

**Homeless Provider Forum
July 1, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

Kelly Lupro, OC Community Services

SuperNOFA:

- Letter Of Intent for renewals was released Tuesday, June 29th
- RFP for new projects to follow shortly
- Organizations wishing to be notified and/or submit an application when the LOI/RFP is released **must be** registered in the BidSync system.
- You may register on line at www.bidsync.com <<http://www.bidsync.com>> or by calling BidSync at (800) 990-9339.
- In addition to notification of release of the LOI/RFP, all questions and answers will be posted in through BidSync.
- We anticipate approximately \$2,541,484 available for new projects + bonus project
- Awards for new projects from the 2009 competition have still not been announced

2010 Housing Inventory and Shelter Count update:

- Low response rate.
- Will be sending out to agencies on the list
- We will conduct the annual update the last week of January 2011
- Agencies can be added or deleted from the list at that time or can edit their information

Federal Plan to End Homelessness:

- On June 22, the lead Cabinet secretaries from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, the U.S. Departments of HUD, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Veterans Affairs submitted to the President and Congress the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness.
- The full report is titled *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*.
- The plan is a path to end [veterans](#) and [chronic homelessness](#) by 2015; and to ending homelessness among [children, family](#), and [youth](#) by 2020.
- The Plan presents strategies based on the premise that mainstream housing, health, education, and human service programs must be fully engaged and coordinated to prevent and end homelessness,
- Strategies include:
Increasing leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement

Increase access to stable and affordable housing

Increase economic security

Improve health and stability

Retool the homeless response system

- You can view the full report and a webcast about the plan at www.usich.gov and www.hud.gov

Dawn Lee, OC Partnership

- **AHAR** – HUD released the 2009 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress last week. This report is a summary of two data sources: Point In Time data collected from CoCs from across the country as collected on a single day in the last week in January 2009 and; the one-

year estimate of total persons entered into HMIS. The data was collected from 334 CoCs covering over 3000 counties and 1000 cities across the US.

- Key highlights:
 1. On a single night in January 2009 there were an estimated 643,067 sheltered and unsheltered homeless people nationwide.
 2. 63% of the homeless were in emergency or transitional shelter and 37% were on the streets.
 3. The total number of homeless people has remained fairly stable over the past few years but the number of unsheltered persons has declined.
 4. The total number defined as chronically homeless is 110,917 representing a 10% drop from the previous year.
 5. Homelessness is concentrated in large coastal states with California, New York and Florida accounting for 39% of the country's total.
 6. The typical sheltered homeless person was an adult male, a member of a minority group, middle aged and alone.
 7. About 10% are veterans and 40% report having a disability.
 8. Data shows a rise in family homelessness for the second consecutive year (the reporting period covers the economic crisis). About 170,000 families were sheltered in 2009 representing a 30% increase since 2007 and believed to be a result of the recession.
 9. Homeless families are overwhelmingly led by females with the majority being under 31 years old. Very few are veterans or have a disability. More than half have children under the age of 6.
 10. Approximately 20% of persons in emergency shelter are children under the age of 18.
 11. Families increasingly used emergency shelter rather than transitional shelters in 2009.
 12. Approximately 1 out of every 92 persons living in principal cities were homeless compared to 1 out of every 415 persons living in suburban or rural areas.
 13. The inventory of emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing was reported at 20,065 year round beds nationwide.
 14. Average bed utilization for is 89% for emergency shelters and 83% for transitional shelters and the average turnover rate is 6.5 times per year for emergency shelters and 1.8 times per year for transitional shelter.
 15. For the first time ever, the number of permanent supportive housing beds surpassed the number of emergency or transitional housing beds.

The full report can be accessed at

<http://www.hudhre.info/documents/5thHomelessAssessmentReport.pdf>.

Shelter Information & Openings

HOMES, Inc. currently has a waiting list for emancipated youth.

The REACH program will be rolling out a new Outreach & Engagement program this summer seeking participants 18 and older who reside in Orange County and are currently homeless/at risk for homelessness/in transitional housing who are also struggling with symptoms of trauma and substance abuse. There will be a focus to engage members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning community as well, but not required in order to receive services. In addition to street outreach, REACH would like to partner with other providers in the community who do not have mental health prevention or early intervention components in their programs, to identify these community members who may need extra assistance in the form of linkage with other resources, case management, or brief intervention to prevent the worsening of traumatic symptoms and substance abuse into a mental health disorder. Please contact Robin Keeble rkeeble@ochca.com or Hilary Peralta hperalta@ochca.com for more information.

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

CCN-OC is a grassroots effort of Christian churches in Orange County to work together to fill the gaps in services already being supplied by the many agencies and shelters in the county. As a Gap Ministry, we ask that the **agency / shelter** contact us directly at (714-637-8833) or email at outreach@covp.org to let us know what service they are in need of and a little of the client's story. At that time we can let the agency know if it is a need we can fill. If we are able to assist, we can fax a copy of our intake form to the agency or contact the client directly and gather the information we need to go forward with the assistance. We are listed with 211 OC and any other clients in need in the county can call our Help Line at 1-714-637-2085.

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 July. Clients must be employed, and have children under the age of 18. 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.

