

Commission to End Homelessness
Implementation Group #1 (Prevention)

Thursday, March 12th, 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

Called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Larry Haynes

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve January 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. No update
- b. **South County Outreach - Lara Fisher**
 - i. No update
- c. **Illumination Foundation – Diane Rozendaal**
 - i. No update
- d. **VOALA – Dana Fagen**
 - i. No update
- e. **Family Assistance Ministries – Mary Gray-Perdue**
 - i. No update
- f. **1736 Family crisis Center – Bruce Rojas**
 - i. No update
- g. **Salvation Army – Pamela Dong**
 - i. Requested to be removed from agency reports

2. Discussion Topic

- a. **Direction of IG#1 – Larry Haynes**
 - i. The notion that agencies operate in silos is over. Even things like public funding, our continuum is judge as a collection not individual agencies. For those agencies who don't want to report into HMIS or have a good outcome it hurts all of us.
 - ii. The goals and outcomes of IG#1 Prevention should be geared to support the 10 year plan.
 - a) Accomplishments: Scoring system to see if an individual deserve prevention funding and follow up forms have helped create a uniform universal approach.
 - b) Challenges: How do we incorporate our work into CA/CI? How to get all the county efforts align? How do our Prevention efforts fit into CA/CI? Clarity in

terms of what IG#1 Prevention should be doing to offer support? Should we continue using the tools we have developed or not? How do we coordinate our accomplishments to not duplicate efforts?

- iii. Conversation of Prevention vs. diversion. Vs. Rapid Rehousing
 - a) Recommendation by Focus Strategy that prevention is falling out of favor with HUD and recommend that prevention money goes to diversion and rapid rehousing. However there has been no data to compare the cost of prevention vs. rapid rehousing.
 - i. Prevention – preventing something from happening. You are currently housed and we are preventing you from becoming unhoused
 - i. Prevention is cheaper than rehabilitation.
 - ii. Diversion – can happen while someone is still housed or already on the streets. Diversion says we want to divert you away from the system and ask you about alternatives.
 - iii. Rapid rehousing – you are already on the streets or emergency shelter. The idea is to get them out of the system as quickly as possible.
 - iv. Lara Fisher: Tracking diversion data is harder since you have to look at the cost of the case management and time invested.
 - iv. Reasons for maintaining a prevention program
 - a) The social cost of a family to lose housing and then start all over.
 - b) The cost of an eviction, deposit or double deposits and rent depending on the city may be an expense of \$3500-\$5000
 - c) Finding housing is very hard in Orange County. Supply of housing stock is so limited compared to the need. If someone is housed already, why create more of a market for affordable housing.
 - d) Must cover all the needs of the community.
- b. Diversion versus Prevention referencing Homeless Prevention Handout**
 - i. Lara Fisher: 2/3 down the page. It stated that people are entering Emergency Shelters to maintain housing.
 - ii. Larry Haynes: Convoluting the terms prevention and diversion. Some words get used interchangeably but have different established meanings.
 - iii. To be furthered discussed during the April meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Janet Bearden– Scoring System Ad Hoc Committee presentation on the status of the Prevention Scoring Form Pilot Program

- a. No update

ACTION ITEMS/NEXT STEPS

SET NEXT AGENDA

1. Discussion Topics

- a. How do IG#1 Prevention efforts fit? Specifically to CA/CI? How should we proceed?
- b. Is prevention an ongoing viable community strategy that is worth supporting?
- c. Discuss Prevention vs. Diversion vs. rapid rehousing?
 - a) Data drive
 - b) Cost-effective

2. Presentation Topics

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 2015

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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