

Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum September 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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HMIS

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

Email List Sign-up

OC Partnership's Continuum of Care email distribution list provides updates regarding SuperNOFA, CDBG and other HUD funding, Homeless Provider Forum, 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, Ending Homelessness 2020 Board, 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 at coordinator@ocpartnership.net.

Volunteer Opportunities

In our continuing efforts to connect our partners with volunteers, OC Partnership has introduced a Community Resource page on our newly redesigned website. This page will serve as a clearinghouse to match organizations with needed volunteers. We are in the process of updating our list of agencies that are willing to accept volunteers, and would like their contact information made available on our website for that purpose. By including a link to your existing website, your agency will have an additional outlet for fulfilling the needs of your agency from the public. This is especially beneficial to those who may not otherwise be aware of your agency. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please email your website URL and contact information to Sharon McKeag Ash at coordinator@ocpartnership.net.

Agency Partner Spotlight

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.

OCP Personnel

Steve Kight is the new Executive Director of the 2020 Board and OC Partnership's new Chief Strategy Officer. Steve's primary responsibility will be overseeing the successful implementation of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Kelly Lupro, OC Community Services

SuperNOFA

HUD's SuperNOFA for homeless assistance programs has been released. OC Community Services is setting up workshops for applicants that have applied as a renewal application or are selected for a new project to enter their project 2 applications into E-Snaps. You should be checking the HUD HRE website frequently and be on the list serv. You can also find the ESNAPS training modules there. Most are there, with a few that will be coming soon. It is highly recommend that you go through the modules BEFORE anyone attempts to go into their Exhibit 2 applications. If you have questions, you can contact Maria Cabrera at 714-480-2884 or email at maria.cabrera@occr.ocgov.com.

Also, there is no LOGIC MODEL this year. I am sure that makes a lot of you very happy!

Access to Mainstream Benefits

This website is an easy way to see if a client is potentially eligible for Cash Aid, Food Stamps or Medical Services and apply for them. Key information about related benefits is also available on this site. Clients can find out if they are potentially eligible and apply for Cash Aid, Food Stamps or Medical Services.

Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness

Implementation Group 1 (Outreach and Prevention) is meeting on 9/14/11 at 6 pm at The Village at 17th Conference Room, 1505 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

Implementation Group 2 (Emergency and Transitional Shelter) is meeting on 9/16/11 at 9 am at The Village at 17th Conference Room, 1505 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

The next 2020 Board meeting is on 9/23/11 at 9am at the Village of Hope, One Hope Drive, Tustin.

2020 Board meetings are open to the public. For meeting dates and information, please go to http://www.ocpartnership.net/our_services_coc_board.htm. For questions regarding the plan or to RSVP to a meeting, please email 10yearplan@occr.ocgov.com

2nd Annual Disparity and Disproportionality in Health and Human Services Conference, “Bridges Out of Poverty” 2 day conference will be held on October 31st & November 1st (8-4pm both days)

Day 1: is a nationally recognized training based on Ruby Payne’s “A Framework for Understanding Poverty” with trainer Jodi Pfarr.

Day 2: will feature breakout sessions on poverty as a vital factor in influencing disparities and disproportionalities observed in Behavioral Health, Education, Criminal Justice and Social Service systems.

This is presented by OC Health Care Agency, Children and Families Commission, OC Social Services Agency, Orange County Department of Education, Orange County Probation, Orange County Sheriff’s and OC Community Services.

11 Continuing Education Credits are available.

Dayann Shepherd, 2-1-1 Orange County

The Motel Family Project in Anaheim is looking for clients living in motels that need one-time financial assistance of up to \$3,000 in order to move into permanent housing.

Requirements:

- Clients must currently live in a motel and have a connection to Anaheim (residence, school, work, etc.)
- Clients must be represented by case managers from Collaboration to Assist Motel Families partner agencies (that’s you!) who are willing to follow the case pro bono for at least one year. (Case management consists of assisting the client family with application process and moving logistics, connecting once a month for 3 months following the move and then on a quarterly basis for a total of 12 months.)

Application forms available via BigTent or by emailing below. Forms must be completed by the client family with the case manager and then scanned and emailed to jenet@grandmashope.org and dshepherd@211oc.org for consideration. No initial phone calls, please, use email only.

Case managers may also bring completed applications to the monthly Motel Families Project Administration Committee Meeting and answer MFP Admin Committee members’ questions on behalf of applicants at that time (8:30-9:30 am, 1st Tuesday of each month at the same location as the monthly CAMF meeting that starts at 9:30am).

Shelter Openings & Community Events

Bikes Build Futures Grand Opening Saturday, September 10th 9 AM to 1 PM at 2454A North Glassell, Orange (Cross streets: Fletcher and Glassell) – Build Futures is excited to announce the grand opening and launch of their social enterprise business, Bikes Build Futures. Bikes Build Futures was created to employ the homeless youth we serve (ages 18 to 24) with jobs, help instill a work ethic and assist them on their way to permanent housing. The basic mission of Bikes Build Futures is to receive, recondition and resell used bikes to the public. Please visit www.buildfutures.org for more information.

