

Orange County Commission to End Homelessness  
**Implementation Group #3**  
**Permanent Housing Solutions**

Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:30am to 11:00am

**The Village @ 17<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**CASA Training Room**  
**1505 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Santa Ana, CA 92705**

**Minutes**

**Dave Kiff Implementation Group #3 Chairperson**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting called to order at 9:35am by Dave Kiff.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Approve April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Implementation Group #3 Minutes.**  
Minutes approved.

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

- 2. What do we want to focus upon within IG#3?**
  - a. More PSH units.**
    - i. Is it about more money? If so, which efforts will be most successful? Regional efforts, city-by-city efforts, private funders and foundations, federal efforts, State efforts?**
      - 1. Are we using current dollars (such as Housing Choice Vouchers) effectively?**
      - 2. What will we see in the future from other sources? (state bond, etc.)**
    - ii. Is it about eliminating barriers?**
      - 1. Political will and update on ACC-OC's work**
      - 2. High land and rental costs**
      - 3. Housing clients with challenging backgrounds**
      - 4. Regarding the above, how can we help localities and project proponents succeed?**
    - iii. Who are our natural allies for more PSH and how can we enlist their help?**
      - 1. Faith-based groups, more.**
      - 2. Does targeting a specific vulnerable population make sense to start?**
  - b. If we just focus on PSH, what holes have we created and how would they be filled?**
    - i. Rapid rehousing**
    - ii. Resources and services to remain housed**

Individuals in attendance shared ideas on what Implementation Group #3 should focus on.

- How to engage cities in developing & setting units aside for low income and homeless households
- Coordinating with the non-profits, cities, and county
- Funding pool to bridge needs thus preventing clients from falling through the cracks

- Continuous conversations to identify needs and collaboration to address the needs
- Continuum of Care to get additional resources
- How to reach out to those in need and how to educate them on getting housing
- Support housing authorities on how to target and use vouchers for homeless
- Find & obtaining housing utilizing vouchers
- Incentivizing, identifying, supporting cities to create more options for the homeless
- Impress that it is in everyone's best interest to help those in need
- Brainstorm creative ideas for more high barrier families to obtain housing
- Work with landlords to bring down the barriers, educate them on support systems, and create partnerships
- Increase ADA accessible unit stock
- Look at trends from Housing Placement Match meetings to address and improve Coordinated Entry
- Focus on the Continuum of Care to serve the most underserved
- Create incentives for landlords and developers to work with low income and homeless households
- Reach out to landlords to create a program
- Be more creative on what permanent housing can be (single occupancy rooms, renting rooms, etc.)
- Help individuals who have vouchers secure housing
- Develop an action plan to address recidivism that includes case management
- Help clients reach a middle ground between their expectations of what housing should be with what is realistic

There was additional discussion regarding:

- Creation of a landlord database and collaborating with available and known housing resources.
- Informing the RFP process for cities and counties so affordable housing units are targeted for the homeless individuals and families with children.
- Examples of successful projects with Orange County

Dave Kiff ended the meeting by stating that Implementation Group #3 will focus on landlord identification and engagement, increasing housing stock through creative solutions, and providing resources to individuals who are already housed to help them remain housed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNED**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

## **Next Meeting**

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

9:30 am to 11:00 am

The Village Board Room

1505 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana, CA, 92705