

**Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum
Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2013**

Continuum of Care Announcements

Karen Williams, OC Partnership to End Homelessness

New President/CEO of 2-1-1 Orange County

Implementation Group Calendar

- Meeting schedule is in the Homeless Provider Announcements and on the OCP web site.
- Commission to End Homelessness Meeting September 27, 2013 9-11am. The Board meeting is being expanded to a CoC workshop and everyone in the CoC is invited to attend. Look for an email.

Performance Data Meetings in August

National Alliance to End Homelessness

- National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness will be taking place on February 18-19, 2014
- Registration will be opening on October 14, 2013

CoC Letter of Intent

- Summary of progress – all LOIs were submitted and NOFA is expected to drop in mid-October.

Point in Time Count & Survey Final report posted on OCP, PIT, and HMIS web site.

U.S. 100,000 Home Campaign – Boot Camp Update / Brenyale

- Orange County needs someone to lead the effort.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – VA Home Front

- Offers the opportunity to support homeless Veterans by providing a wealth of resources for Veterans, community members, and personnel.
- National Call Center for Homeless Veterans hotline
- Brochures available on the table by the door
- Please take some cards to hand out to homeless or at-risk veterans

Announcement Cards

- To ensure your announcement is included in the minutes, please fill out and turn in an announcement card.

Upcoming Meetings:

2013 C2eH Master Calendar

Use the new online calendar to save Implementation Group meetings to your calendar.

1. Go to the OC Partnership website at www.ocpartnership.net.
2. Click on Ending Homelessness.
3. Click on Commission to End Homelessness.
4. Click on 2013 C2eH: Master Calendar.

Agency Spotlights:

Mary Perdue – Family Assistance Ministries of South Orange County was founded in 1999 by Ellen Gilchrist. Family Assistance Ministries provides food, shelter, utility assistance, transportation assistance, medical, dental, prescriptions assistance, financial counselling, and client aid to thousands of people in South Orange County. The Gilchrist House a transitional program at Family Assistance Ministries is a four-unit complex with 26-bed capacity and offers transitional shelter for single women and women with children under 12 years of age.

Mark Miller, Friendship Shelter – Friendship Shelter has been serving homeless individuals in Orange County for 25 years. Follow the link below to listen to The Friendship Show and learn more about The 100,000 Homes Campaign. The Friendship Show is a weekly radio program that discusses the important issues impacting our lives [link to the show](#). If you have a show idea, contact Mark Miller at mmiller@friendshipshelter.org.

New Attendees:

Nancy Lombardo, Department of Child Support
Randy Ferris, Department of Child Support

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Maria Vann, O.C. Public Defender
Ryan Floyd, ResCare Workforce Services
Amanda Bogle, Pathways of Hope
Briana Arciniega, Pathways of Hope
Brad Fernandez, Fullerton Police Department
Stephen Donovan, Veterans First
Tony Alvarado, Veterans First
Justin Lair, Speaker
Sadie Dayschuster, Safe Families
Sara Holmes, Mercy House
Luis Borroel, Mercy House
Jalene Vu, Orange County Housing Authority
Heather Hood, Laura's House
Antonette Camacho, Goodwill Orange County

Announcements:

Larry Pritchett, Orange County Health Care Agency – announced a Flu Vaccine Campaign. If you would like to host or recommend a mobile, free flu-vaccination clinic please contact Larry at lpritchett@ochca.com or call him at 714-834-8309.

Dinah Sapunarich, Working Wardrobes – announced that Working Wardrobes is having a free financial education workshop the workshop is for four consecutive days: Sept. 9, 10, 11, 12 2013 3:30–6pm at Working Wardrobes, 3030 Pullman, Costa Mesa. For information or to RSVP email Dinah at Dinahs@workingwardrobes.org or call Working Wardrobes 714-210-2460.

Michael Shepherd, Pathways of Hope – announced that he and his wife welcome their new born baby boy.

Je'net Kreitner, Grandma's House of Hope – made three (3) announcements:

- Grandma's House of Hope (GHH) has one opening for single unaccompanied women with unique challenges including women in treatment for breast cancer, seniors on disability and human trafficking survivors. They specialize in hard to place clients. (Women's ages range from 18 to 80) This is a Transitional Housing Program (with limited emergency beds) that offers group and individual counseling, case management, workforce development, 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 based on ability to pay. There are scholarships available. Please refer your clients to GHH at (714) 558-8600 to set up an intake phone interview.
- October 3, 2013 Grandma's House of Hope will be hosting an Open House Celebration at the Crossings at Cherry Orchard, a brand new low income housing development in Anaheim! Please [RSVP](tel:7145588600) at 714-558-8600.
- Grandma's House of Hope will be hosting its 2nd Annual Safe Harvest Event on October 31, 2013. If you or someone you know is interested in helping them make this night a special one, through volunteering, donating or hosting a candy-drive, give us a call at (714) 558-8600 or send us an e-mail at info@GrandmasHouseofHope.org.

Stephen Donovan, Veterans First – announced Veteran's First 3rd Annual OC Stand Down September 27-29 at the Tustin Army Reserve Center on Barranca Parkway in Tustin. If you would like to volunteer or for more information visit www.ocstanddown.org or contact Manny. Please donate men's and women's t-shirts, underwear, socks, or travel/trial size toiletries, wet wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash.

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Mark Mazza, Executive Consultants – announced the low cost dental/other client benefits are available. For more information, contact Mark at MarkMazza@yahoo.com or 714-305-6960.

Featured Topic: Employment Strategies for Unhoused and Transitional Populations

Justin Lair

Justin shared his personal experience, both from a homeless stand point and no longer being homeless. He said that when he was homeless his case manager always made him think of realistic situations and that helped him a lot. He also said that over time negatives became positives. Today Justin is employed at Zerorez and volunteers his time sharing his story of homelessness with others and provides guidance and encouragement as to how to enlist and use homeless provider resources.

Edward Gallegos

Edward sees his Veteran clients at their lows and their highs and helps them find a purpose. Edward works with clients to identify employment needs and goals; he helps them identify barriers to employment, and along with the Job Developer creates an Individual Employment Plan for the client.

Meridith Webster

Meridith provided information on how clients face barriers when trying to find a job. She also provided meaningful information on how they can overcome these barriers. She recommended that clients use the website: www.GCFlearnfree.com, a helpful source to find different learning programs.

**In place of next month's Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum please attend the
13th Annual Affordable Housing Forum October 3, 2013
Anaheim United Methodist Church, [1000 S State College Blvd., Anaheim CA](#)
For further information, please contact Darlene Powell at mhahousingforum@mhaoc.org**

**Next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for
November 7, 2013 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Hall
1855 Orange Olive Road, Orange 92865**

**Topic: Serving the Service Provider: Strategies for Professional Effectiveness and Longevity
Refreshments: **We need an organization to sign-up for refreshments****

We need to fill refreshment slots for the month of November. If you know someone who would be interested in being a refreshment provider and having a spotlight for one of these meetings, please contact OC Partnership at HPF@ocpartnership.net.

**E-mail Announcements by noon on Wednesday, November 6, 2013
to HPF@ocpartnership.net and include HPF in the subject line**