Hand in Hand Outreach donates food twice a week on Thursdays starting at 12:30pm and Fridays at 6pm. Hand in Hand Outreach is located at First & Fairview in Santa Ana. For more information, please contact Susi Lopez at 714-269-5444.

Build Futures Information Session "*Homeless Youth: A Problem to Big to Ignore*" Wednesday, September 14th 6:30 PM – Huntington Beach Central Library & Cultural Center, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, "B" Room downstairs. Build Futures Founder/Executive Director, Kathy Tillotson will discuss homelessness. Why are they on the streets? Where do they sleep? Where do they eat? RSVP to info@buildfutures.org or 657-206-5860.

Garden Grove United Methodist Church will be hosting Rev. John Flowers, author of *Not Just a One Night Stand: Ministry with the Homeless* Sunday, September 18th. He will preach at the 9.30 worship service and at 12 noon will lead a workshop on homelessness. Workshop is free. GGUMC is located at 12741 Main St. in Garden Grove. Those who would like to attend can RSVP at ggum@ggum.net to let them know if they would be purchasing the \$5 lunch.

10-10-2011 World Homeless Action Day – a day to make a difference in the lives of people homeless in your area. For more information, please visit www.worldhomelessactionday.org or contact info@worldhomelessactionday.org.

Veterans First would like to invite you to participate as a service provider to the homeless veterans attending the inaugural OC Stand Down September 17-18, 2011 at Santa Ana College — Your participation will offer solutions as transitional beds, treatment programs, outpatient or residential services, employment services, mental health or legal services. If you are interested please contact Linda Lomask at linda@veteransfirstoc.org or fax at: 714-547-8678. They would appreciate if you have military veterans in your programs that are homeless, advising them that they are eligible to receive the services at the OC Stand Down. To fully receive the impact of the Stand Down, they encourage you to allow them to stay overnight. If this is not possible, please contact Linda so they can discuss this further. Please post the flyers in a place where the homeless can see them. Stand Down is for Homeless Veterans and their significant others and children. Other friends cannot be included. Participants are encouraged to pre-apply but it is not required. They look forward to your participation in helping make this inaugural event a success.

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. September classroom dates are: 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29. All classes are 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 Mary Ann Profeta at 714-210-2460.

Housing Resources & Financial Literacy Workshop Wednesday, September 22, 2011 from 10:00am-12:00pm Hosted by the Dayle McIntosh Center (DMC) – Guest Presenters include Judy Gonzalez and OC Credit Union. For any reasonable accommodations make your request known by 9/15/2011. For more information and RSVP to Judy Gonzalez Housing Coordinator, at 714.621.3300 ext. 321. DMC is located at 13272 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, 92843 Just off the 22 Freeway. Please forward to consumers and anyone else who may want to learn the process to affordable housing and financial literacy.

Mental Health Association of Orange County's 11th Annual 2011 Affordable Housing Resource Forum October 6, 2011 - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM at 11551 Trask Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92843 –The Housing Resource Forum will present brief overviews of housing resources. Housing resources will include information on emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent affordable housing resources. They will have providers with housing options and funding information. They will have many exhibitors. Registration can be faxed to 714 833-5411 or emailed mha2011housing@yahoo.com.

Kennedy Commission Hosting OC Lenders & Investors Forum Thursday, September 22, 2011 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Registration and Networking begins at 9:00 a.m.* University Club, University of California Irvine, 801 East Peltason Drive, Irvine – Please join the Kennedy Commission in welcoming state, regional and local representatives to Orange County to discuss affordable housing, land use policy and funding resources. *Registration includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Parking \$40 Kennedy Commission/ SCANPH Members; \$60 Non-members and \$60 All Onsite Registration (space permitting). Spaces are limited! Register NOW at www.kennedycommission.org. For more information, please contact Linda Tang at lindat@kennedycommission.org.

Orange County Ride for AIDS Saturday, October 15, 2011: Ride for a Reason – For more information, please visit www.ocrideforaids.com.

Get on a Bike! Get off your Gass! Huntington Beach Custom Bicycle Show Saturday, November 5th benefitting Build Futures – Seeking custom bicycle builders, artist, manufacturers, retailers and some over-achieving bicycle enthusiasts to display their bicycles, accessories and wares at the First Annual Huntington Beach Bicycle Show. The event will be located at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza, the adjacent parking lot, and The Strand at 5th and PCH. If you would like to participate in the HB Bicycle Show as a Sponsor, Manufacturer, Retailer, Artist, Rider or Volunteer, please visit www.HBBicycleShow.com or contact Chris.zahorchak@gmail.com.

