

**Homeless Provider Forum
June 5, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

Dawn Lee, OC Partnership

- Local SuperNOFA applications have been submitted – 24 renewal and 9 new applications were submitted in the current funding round. Threshold review has been completed and deficiencies resolved. The next several weeks will be spent preparing for evaluator review and ranking. The NOFA is scheduled to be released in early July and the review process will take place after the release and verification that HUD has no major shifts in priority.
- HMIS – HUD is expected to significantly increase the importance of regional participation in CMIS in the national competition. We're piloting a data migration effort and a new release of CMIS and as soon as these efforts are successfully completed we will begin an outreach campaign to collect data from each of your agencies. \$11 million in annual homeless funding is riding on your participation.
- On June 23rd we will host our annual CMIS User Meeting at the Family Justice Center in Anaheim. Current CMIS participants are strongly encouraged to attend. The vendor will demo the new scantron version of the client intake process; we will present our CMIS Progress report and engage participants in making a number of regional decisions affecting our system. Those not yet participating but who are interested in coming on board are invited to attend as well. Please contact Sharon McKeag for details and to RSVP.
- The Spring Continuum of Care meeting is scheduled for June 17th at the LA Times building at 1:30p.m. The focus of the meeting is Disaster Planning. The discussion will focus on the phases of Emergency Management, provide insight into the County's Housing and outline Housing Cooperative Agreements

Kelly Lupro, Office on Aging and Homeless Prevention

- The National Shelter Plus Care Coalition (NSC) invites all NSC members and supporters to attend the NSC Annual Meeting to be held on July 28, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. The meeting agenda includes legislative advocacy and coordination on current issues of interest and/or concern to NSC members, S+C administrative and regulatory matters, information sharing, and networking between S+C projects from all over the country. Agenda highlights include McKinney-Vento Reauthorization and FY 2009 Appropriations for HUD Homeless Assistance and HHS-SAMHSA Homeless Programs.
- Enterprise Live Online Event *Best Practices in Supportive Housing and Employment: The Employer's Perspective* Third in a Series Tuesday, June 17, 2008 90 minutes beginning 2:00pm ET / 11:00am PT. To truly be successful, an employment program for tenants of supportive housing must learn to cultivate positive relationships with employers. Yet making the business case for hiring individuals with many (perceived or actual) barriers to employment—including criminal records, mental illness, substance

abuse issues, and/or a limited work history—can be difficult and intimidating. However, there is a strong business case to be made for why employers should hire your residents – and it really works. Hear from an acclaimed employment placement agency that works with employers to find jobs for “hard to place” individuals. Anyone interested in learning more about developing relationships with employers, in order to achieve better employment outcomes for the tenants of supportive housing. Registration takes place 20 minutes prior to the event. A detailed description of this event and information on how to participate can be found at <http://webinars.enterprisecommunity.org>.

Shelter Information & Openings

Sharon Halsey-Hoover with Bethany will have one opening for single women in two weeks.

Norah Dupodja with Toby’s House has four openings for adult pregnant women with or without children.

Je’net Kreitner with Grandma’s House of Hope has three beds available for single women, 17 years and older (including seniors), who have survived domestic violence and/or homelessness and who may suffer an aftermath of addictive behavior and mental health issues. Clients maybe on some medications and must be willing/able to work. Seniors must have a funding source. Program fee is \$125 a week, which includes non-perishable foods, group and individual counseling, legal clinics, wardrobe assistance and an on-site job search center. You can reach Je’net directly at 714-457-3187.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) has exhausted all of its funding and is not active as of June 6, 2008. We will keep you posted when the program starts up again.

Sylvia Ruiz with Serving People in Need (S.P.I.N.) has three openings in their G.A.P.P Housing program. Who qualifies for this program are homeless, low-income families with children under the age of 18; parent(s) in the household working full time for a minimum of 3 months; currently reside in a transitional shelter, motel, or emergency shelter and be willing to participate in a 1-2 year case management program to achieve self-sufficiency.

Cassie Eidem with South County Outreach wanted to remind everyone the Case Managers Support Group meeting is a brown bag luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm in the Sisters of St. Joseph Classroom 4 in the Auditorium building (480 S. Batavia, Orange, CA 92868). For further information please contact Sharon Halsey-Hoover at 714-289-6763 or email bethprog@csjorange.org.

Colleen Smagala with Anaheim Interfaith Shelter will be having one opening for a large family of 5 and up. You can contact them directly at 714-774-5330.

Deby Wolford with Colette’s Children’s Home has one openings for single mothers with up to three children at their Placentia and Anaheim locations.

Featured Topic:

Challenging Family Placements

Colleen Smagala, Anaheim Interfaith Shelter

Colleen shared information on the challenges facing agencies and being able to let go of limitations when trying to place families with teenagers.

Lauren Balasco, Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter (OCIS)

Lauren spoke on OCIS's emergency shelter and transitional housing programs and how OCIS accepts families of all types which include teenagers up to 18 years of age.

Anoushey Kahn, Laura's House

Anoushey shared information on how Laura's House has their case managers do a teen assessment on the initial intake to better serve the placement of teenagers.

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
July 3, 2008 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Topic: Youth Issues – Emancipation and Transitional**