

**Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum
June 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Karen Williams, OC Partnership to End Homelessness

REMINDER: Attendance of the Implementation Group, Homeless Provider Forum, HMIS Users meetings are included in the ranking for SuperNOFA grants.

- Also included are:
 - Kennedy Commission
 - MHS Proposition 63 Planning
 - Collaborative to Assist Motel Families
 - OCDE Homeless Liaison
 - Discharge Planning Groups

The next Implementation Group Meeting will take place on Friday, June 15, 2012 from 9 -10 AM at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Hall, 1855 N. Orange-Olive Road in Orange. We will be meeting from 9-10am to hear an update from the Implementation Group leaders, and to talk about how we are going to proceed with the meetings, now that we are breaking down into more tactical groups.

HMIS Update on Version 5

- Pilot group has started working with the new Version 5
- Project Hope will be testing scanned forms, followed by Mercy House. If anyone else is interested in testing out the scanned forms, please let OC Partnership know.

The next HMIS User Meeting will be on Thursday, June 28, 2012 starting at 9am at OC Partnership's Conference Center, Suite 100.

We are investigating training for the CoC providers on how to apply for Social Security Administration Disability for your clients. We are hoping to provide this service at no cost. We are meeting with SSA on Monday, June 11, 2012 to understand the training process.

Email List Sign-up

OC Partnership's Continuum of Care email distribution list provides updates regarding SuperNOFA and other HUD funding, Homeless Provider Forum, 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, Commission to End Homelessness, quarterly Continuum of Care Community Forums and other Continuum of Care activities. To be placed on this distribution list, please contact Sharon McKeag Ash at 714-288-4007 ext. 1116 or via email ocp-coordinator@ocpartnership.net

Kelly Lupro, OC Community Services

Orange County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 30 Application Availability

Please be advised that effective 9 AM, June 5, 2012, the OC EFSP Phase 30 Application Packets will be made available upon request to Bill Fogarty at ocefsp@aol.com. Also note that any requests made prior to 9 AM on Tuesday, June, 5, 2012 will not be honored. The request may be made in person at 13252 Garden Grove Blvd., Suite 101, Garden Grove, 92843 or by email. The application, instructions and packet materials have changed from the OC EFSP Phase 29 Application packet. Applicants are advised to download and read all materials prior to completing and submitting the Phase 30 application after receiving the application packet. The NOFA for the Phase 30 application was published in the Orange County Register on May 30, 2012. Make sure that all required documents / attachments / materials accompany the application when it is returned to the OC EFSP Board prior to the deadline on June 29, 2012. Any incomplete application or an application that is missing required documents / attachments will not be considered for funding. Orange County has not yet been notified if we will receive funding for EFSP Phase 30. This application is in anticipation of Phase 30 funding approval.

Shelter Information & Openings

Beverly's House – First Steps Program has beds available for emancipated, AB-12 and moms between the ages of 18-24 years old. For further information, please contact Lily Nguyen, Program Director, at 714-771-5003 or lnghuyen@ywcacoc.org.

Please visit the OCDE's Homeless Outreach Promoting Educational Success (HOPES) Collaborative Annual Community Service Provider's Survey <http://MVServiceProvider2012.questionpro.com> – They are asking community agencies that serve homeless families with children to provide feedback on how they can better assist with the families with their child's education. Please respond by Tuesday, June 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Donato at edonato@ocde.us or 714-966-4383. Thank you for your assistance.

South County Outreach operates a Computer Learning Lab in Laguna Hills to help those who are unemployed and under-employed improve their computer skills and increase job opportunities. Outlook, Power Point, Word and Excel classes are being offered now. Register today - CALL (949)461-9066 or email clc@sco-oc.org. For more information visit their website www.sco-oc.org.

The Case Managers Support Group meeting is a brown bag luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (excluding December) at 12:00pm until 2:00pm 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 hoovers1@csjorange.org. At the June 20th meeting, Danielle Craycroft will speak on the Shelter Plus Care Program.

WISEPlace has openings for single women that are 18 yrs. and older, employed or immediately employable, Alcohol and drug free for 90 days, Able to attend weekly groups (M + W 7-8:30pm). Call Demona, Tiffany or Ana for phone assessment. Walk in intakes are scheduled for Wednesday morning starting at 9:00am when they can arrive to complete intake documents 9:30am face to face interview, taking their last one at 11:30am. Address is 1411 N. Broadway, Santa Ana 92706 714-542-3577. Their current weekly fee is \$75.

American Family Housing has four units of permanent supportive housing for disabled adults. Please call 714-897-3221 ext. 111 and speak with Sarah Dodd. The program is open to any homeless adult or family, (singles, single parents, couples, families, etc.) and the requirements are they must have some type of disability and also be considered homeless. When they call the intake line, they should ask to be screened for the program serving disabled adults.

