

**Homeless Provider Forum
September 2, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

Dawn Lee, OC Partnership

In place of next month's Homeless Provider Forum please attend the 10th Annual Affordable Housing Resource Forum October 7, 2010 - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mental Health Association of Orange County (mha), in partnership with Orange County Mental Health Board's Housing Committee, Orange County Continuum of Care's Homeless Providers Forum and The Kennedy Commission present the 10th Annual Affordable Housing Resource Forum Anaheim United Methodist Church 1000 S. State College Blvd, Anaheim, CA. 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. We will have providers with housing options and funding information. Registration is Free of Charge and Fax to 714 543-4431 or emailed to dpowell@mhaoc.org.

Shelter Information & Openings

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 September. Clients must be employed, and have children under the age of 18. They now have Homeless Prevention HPRP funding for the city of Costa Mesa. 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.

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.

Permanent One-bedroom Apartment with Section 8 for Homeless Senior Citizen – Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments at 891 S State College Blvd in Anaheim currently has two vacancies. 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.

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.

Huntington Beach Council on Aging Presents 22nd Annual Senior Saturday on Saturday, Sept 11, 2010 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Huntington Beach Pier Plaza Free Admission Entertainment, Health Information, Giveaways \$2:00 Continental Breakfast \$2 Lunch Free Parking and Shuttle Service from the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach or Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach For More information call 714-539-9387.

Arbor Education and Training will be hosting a Housing & Community Resource Fair for CalWORKS Families on Wednesday, September 15th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center. We are looking for community organizations who would like to participate in the Fair and have a free table/booth for their organization and services provided. Please contact Janelle Neal at 714-503-2419 by Wednesday, September 8th to confirm your participation.

The Orange County Capacity Building Program presents "Navigating the Gap: Using Community Resources and Government Benefits to Assist Low-Income Families in Tough Times" on Thursday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 For more information about our Panelists and Exhibitors, please visit our website at: www.connectoc.net/OCCBP.asp To Register, contact: OCCBP VISTA, Mitch McInerney at (714) 704-8288 or MMcInerney@CONNECToc.net.

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. (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.

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 at (714) 834-7926 or rkeeble@ochca.com and Hilary Peralta at (714) 480-4677 or HPeralta@ochca.com for more information.

Working Wardrobes Annual Men's Day of Self-Esteem is being held on October 10th at Los Amigos high School in Garden Grove and they're always looking for volunteers. They are also hosting their OC Alley shopping event at the Wyndham in Costa Mesa on September 15. All are welcome and admission is \$25. Drinks and finger foods will be served. The phone number is (714) 210-2460 for information.

Orange County Capacity Building Program Funding Opportunity – If you are an Orange County faith-based or community organization serving low-income individuals in Anaheim, Buena Park, Fullerton, Garden Grove, La Habra, Santa Ana, Stanton, or Westminster, you are invited to apply for a grant provided by the Orange County Capacity Building Program. The OCCBP is designed to provide, and to organizations seeking to support economic recovery issues, including helping low-income individuals: secure employment; increase their ability to earn higher wages and obtain better quality jobs and gain greater access to state and federal benefits and tax credits. Key dates: Oct. 19, 2010 Applications and instructions will be available on CONNECT's website; Nov. 9, 2010 Applicant Conference; Dec. 10, 2010 Applications due no later than 5 p.m. at Orangewood Children's Foundation (1575 E. 17th Street in Santa Ana) and Jan. 4, 2011 Awards announced. Questions please contact: Program Manager, April Alvarez (714) 704-8206 or AAlvarez@CONNECToc.net. For more Information: www.CONNECToc.net/OCCBP.asp

Gilchrist House 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 only after completing graduation from the house. Family Assistance Ministries is the organization which both runs the house and runs the local food bank, helps with homelessness prevention, bus vouchers, and other outreach to our community.

Mercy House's HPRP County Funds is currently taking applications. The best way to find out if anyone has a client they think may be a good fit for the Rapid Re-Housing Program is to call 714-836-7188 ext. 121 (short to long term).

SAVE THE DATE: The Mental Health Association of Orange County will be holding a Hoarding Taskforce on November 13, 2010. Please contact Darlene Powell for further information at dpowell@mhaoc.org.

The YWCA Central Orange County's Beverly's House has openings for mothers and their children (under the age of 5) in their transitional program. They are the same requirements for the house (proof of emancipation, 18-24, female and must be enrolled or have plans to enroll in school. They will either have an apartment to themselves (have more than one child) or share with a roommate. They must also be participating or in the process of applying for CalWorks with preferably childcare already in place. They can contact me 714.771.5003 (Maria Abenes, Program Director).

Featured Topic: Exiting Clients – Legal Issues/Immigration

Renato Izquieta, Legal Aid Society

Renato shared valuable information on the legal ways to exit clients through the Transitional Housing Misconduct Act.

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**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
November 4, 2010 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Sisters of Saint Joseph Campus Auditorium * 480 S. Batavia * Orange, CA 92868
Topic: Psychology of Homelessness/Mental Health Resources
Refreshments: Prevention EPICS and AIDS Services Foundation
*E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, November 3rd to coordinator@ocpartnership.net**