H.I.S House (Homeless Intervention Shelter in Placentia) has an opening in their six (6) month second step program for a single-mother with one child. Mom must be employed, and be a graduate of a transitional living program. We will invite a child up to 18 years of age as long as he/she is still enrolled in high school. A recommendation from a case manager of the transitional program is required. Program fee is \$300 per month plus utilities. The family will have their own room and share two baths, family room, kitchen and living room with one or two other families. For more information contact Ronda at (714) 993-5774 or (714) 872-1250.

Public Notice Section 8 Rental Assistance Program – The Garden Grove Housing Authority will be accepting pre-applications for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program waiting list. Completed pre-applications will be accepted online at: www.gardengrovetwaitinglist.com For those people living or working in Garden Grove please put in your applications. Online applications will be available on July 1, 2010 at 8 a.m. through July 31, 2010. Hardcopy pre-applications can be mailed to: Garden Grove Housing Authority, Attn: Application Processing, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Pre-applications must be postmarked no sooner than July 1, 2010 and no later than July 31, 2010. Hand carried and faxed applications will not be accepted. If you have a disability, which would prevent you from obtaining an application at one of these locations, contact the Housing Authority office at (714) 741-5150.

Cal Optima and its Community Partners invite you to the Community Alliances Conference on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Registration begins at 8-9am. Conference from 9-2:30pm. CSUF – Titan Student Union, 800 N. State College Boulevard, Fullerton. Please RSVP by Friday, July 16, 2010. There is no charge for this event. Pre-registration is required. To register, please visit www.caloptima.org For more information, call 714-347-3262 or email Claudia Hernandez at chernandez@caloptima.org.

CalOptima's member Liaison program is available for CalOptima members without stable housing. The Member Liaison program helps members get proper care and timely referral to services, as well as connect members to health and community resources. Members can call CalOptima's Customer Service Department at 1-714-246-8500 to reach a Member Liaison.

Family Assistance Ministries is a Transitional House for women and women with children under 10; If eligible for the program they can stay up to a year, and we now have an aftercare program which

continues to offer support and case management for another 6 months or so after completing graduation from the house.

Laguna Beach Emergency Shelter – The City of Laguna Beach has initiated an innovative, one-of-a-kind program by providing nearly all of the funding for an overnight, year-round emergency shelter intended to address the needs of local chronically homeless individuals. They need your help. This 45-bed facility is operating at capacity. They ask that you help them continue this successful program by instructing your staffs that the program is full and cannot accept additional referrals. If they continue to receive new clients referred from other agencies, they fear the program will be so stretched beyond capacity that it will not be able to continue as it does currently. That would be a loss for all of us.

Grandma's House of Hope has five openings for single women, and women who are in the reunification process with their children. 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.

WISEPlace currently has a waiting list in their transitional program. The person applying must have a minimum of 90 days clean and sober. The person can have successfully completed another shelter program, and be working full-time (32+ hours per week). The Case manager followed by the participant, needs to call 714.542.3577 ext. 17 and speak with our Program/Case Manager, Demona Barlow. Walk in Intake days are Wednesday from 9:30 am – 11 am.

Friendship Shelter currently has a waiting list for the Self-Sufficiency program. To be added to the waiting lists, clients should call 949-494-6928 on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Only a few interviews are conducted each week on a first-come, first-serve basis and no calls are accepted prior to 10:30.

American Family Housing vacancy listings as of 6/29/10:

714 Atlantic, Long Beach area 1 Bedroom 1 bath upstairs \$800 (Ready) Section 8 OK

232 E Willard #5, #8, Long Beach area 1 Bedroom 1 Bath upstairs \$775 (Ready)

15272 Van Buren #14, Orange County area 2 Bedroom 1 bath Town home \$1270 (Ready) Fair Market

15217 Van Buren # 23, Orange County area 2 ½ Bedroom 1 bath \$1295 (Coming up soon) JULY

Move-in special for the units on Van Buren: ½ off first month's rent. We have specials on other units as well. Call Dolores ext. 114 or Cinthia ext. 113 for more info and an application packet.

Colette's Children's Home has openings at their _____ location for single women and stable families.

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

Come to Him Ministries has openings in their Transitional Housing Program. Please call 562-665-7922.

Featured Topic: Identifying Medical Resources/Clients Accessing Medical Care

Dan Castillo, Medical Services Initiative (MSI)

Dan Castillo defined the safety net population in O.C.; described MSI eligibility criteria; discussed the Patient-Centered Medical Home model approach; discussed recent program changes such as patient co-pays and benefit changes; talked about local, State, and Federal reform efforts, i.e. In September 2010, MSI plans to reopen enrollment under a renewed 1115 Federal Waiver to act as a bridge to healthcare reform come January 1, 2014. Talked about the increasing MSI population over the last couple of years as a result of outreach efforts and the economic downturn and current success of the program and how we hope to build on that success.

Karen McGlenn, Share Our Selves

Karen shared information on the mission of Share Our Selves, who provide free care and assistance to those in need and act as advocates for systemic change as well as the services they provide to those in need.

Steven Bush, Pacific Clinics

Steven shared information on Pacific Clinic's Consumer Training Program certification class.

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
August 5, 2010 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Sisters of Saint Joseph Campus Auditorium * 480 S. Batavia * Orange, CA 92868
Topic: Relapse/Prevention of Addictions
Refreshments: Family Law Facilitators Office and Mercy House
E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, August 4, 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.