Grandma's House of Hope (GHH) has one opening in their Healing House for a single woman with a significant medical challenge. In particular this is a good fit for homeless women with a diagnosis of breast cancer or any subsequent returning cancer. No income necessary. Stage one to Stage 4 and terminal cases accepted. Hospice can be provided on site. This is an active healing program, and clients are expected to do as much as they are able with consideration for their health restrictions. Medications (including pain meds) are allowed. No contagious diseases - this is a germ free environment. This is a Transitional Housing Program (with limited emergency beds) that offers group and individual counseling, case management, workforce development, wardrobe assistance, food, internet and cable access, bible studies (voluntary) and most importantly; a safe place full of the promise of healing and hope. Please refer your clients to GHH at (714) 558-8600 to set up an intake phone interview.

One Step Ministries has a transitional house, which is a three bedroom facility. Two of the bedrooms are designed for a mom with at least one teen and up to three children. The third bedroom is designed for a mom with an infant and up to one other child (this is the room that is currently available). The reason they set aside two of the rooms for teens is because transitional housing is very difficult to find for moms w/teens, especially teen boys. The two bedrooms currently filled will be available in December at the latest (if the current program participants stay the entire 9 months).

Grandma's House of Hope (GHH) has 2 new beds available for single women with a disability. This is a handicap friendly apartment. (NOT handicap accessible) GHH specializes in hard to place clients. (Women's ages range from 18 to 80) This is a Transitional Housing Program (with limited emergency beds) that offers group and individual counseling, case management, workforce development, wardrobe assistance, food, internet and cable access, bible studies (voluntary) and most importantly; a safe place full of the promise of healing and hope. Monthly program fee is based on ability to pay. There are scholarships available. Please refer your clients to GHH at (714) 558-8600 to set up an intake phone interview.

VETERANS FIRST will be hosting the 2nd Annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down August 17-19, 2012 at the Costa Mesa Reserve Center, 2651 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa – All agencies are encouraged to participate. This is a community collaborative and we need your help. Please call Linda Lomask as 714-547-0615, or email at linda@veteransfirstoc.org for information and to register your agency as a service provider.

Grandma's House of Hope (GHH) is organizing a "Safe Harvest" event on October 31st at the West Anaheim Youth Center – The focus of this event is to offer a safe, fun alternative to trick or treating for children living in the motel district on Beach Blvd. Las Vegas Magician Garry Carsen will be returning to Orange County this year to entertain the children with a 45 minute magic show and West Anaheim Youth Center is hosting a Haunted House. Partners are needed who are willing to host a game booth and activities for the kids, provide food and fun! This should be a great event and one that will continue to grow for years to come. 300-500 children are expected this year! Please contact Gina Moran at GHH (714) 558-8600 if you would like to be involved on any level!

Casa Teresa has openings for pregnant women 18 or over that are interested in Casa Teresa's Adoption Program, Hannah's House. The only requirements would be that they are no more than 7 months along, that they are not currently using or undergoing detox, no severe mental illness. They aide the women in finding a licensed social worker or adoption agency that they are comfortable with in order to find a family that they would choose for their child. The route they take, open or closed adoption, is their choice. They only provide advocacy, support and a safe place for them to say during this process. There is a program fee involved, however; generally this is paid by the adoptive families on the mom's behalf once they secure one.

Cal State Fullerton's 7th Annual Gianneschi Summer School for Nonprofits (SSFN) July 10th through July 13th on the CSUF campus – Last year's event featured 29 separate classes with a combined enrollment of 1,151, which included 508 participants from 355 different organizations across 8 California counties plus 2 from out of state. Registration is \$85 per day. The Gianneschi Fellowships in Nonprofit Leadership are funded by proceeds from the event. For more information, please visit www.fullerton.edu/NonprofitSummerSchool.

Seeking Safety through OCHCA currently has three open groups:

- REACH, located at 1725 W 17th Street, Santa Ana, 92706, Suite149B. This group is every Monday at 2pm and every Wednesday at 10am.
- Someone Cares Soup Kitchen located at 720 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa. This group meets every Monday from 11-12pm.
- Net-Works located at 303 Broadway, Suite 107, Laguna Beach. This group meets every Tuesday from 2:30-3:30pm.

All three groups are open to the community and are always accepting new participants. For further information, please contact Robin Keeble rkeeble@ochca.com or Ruby Navarro runavarro@ochca.com phone 714-834-8776 or 714-720-1147. They will also be offering case management to individuals in Seeking Safety. Case management is open to anyone identifying as homeless or at-risk of homelessness 18 yrs. old and above in OC. This will be provided by Rachael Ferraiolo rferraiolo@ochca.com phone 714-834-7913.

