

**Homeless Provider Forum
July 7, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Amber Killinger, OC Partnership

As a reminder, your SuperNOFA application is due on July 19th. Please contact Sharon and I to have your exhibits certified.

The June and July publications of 'Data Matters' (the HMIS newsletters) are now available electronically and on our website.

OC Partnership 2011 Agency Partner Spotlight OC Partnership offers an Agency Partner Spotlight opportunity on our website to organizations that serve homeless or at risk residents of Orange County. The intent is to publicize local service providers and other stakeholder organizations to help them communicate their programs. Our website gets about 6,000 hits a month and exists as an informational resource. We are in the process of selecting agencies to be profiled for the remainder of 2011. We also maintain a listing of local agencies as an informational resource and if you'd like to include a link to your website please contact Sharon McKeag Ash at coordinator@ocpartnership.net or (714) 288-4007 ext. 1116 for further information.

Kelly Lupro, OC Community Services

SuperNOFA Continuum of Care RFP and LOI was released on June 22 and is due by July 19. If anyone is interested in participating on the evaluation panel, and does not have a conflict of interest, please contact Maria Cabrera at 714-480-2884

The next Ending Homelessness 2020 Board meeting is scheduled for July 29 at 9 am at the Village of Hope. Implementation Group 2 (Emergency and Transitional Housing) is holding its second Community Forum this upcoming Monday, July 11 at 9am at 1505 E. 17th Street, Suite 100 in Santa Ana. Both meetings are public. You can sign up to receive information about these meetings and other Continuum of Care announcements through OC Partnership on their website at www.ocpartnership.net.

Dayann Shepherd, 2-1-1 Orange County

If your agency is listed with 2-1-1 Orange County's Comprehensive Information and Referral System, please remember to check in with the Resource Department to ensure that your records are current, accurate and complete. Visit the Service Providers page of our website (211oc.org), email Resource@211oc.org, call the Resource Department 949-486-8519, or dial 2-1-1 and select the option to be transferred to the Resource Department. If your agency is not yet listed, visit our website to tell us more about your services and apply for inclusion.

Shelter Information & Openings

Serving People in Need (SPIN) - GAPP Housing program provides you with move-in costs (first month's rent and deposit) for homeless families that are in need of permanent housing. They have immediate openings for the month of July. The GAPP program focuses on case management and achieving self sufficiency for families with 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, Michelle Delacio ext. 20, Shannon Lamb at ext.15 or assistant to the case managers, Annette Duncan ext 16.

REACH is now offering the Seeking Safety Intervention at 1725 W. 17th Street, Suite 149B, Santa Ana every Monday at 2pm & Wednesdays at 10am. Groups are 1 hour in length, open to any adult (18 or above) OC resident who has experienced trauma and/or substance mis-use and is homeless or at risk of homelessness. This intervention focuses on safe coping skills.

Dawn Price at Friendship Shelter shared that she has a volunteer who works with an animal rescue group and who is willing to work with homeless providers to arrange for pet fostering while clients are in shelters or transitional housing. The capacity is limited so she would like requests to go through Friendship Shelter. Call Dawn at Friendship Shelter for information – 949-494-6928.

All's Well Home, an all volunteer operated 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that operates Program/Structured/Working homes for men and women in recovery is seeking the to fill the following: 1 or 2 Administrative Assistants who are willing to work with us about 20 hours per week; web developer / web master; Volunteer Tutorial Assistant and a Head of Household (house manager) for a men's recovery home. Anyone who is interested in applying for any of these positions should contact our Executive Director, Betsy Mata, by e-mail at betsy@allswellhome.org or by phone at (714) 231-0070.

Permanent One-bedroom Apartments with Section 8 for Homeless Senior Citizens – Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments at 891 S State College Blvd in Anaheim has three upcoming vacancies for Homeless persons. Requirements include: age 62+, income less than \$19,550, a current or historical connection to Anaheim (call for details), and a case manager's certification of Homelessness. One unit also requires a physician's certification of disability. The one Homeless/Disabled unit includes ongoing case management and some in-home services. Contact Lorena at 714-778-5375.

Notice of Class Action Settlement against California Lodges Suites Hotel – The Superior Court of California, County of Orange has authorized this notice. The lawsuit relates to the eviction practices of the Lodge over the past seven years. The Lodge is located at 2909 S. Bristol Street, Santa Ana, California 92704. Plaintiff claims that the Lodge forced its tenants to check out of the hotel before the expiration of thirty days in an effort to deprive those tenants of certain of their residency rights, an unlawful eviction practice (otherwise known as a “28-day shuffle”). Defendants deny any wrongdoing. You may be entitled to \$500 or more. A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit filed against the Santa Ana California Lodge (the “Lodge”). To claim this money, you must be a Class Member and you must file a claim form by October 21, 2011. Read the attached document if you believe you qualify and wish to receive these damages.

