

**Homeless Provider Forum
September 3, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

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- **2009 SuperNOFA** – As of today HUD has not released the SuperNOFA. However, the Orange County competition is in full swing. Twenty-nine renewal and eight applications were accepted and are being reviewed.
- **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Funding (HPRP)** – A number of agencies have received funding notification for the 10 jurisdictional grantees in Orange County. All funds must be allocated by 9/30/09. Area service providers will be contracted to provide various homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services such as rental, utility and moving assistance, legal services, and housing search. Case management is required for those receiving recurring services. The purpose of this funding is to serve as an intervention to homelessness.
- **HUD Homeless Program Financial Management Training (September 14 – 17)** – The Los Angeles Field Office is sponsoring 4 one-day clinics for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (S+C) sponsors and grantees on the financial management of HUD homeless grants. The Fund Accounting Clinic is a key building block to establishing an effective financial management system. This clinic will instruct participants on a variety of topics such as defining fund accounting, running a program with fund accounting, fund accounting and grant reporting, financial management and fund accounting, fund accounting and match, time and activity reporting, as well as best practices and useful tools developed by homeless grantees in conjunction with HUD staff. Emphasis will be paid on determining whether costs are eligible, allowable, and allocable for federal reimbursement. In addition to the training materials, all participants will receive a Homeless Program Resource CD-ROM with all the tools used in the training session. Special emphasis will be paid to compliance with the financial management questions in the HUD Community Planning and Development Monitoring Handbook. The Fund Accounting Clinic is designed for Executive Directors as well as financial and program managers or staff. There is NO COST for this training, however, space is limited. Register by clicking on <http://www.tdainc.org/courses.php>. Call 910-277-1275 or email kjiotta@tdainc.org if you have questions.
- **CMIS** – We're in the process of implementing several process improvements to ensure data quality. The Universal Data Elements report will be sent out monthly to participating agencies and it is expected that agencies will correct any identified data quality issue promptly. This cleanup effort will result in more accurate data for our Annual CMIS Indicators Report and HUD SuperNOFA reporting. As of 8/31/2009, 36 agencies participating agencies have entered 29081 homeless and at risk clients into the system since inception.
- **9th Annual Affordable Housing Forum** – Will be held next month in place of the Homeless Provider Forum. The forum will take place at Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd. Anaheim. Please contact Darlene Powell at 714-234-9074 for more information.
- **OC Partnership is Moving** – We are temporarily relocating to the Village of Hope. Please direct all mailed correspondence to OC Partnership, One Hope Drive, Tustin, CA 92782. Our phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. We will be at the new location on Monday, September 14th. We will not have computer access until Tuesday, September 15th.
- **OC Partnership is Hiring** – We are accepting resumes to fill a part time Data Analyst/ Report Writer opening on the CMIS support team. The full job description is available on our website at www.ocpartnership.net under **OC Partnership News**.

Shelter Information & Openings

Serving People in Need (SPIN) - GAPP Housing program has limited funding for first-time homeless families that are in need of permanent housing. They have immediate openings for the month September. 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, Carlos Lariz ext. 20.

Community Outreach of Covenant Presbyterian Church is the lead church of Christian Church Network Orange County (CCN-OC) is always open to other Christian churches coming to find out about the Network, so feel free to invite pastors or laypeople from other churches you have contact with. The Network meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month and are held at Covenant Presbyterian in Orange. We have 2 phone numbers for contact. The agency only line is 1-714-637-8833 and agencies only email contact is at outreach@covp.org. Our client "Help Line" is 1-714-637-2085. Please make the necessary changes to your referral lists that you give to your clients.

Community of Faith has a new location – First Baptist Church of Anaheim, Broadway Christian Center, 701 West Broadway Avenue, Anaheim 92805. They will be serving hot food and giving out groceries every Friday. They welcome all comers. For more information, you can contact Kay Womack at 714-774-4444 ext. 14 or kay@fbcanahaim.org.

Support for student's whose families have lost their homes to foreclosure: If your family owned its home and lost it to foreclosure, or if your family was renting a home and the landlord lost it to foreclosure, and you are now living in a temporary situation, your preschool-aged and school-aged children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your child(ren) may be eligible for the support provided by the McKinney-Vento Act, contact the school district's Local Liaison or your State McKinney-Vento Coordinator. If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at its toll-free Helpline: 1-800-308-2145.

Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter's funding sources for our Emergency Shelter Program have been dwindling over the past few years. Due to the budget constraints, the agency needed to make the decision to close their Emergency Shelter for families with children as of July 1, 2009. If they should get funds to support the Emergency Shelter in the future, they will initiate the program again. The families who are currently in their Emergency Shelter Program will remain here until they are able to transfer them into their or another agency's residency program. No current residents will be asked to leave, unless a serious rule violation occurs. They will continue to operate their transitional housing programs in Costa Mesa, Tustin and Santa Ana. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Miller via email at Lmiller@ocinterfaithshelter.org.

Formerly the Anaheim Collaborative is now The Collaborative to Assist Motel Families meets the first Tuesday of the month 9:30am-11:00am (or 2nd Tuesday following a holiday) at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim 92805. Government, school districts, faith-based organizations, housing organizations, and community based organizations join together for monthly network and resource sharing to increase the self-sufficiency of motel clients. Contact: Bob Cerince, Community Services Supervisor, (714) 765-4486 or bcerince@anaheim.net for further information.

South County Outreach has 2 openings in South Orange County for families with 2 or more children in their Transitional Housing Program. Call (949) 380-8144, ext. 205, for more information.

Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services (FIES) has openings in their Interfaith Shelter Network program. For further information you can contact 714-680-3691.

YWCA of Central Orange County has an opening for a single women but she must be an emancipated foster youth between the ages of 18-22. First Steps or Beverly's House provides services to former foster or probation youth.

Human Options is a program for victims of domestic violence. The Second Step transitional program which is a year program for single mothers, currently has 3 openings. Their Emergency Program will have two openings starting next week. For more information you can call Carrie Bender at 949-722-8744.

Anaheim Interfaith Shelter (A.I.S.) has openings at their childcare center, the Halcyon Child Development Center; the openings are for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years of age. Contact the director of the childcare facility, Ms. Araceli Serrano, at 714-774-5330 for information.

H.I.S. House will have two openings - families of two or three and be interviewing on 9/15 at 9:00 am. Please call on Tuesday, Sept. 8, or Monday Sept. 14 for more info.

Precious Life Shelter will have two emergency openings as of 9/4/09. In the pregnancy phase everyone comes through emergency. The new 2nd Step Program will be for single women with children (not pregnant) and it will be a referral process from another program, social worker, ACT worker, etc., and they will be interviewed on a case by case basis. No male children over 10 and no female children over 13. They can have several kids as the units could accommodate them or they might share a unit if there are only one or two children. Must call for interview and the units will be available beginning Oct 1, 2009.

Morning Garden supports families with preschool aged children generally 0 to 5 years old. Morning Garden now offers Vocational training and support to parents, including job search, application and interview assistance, and has computer lab and MS Office training available on site. If anyone is interested in sending clients to Morning Garden they can show up Monday – Wednesday 8 am to 11 am at 614 N. Bush St. Santa Ana (Bush and Civic Center Dr. East) or they can call Mayra Serna at 909-273-1696. Transportation can be arranged.

Illumination Foundation has received HPRP funding from Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Orange County to assist homeless families and those at risk of homelessness into permanent housing. For more details, please call 949-273-0555.

The Eli Home will have an opening at their transitional shelter next week. Single mother with children up to 12 years old. Please contact their office for more information 714-300-0600.

Featured Topic: Signs & Symptoms of Alcohol & Drug Abuse/HIV/STD

Robin Keeble with Orange County Health Care Agency REACH program shared valuable insight on the signs of HIV and STDs.

Rodger Bendinelli with Orange County Health Care Agency ADAS Prevention Team shared information on signs and systems of alcohol and drug abuse.

*****In place of next month's Homeless Provider Forum please attend the*****

9th Annual Affordable Housing Forum

October 1, 2009 - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church 1000 S. State College Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92804

For further information, please contact Darlene Powell at 714-234-9074

Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for

November 5th from 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Sisters of Saint Joseph Campus Auditorium * 480 S. Batavia * Orange, CA 92868

Topic: Legal Issues – Exiting Clients

Refreshments: Grandma's House of Hope & Salvation Army

***E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, November 4th to coordinator@ocpartnership.net**