

Commission to End Homelessness Implementation Group #1 (Prevention)

Friday, June 7, 2013
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Village @ 17th Street
1505 E. 17th St., Ste. 108
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Minutes

Larry Haynes, Implementation Group Chairperson

The Commission to End Homelessness, Implementation Group #1 welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission to End Homelessness and Implementation Group #1 encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, please complete a Speaker Form identifying the item(s) and deposit it in the Speaker Form Return box located on the side of the podium. If you wish to speak on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the close of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. When addressing the Implementation Group, please state your name for the record. Please address the Implementation Group as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Power Point and video presentations must be requested prior to start of meeting.

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS:

Maria Mazzenga-Avellaneda (sitting in as Chair for this meeting) welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves to the group.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Commissioner for discussion or separate action. At this time, any member of the public may ask the Commission to be heard on the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Approve May 3, 2013 Implementation Group #1 (Prevention) Minutes

Maria Mazzenga-Avellaneda asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar item. Motion for approval was made by Andrew Donchak and seconded by Jennifer Lee-Anderson.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

2. 2-1-1 Presentation-Dayann Shepard

Kelly thanked Dayann for providing the "Matrix of Services Provided By Each Agency To Compare Services" handout. Maria Mazzenga-Avellaneda explained that the group would review the data in the handout and identify the commonality and gaps in services/ locations/ populations, and identify if the right people are involved, and Dayann would share the gaps identified from her research.

Assumption: All 34 cities need services. All 34 cities are covered but are not geographically accessible.

GAPS IDENTIFIED BY GROUP:

- Is money available / not enough funding
- Access to services
- Advocate with cities
 - Need cities helping other cities
 - ESG / Health
- How resources are distributed

Problem areas identified and discussed:

- Discussion about Geography issues. Disagreement that people will go where there are services if the services are available. The amount of resources may not be where the people are located. How to create revenue to provide them?

- There is data to indicate that there are agencies that cannot spend all of the money without losing it and since they have a small area designation they cannot share the funds.
- Agencies that want to do prevention versus getting the funding for it. Need to recognize the top performers.

Different grant sources were reviewed: CDBG, ESG, WSFP, FESG, and CSBG.

Questions:

- Who are the top performers?
- What are best practices?
- Where to centralize the information/data?

GAPS IDENTIFIED BY DAYANN:

- Basic needs / top needs:
 - Rent payment assistance
 - Transitional shelter
 - Not qualified
 - Can't get there
 - Not sure if
 - Data problem
 - Resource problem
 - Geographic thresholds
 - Proof of income
- Unmet needs:
 - Rent payment assistance
 - Transitional shelter
 - Not qualified
 - No openings / not available
 - High thresholds in some cases prevent resource assistance

Problem areas identified and discussed:

- 2-1-1 does not have a live list of bed counts which will be alleviated with Coordinated Assessment/Coordinated Intake, but they do know which agencies are taking referrals.
- We don't tell the story of prevention well –we need to present a good business case for private funding from foundations and businesses. Private funding is the next step. A clearinghouse for funds would provide assurance for the private community. Look at how to apply collaborative funding/pooled funding.
- Could we improve the system we have?

GAPS SUMMARY / BIGGEST GAPS

- Rental parameters – why, when, where
- Don't qualify – why
- No funding
- Clients don't want rental because they don't like it

Several group members agree that we need a practical, layered map; overlays should include at a minimum: population, geographic, PIT data, HMIS data, bus lines. Jennifer Lee Anderson will share this need with the data group at their next meeting. Dayann will begin working on this map but may not have the capability with the tools she has and so will identify who else can help.

3. Miscellaneous Items and Updates

Who should be invited to attend going forward? Everyone/all agencies on the list that Dayann provided plus Neighborworks OC.

4. Next Steps

- a. Visualize data on a layered map. Dayann will begin to work on a map by identifying who can help put it together.
- b. Agenda items/focus for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission to End Homelessness, Implementation Group #1 regarding any off-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission to End Homelessness, Implementation Group #1 provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person and twenty minutes for all comments, unless different time limits are set by the Chair.

Anna Lisa Lukes from NeighborWorks OC introduced herself and explained that they are positioned at the end of the continuum - they provide foreclosure prevention and they are developing a program to help with prevention, information referral and job readiness. They would like to be involved in prevention.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

NEXT MEETING: **August 2, 2013, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**
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