

Commission to End Homelessness Implementation Group #1 (Prevention)

Thursday, June 11th, 2015
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**The Village @ 17th Street
1505 E. 17th St., Ste. 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705**

Minutes

Larry Haynes, Implementation Group #1 Chairperson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 10:33am by Larry Haynes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve March 12th, 2015 Implementation Group #1 (Prevention) Minutes. Minutes approved.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Review and Update on Activity to Date – Agency Reports (1 to 2 minutes per provider)

a. Mercy House – Sarah Jones

- i. Received EFSP one-time rental assistance. Staff is currently working with clients to get clearing houses approved.
- ii. Mercy House will continue utilizing the Prevention Scoring Tool, even though it does not always align with funding sources' requirements, to gather data on who is receiving help and outcomes.

b. South County Outreach - Lara Fisher

- i. South County Outreach currently has EFSP, Veteran's, and five cities funding for Prevention assistance.
- ii. Assisted 11 households in May.
- iii. South County utilizes the Prevention Scoring Tool for all intakes, although it does not always reflect who does and does not obtain funding.

c. VOALA – Dana Fagen

- i. Not present to provide update.

d. Family Assistance Ministries – Mary Gray-Perdue

- i. Not present to provide update.

e. 1736 Family crisis Center – Bruce Rojas

- i. Not present to provide update.

f. The Salvation Army of Southern California – Pamela Douglas

- i. The Salvation Army of Southern California has six emergency family services offices that provide basic emergency needs such as food, clothing, emergency prescriptions, partial rent payment assistance, and partial utility payment assistance.
- ii. Will be opening an office in Fullerton by July.
- iii. Services provided are privately funded, no grants are received.

2. Discussion on Prevention's role in Coordinated Entry

Larry Haynes provided clarification that there is no desire to eliminate Prevention strategies from our Continuum of Care. He states that as an Implementation Group their task is to target Prevention assistance to

the individuals most in need, and right sizing responses with our limited resources. Larry Haynes introduced Diversion as a strategy that will be incorporated into IG#1 Prevention.

3. Overview of the development of Pre-screening Tool

Liz Rojas explained that the Final Report & Recommendations for CA/CI Implementation provided for Focus Strategy included the creation of a diversion tool. However, given with limited time and resources, and wanting to leverage the work that has already been done by IG#1- Prevention Liz Rojas thought to incorporate the Prevention Scoring Tool and Diversion to create the Pre-Screening Tool. Liz Rojas explained the challenges in incorporating Diversion questions with the Prevention Scoring Tool is that Diversion is more of a conversation, while the Prevention Scoring Tool is a scoresheet. She explained that once the Pre-Screening Tool is finalized, it will be utilized to determine who can be diverted, receive prevention assistance, or should continue to complete the VI-SPDAT.

Individuals in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Pre-Screening Tool. There was discussion as to what activities constitutes diversion, and how diversion tactics are deployed within the at-risk and homeless populations.

4. Prevention Policy

Liz Rojas presented the Prevention Policy to those in attendance. She explained the format of the policy. Reference [Prevention Policy DRAFT](#).

Individuals in attendance were given the opportunity to read, review, and provide feedback on the Prevention Policy. Liz Rojas committed to making suggested changes to the Prevention Policy.

5. Diversion Policy

Liz Rojas presented the Diversion Policy to those in attendance. She explained the format of the policy. Reference [Diversion Policy DRAFT](#).

Individuals in attendance were given the opportunity to read, review, and provide feedback on the Diversion Policy. Liz Rojas committed to making suggested changes to the Diversion Policy.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ACTION ITEMS/NEXT STEPS

1. Set Next Agenda
 - a. Discussion Topics
 - b. Presentation Topics

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 9th, 2015
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
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