Grandma's House of Hope has three 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. We also work with women who are in treatment for or recovering from breast cancer. (Women's ages range from 18 to 70) 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. Monthly program fee is \$500. 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.

Family Promise of Orange County, Executive Director – The Executive Director will coordinate and oversee all program components of Family Promise of Orange County, including provision of case management for guests and management of Day Center operations. The position interfaces with referring and supporting agencies and is responsible to the Board of Directors for community outreach, fundraising, and development and maintenance of effective ongoing relationships with host congregations and volunteers. Family Promise is an interfaith network serving homeless children and their families. It works with up to four homeless families at any one time to provide them with emergency food and shelter as well as to help them find affordable housing and return to an independent lifestyle. The families are housed and fed in local hosting congregations throughout the community. The hosting facility rotates on a weekly basis. During the day, the families are transported to a permanent Day Center site which acts as the daytime location for those persons in the family who are not working or going to school. The Family Promise guests are transported to the Day Center each morning and are returned to the hosting congregation for the evening meal. The Day Center will house the office of the Executive Director and program support staff. To apply, please visit <http://jobview.monster.com/GetJob.aspx?JobID=100690970>.

Dayle McIntosh Center (DMC) FREE Housing & Financial Literacy Workshop July 19, 2011 from 10-12pm – Guest presenters will be Judy Gonzalez and Bank of America. For reasonable accommodations, make your request known by July 10th. Seating is limited. DMC is located at 13272 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove. For more information, please contact Judy Gonzalez, Housing Coordinator, at 714-621-3300 ext. 321.

Working Wardrobes Customer Service Job Training – Increase your Earning Potential! Training Program includes 36 hours of interactive classroom training through Working Wardrobes, Costa Mesa; 16 – 40 hours of on-the-job training at Working Wardrobes Resale Shops or Thrift Shop; opportunity to take assessment test to become certified by the National Retail Federation in Customer Service and NRF-certified trainers. July Classroom dates are: 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 from 9-3pm at Working Wardrobes, 3030 Pullman St., Costa Mesa 92626. On-the-job training locations are in Anaheim, Brea, Laguna Niguel and Tustin Scholarships Available! Reservations Required. For more information or to reserve a spot call 714-210-2460.

OC Community Housing Corp (OCCHC) has the following vacancies:

- Garden Grove 3 bedroom, \$1425/mo, upstairs unit with 2 balconies, 2 parking spaces, laundry facility, near Santa Ana College, 14024 Buena
- Placentia 3 bedroom, \$1400/mo, upstairs unit with 2 balconies, 2 parking spaces, W/D hookup and appliances, near Orangethorpe and 57 fwy, 920 Vista
- Capistrano Beach 3 bedroom, \$1500/mo, upstairs unit with 2 balconies, 2 parking spaces, laundry facility, near Dana Point Harbor, 25942 Domingo
- Capistrano Beach 3 bedroom, \$1500/mo, downstairs unit with enclosed side yard, 2 parking spaces, laundry facility, near Dana Point Harbor, 25942 Domingo

8th Annual Disability Rights Workshop “Take Back the Power!” Friday, July 29, 2011 – Free Workshop on Abuse & Neglect of Older Adults & People with Disabilities 9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m. (Registration begins 8:30) Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 East Center Street, Anaheim, CA 92805 Door prizes! Lunch will be provided. To RSVP please call Garnet, Dayle McIntosh Center, at 714-621-3300 ext.361.

Featured Topic: Mental Health: Accessing Services for the Homeless and At-Risk

Judy Iturriaga, County of Orange Health Care Agency

Judy spoke on the Health Care Agency’s BHS Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Housing programs for TAY, adults and older adults.

Anthony Delgado, Adult & Older Adult MHSA Programs

Anthony discussed the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) programs for adults and older adults who are chronically homeless. Anthony also shared in information on the Full Service Partnership Wraparound programs.

Carol New, Mental Health Association Drop-in Center

Carol shared information on the REACH program and the intervention and prevention for those who do not fit with the County programs.

**Next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
August 4, 2011 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Sisters of Saint Joseph Campus Auditorium * 480 S. Batavia * Orange, CA 92868
Topic: Influencing Public Policy and 10-Year Plan Update**
Refreshments: OC Partnership & Thomas House Shelter
E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, August 3, 2011
to Sharon McKeag Ash at coordinator@ocpartnership.net**

The Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is targeted to those who provide services to homeless and at-risk clients and is intended to provide useful information to front-line staff and those who develop programs. The forums identified with an ** may additionally be beneficial to Executive Directors, Development and other senior staff and members of the Board of Directors.