing & 211 Orange County
E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, June 2, 2010
to Sharon McKeag at coordinator@ocpartnership.net**

Please note with the growth of the meeting's attendance we have moved to the auditorium section to hold the remaining meetings for 2010.