2011 Nominations Homeless Provider Forum Co-Chairpersons – Two (2) co-chairpersons are elected each year to guide the activities of the monthly Homeless Provider Forum meetings. At least one of the co-chairpersons must be a service provider. Please review the responsibilities and select a nomination to present at the December planning meeting. You can nominate yourself. Co-Chairpersons are responsible for working with each of the monthly meeting Facilitators in preparation for the topic discussion, confirming refreshments, and managing meeting time and flow. Works in conjunction with OC Partnership to ensure meeting is organized. Fax the nomination form back to Sharon McKeag Ash at 714-258-7852 or via email at coordinator@ocpartnership.net.

Full Time Resource Specialist at 2-1-1 Orange County – Resource Specialists are primarily responsible for managing and maintaining the currency, accuracy, and consistency of the records in the 2-1-1 OC resource database. Eligible for benefits. Must be able to commit to working 30 or more hours per week, typically weekdays. Schedule will change as needed, and flexibility is required. Must be able to travel out of town occasionally for conferences. Education/Experience: BA degree or other equivalent experience transferable to this position or one year prior experience providing information and referral services, managing databases, or related experience in the human service field is preferred. Résumés and cover letters should be emailed to opportunities@211oc.org.

The T.R.E.E. House (Total Recovery Enriching Experience) is Telecare's Orange County Crisis Residential Program. It is a safe environment for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support to avoid hospitalization, stabilize symptoms and return to their previous level of functioning. For more information, please contact 562-245-7282.

Quality Assurance Data Analyst Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) – Under the supervision of the Mental Health Program Director, the Quality Assurance Data Analyst will ensure compliance with and implementation of all data collection and billing requirements of funding agencies for a Full Service Partnership/Wraparound (FSP/W) Project FOCUS. Project FOCUS will provide culturally and linguistically competent, family centered, strength-based, and needs driven models of care, in which enrollees identify their needs and strengths and work with their care teams as equal partners. Application deadline is August 31, 2011 or until filled. Please email or fax a cover letter, resume and 3 professional references (past supervisors including email address and phone number) to Kelly Tran, ktran@ocapica.org. Please ensure the email subject has the job title: QA Data Analyst.

Low Income Housing includes safe, clean, and affordable apartments, homes, and non-profit resources. The service is free to people in need of low income housing. Please visit <http://www.lowincomehousing.us/> for more information.

OC Head Start Programs gives priority enrollment to homeless families with children 0-5 years. Families will need to call the individual program site for availability of enrollment. The child does not have to reside in that particular community as long as the parent can get their child to the program (no –residential requirements/or fees). Each program has varying programs, some offer half day, full day, some service infants - 3 year olds and some offer traditional pre-k programs (4 yrs.). Attached are the program sites, to call for more information.

OCHCA currently has three open groups. One is at REACH, located at 1725 W 17th Street, Santa Ana, Ca 92706, Ste.149B. This group is every Monday at 2pm and every Wednesday at 10 am. Next, they have a group at Serenity Hall Garden Grove: address is 7212 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove; this group is every Tuesday at 10am. The third location is at Civic Center in Santa Ana, on Ross Street and Civic Center Drive in the grass area, between the Hall of records and OC Public Defender's office. 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 cell174-720-1147. 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.

Come to Him Ministries - Ezekiel & Jacob House for Women & Children and Hezekiah & Isaiah House for Men. Call for interview appointment 562-665-7922. Faith-based program located in Placentia, La Habra and Whittier. Four living facilities with a 60 bed capacity. Program is appropriate for single men, single women, and women with children. Residents are required to be clean and sober. Probation and parole are acceptable. The program starts with a probation period and then moves into a covenant of up to one year. The program offers case management, life skills training, budget counseling and referrals for job counseling and training. The program is geared towards helping individuals' with-out housing due to crisis situations, job loss, divorce/separation, sickness, estranged family, past substance abuse or mild mental illness. They desire to find them relief, rehabilitation and development. Fees are \$540 per month for singles and \$650 per month for women with children. They also offer a sliding scale for those who are eligible.

Featured Topic: HEARTH Act: Implications for Orange County

Rufus Washington, US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

Rufus shared information on the particular implications the HEARTH Act will have for Orange County.

Jasmine Evains, US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

Jasmine shared information on the particular implications the HEARTH Act will have for Orange County.

Tanya Tull, Partnering for Change/Beyond Shelter

Tanya spoke about housing first models and the shift towards that paradigm, and how integrating it into what's to come with the HEARTH Act.

**In place of next month's Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum please attend the
11th Annual Affordable Housing Forum October 6, 2011**

Note the new location: 11551 Trask Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92843

For further information, please contact Darlene Powell at mha2011housing@yahoo.com.

**Next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for November 3, 2011 from 9-11:30am
Sisters of Saint Joseph Campus Auditorium * 480 S. Batavia * Orange, CA 92868**

Topic: Resources: What is Available? What is Needed?

Refreshments: Veterans First, Christian Church Network Orange County & Community Senior Services

E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, November 2, 2011

to Sharon McKeag Ash at coordinator@ocpartnership.net