Health Care Agency Behavioral Health Services Prevention & Intervention announces Mental Health First Aid, a 12-hour certification for members of the community that would like to learn about mental health disorders and what you can offer as a "first responder" to someone with mental illness on July 9-10, 2012 OR July 16-17, 2012 – At the end of this 12-hour course Mental Health First Aiders will be able to identify risk factors and warning signs of mental illness; understand facts versus misconceptions about mental illness; implement a 5-step action plan to provide help to a mentally ill person and become more aware of resources available to individuals experiencing mental illness. For more information about how to sign up to become a Mental Health First Aid responder, or if you'd like to host a 12-hour training in your community, please contact Robin Keeble or Ruby Navarro at 714-834-7926. The July trainings will be taking place at Orange County Center for Resiliency, Education & Wellness, 732 W. Town & Country Road, Bldg. E, Orange 92868.

Recover Your Sense of Personal Power Workshop - A Free Stress Management Workshop Tuesdays 9am-10am or 5pm-6pm – Recover Your Sense of Personal Power Workshop aims to help you change your reactions to stress so that you may function better physically and mentally. Objectives: help participants identify stressors in different settings and around different individuals; give participants the option of how to minimize stressors when you can't eliminate them and participants will learn mindfulness. Mindfulness is about bringing yourself into the present moment. Orange County Asian & Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA), 12900 Garden Grove Blvd., Suite 214, Garden Grove, 92843 To RSVP or for more information please call Ye Lee at (714) 262-9095 ext. 248. Referrals and Resources Provided.

Any adult Traumatic Brain Injured (TBI's) individuals who want to try going to work and need a Free Vocational Assessment (ESA) can contact Rene Coffey at 714-446-5626 at the St Jude Brain Injury Network. No charge for services. Service is in conjunction with the Department of Rehab.

American Family Housing has 4 openings for single mothers w/ children under 10 years old: 3-unit for a mother and one child and 1-unit for a mother and an infant. It is community living. Please call 714-897-3221.

Orange County Community Housing Corp. has the following upcoming vacancies:

14024 Buena, Garden Grove	3 bedroom, upstairs	\$1425/mo
930 Vista, Placentia	3 bedroom, upstairs	\$1400/mo
10951 Berry, Anaheim	3 bedroom	\$1350/mo
25942 Domingo, Capistrano Beach	3 bedroom, downstairs	\$1500/mo

Families must qualify below 80% area median income for their family size:

- 2 persons: below \$61,650
- 3 persons: below \$69,350
- 4 persons: below \$77,050
- 5 persons: below \$83,250
- 6 persons: below \$89,400
- 7 persons: below \$95,550
- 8 persons: below \$101,750

Families must be able to show that they have a monthly income at least 2x the rental amount. We accept Section 8 vouchers. Please call 714-558-8161.

CAMF has funding available in June to assist one family living in a motel into permanent housing. Family must be sustainable once they receive the move in assistance and be willing to accept quarterly CM for one year. Ideally there is a tie to an Anaheim motel, but surrounding areas are eligible. Family must have CM provided by an established nonprofit willing to take the case from application through move in and quarterly updates. (This can be as simple as a follow up phone call every 3 months to make sure the family is staying housed and stable. Application forms are on BIG TENT. If you are not currently a member, contact Dayann Shepherd dshepherd@211oc.org for an invitation. Send all completed applications to Chris Caster aishalcyon@sbc.global.net. This funding must be expended in June, 2012.

Build Futures to meet their need for immediate access to resource information at no cost has developed an online resource that can be searched by category and/or city. Please visit <http://www.buildfutures.org/resources>. They do their best to keep this as current and accurate as possible, but due to resource constraints as an all-volunteer, grassroots organization there will be information that needs to be updated or modified. Please help them by sending any changes, modifications, deletions or questions to Kathy@BuildFutures.org. They also have some resource information on their website for Social security, social services under resources.

Project Hope Alliance will be offering Financial Literacy classes

Casa Teresa has a job opening for a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Please contact Stacy Proctor.

Featured Topic: Open Discussion Forum

The format for this meeting was an “open discussion” where you had the opportunity to share your thoughts/provide constructive feedback to help continue to strengthen the Homeless Provider Forum and Continuum of Care.

Please visit <https://www.yousendit.com/download/QIVoUXVpVnNFd2YwZXNUQw> to view the updated 2012 schedule for the remaining Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum meetings.

*****Please note the July 5th Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum has been cancelled*****

Next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for

August 2, 2012 from 9:00am – 11:00am

Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Hall

1855 Orange Olive Road, Orange 92865

View the map, please visit <http://g.co/maps/rq3kx>

Topic: How to Handle the Influx of Returning Veterans and Jail Re-Entries

Refreshments: Veterans First, OC Community Housing Corp. & Emancipated for Life

E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, August 1, 2012

to Sharon McKeag Ash at ocp-coordinator@ocpartnership.net