



San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, • 02:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Life Church 12199 Industrial Blvd.
Victorville, CA 92395

**AGENDA: Regular Meeting of the
Desert Regional Steering Committee**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Protocols	Sharon Green Designee Board Members Sharon Green
PUBLIC COMMENTS	
Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the Regional Steering Committee Board will need to submit a request to speak before the time the Chair calls for public comment. The public can submit a <i>Public Comment Request form</i> or if virtual by typing in the <i>chat box</i> that you have a public comment. The Chair will call on you in the order that the requests are received. Once your name has been called, please stand, or unmute yourself and you will then have up to 2 minutes to speak.	Public
REPORTS & UPDATES (25 mins)	
E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) a. City of Hesperia Representative b. City of Barstow Representative c. Town of Apple Valley Representative d. Assemblymember Carillo Representative e. Sheriff's HOPE Team f. City of Adelanto g. High Desert Homeless Services h. Family Assistance Program i. Victor Valley Family Resource Center VVFR/Countywide Chair j. Rescue Mission k. Symba Center l. GoGo Barstow	Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Jimmy Waldron/Designee Kevin Mahany/Designee Sharon Green/Designee Dawn Quigg/Designee Antoinette Jackson Member/Designee
CONSENT ITEMS (5 mins)	
F. Approve Minutes from August 13 th Meeting G. Approve VVFR/HHAP 3 Address Change	Sharon Green
PRESENTATION (20 mins)	
G. STEP UP H. YIMBY Workshop (5 minutes)	Kim Williams Pastor Sharon Green Group Discussion
DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. ICH Decision that Desert Region re-address its HHAP 4 funding recommendations considering county's financial audit of top four applicants J. Desert request for financial scoring from County as well as total grant requests from top two scoring proposals - Symba Center for \$200,000 and Barstow Foursquare Church AKA New Life Fellowship for \$179,846,42 	Sharon Green
CLOSING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Adjournment 	HPN Members/Attendees Sharon Green
Next Meeting: High Desert Regional Special Committee will next meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	

Mission Statement: *The Mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well-planned, coordinated, and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.*

THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP MEETING FACILITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES OR OTHER AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING, REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (909) 873-4423 AND THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 850 E. FOOTHILL BLVD. RIALTO, CA. 92376. <http://hss.sbcounty.gov/ohs/>

AGENDA AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET: N/A OR CAN BE OBTAINED AT 850 E. FOOTHILL BLVD. RIALTO, CA 92376.

San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership

Interagency Council on Homelessness

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FROM: Victor Valley Family Resource Center (VVFRC)

SUBJECT: HHAP 2 – Scope of Work Change Request

DATE: September 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the High Desert Regional Steering Committee (HDRSC) will approve Victor Valley Family Resource Center's (VVFRC) request to amend the scope of work submitted in response to Request for Applications (RFA) OHS 22-01, redirecting Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 2 funds awarded for Permanent Supportive housing for Senior Residents age 55 and older.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On June, the Desert Regional Steering Committee (RSC) adopted funding recommendations, which allocated \$388,627 of HHAP Round 3 funds to VVFRC, the region's highest-ranking applicant, for the acquisition of a single-family property located at 16045 Chiwi in the Town of Apple Valley. On February 23, 2024, the Interagency Council on Homelessness approved the RSC's recommendation. However, the owner took the property off the market.

VFRC requests to amend the scope of work originally submitted in response to RFA OHS 23-01 released by the Office of Homeless Services on April 24, 2023. VVFRC is seeking approval to utilize the HHAP Round 3 funds recommended for an award for the acquisition of a Single-Family Residential House, three bedrooms and two baths at 15990 Yucca Street, Hesperia, CA 92345. The property could add an additional unit, two bedrooms, and one bathroom. This site would provide Permanent Housing, increasing the region's sheltering capacity by 10 beds.



Homelessness



- Homelessness in the SBC
- 4,237 experiencing homelessness
- We know these number are much higher.
- The average income of our members is approximately \$100, while the average rent for a studio is \$1,500.





Barriers



- **Lack of Affordable Housing**
- **Physical Health**
 - A 97% of our members are dealing with medical illness such as Traumatic Brain Injury, Hypertension, and Diabetes.
- **Mental Health**
 - A 100% of our members are dealing with mental health illnesses such as PTSD, Schizophrenia, Bi-Polar, Hoarding, etc..
- **Services Readily Available**
 - The nearest appointment date is approximately 60 days.
- **Lack of Transportation**



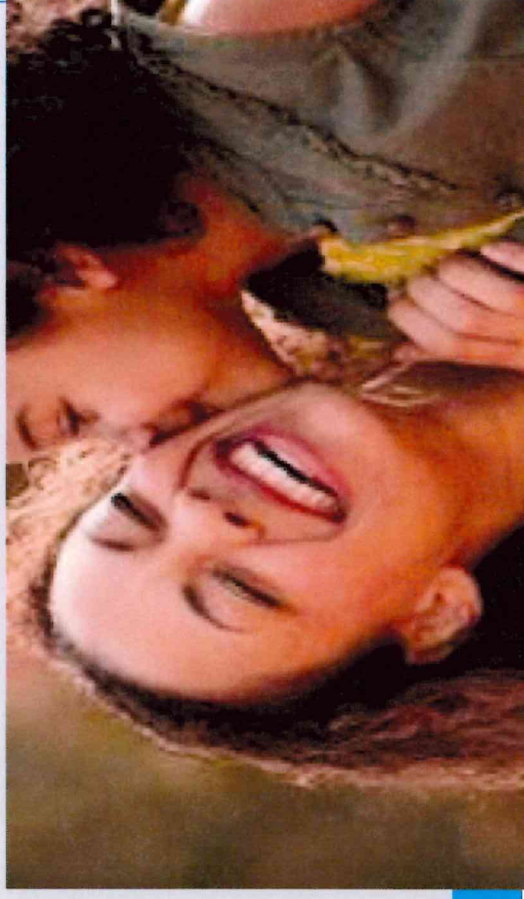


Step Up Mission



Our mission:

Step Up delivers compassionate support to people experiencing serious mental health issues, and persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness, to help them recover, stabilize, and integrate into the community.





Step Up - Inland Empire (Solutions)



- Since 2016, Step Up has served homeless and at-risk veteran and nonveteran households in the Inland Empire Region.



- Programs
 - Permanent Supportive Housing = 152 capacity
 - Medical Services (ECM & CS) = 2,500 Capacity
 - Mental Health Services (FSP) = 768 Capacity;
 - Outreach Services = 6,000 annually





Step Up Services



Step Up assist with:

- Housing First Model
- Achieving Self-Determine Goals
- Mental Health Services
- Medication Management
- Case Management
- Money Management/Payee Services
- Housing Sustainability
- Housing Navigation
- Employment Assistance
- Life Skills





Step Up Services



- Transportation
- Access to Mainstream Benefits (SSI, SSDI, Insurance, etc)
- Family Reunification
- Assistance with rent and/or utility arrears
- Deposits
- Furniture
- Payment assistance for medications



ECM



Step Up's Enhanced Case Management offers comprehensive, whole person care management to high-need, high-cost Medi-Cal Managed Care Members.

Step Up's Population of Focus are individuals (adults and children) who are experiencing homelessness and at least one complex physical, behavioral or developmental health need with inability to successfully self-manage.

ECM



- Staffing Profile includes therapists, service coordinators, community health workers, outreach workers, nurses, and psychiatrist.
- Step Up's ECM overarching goals are
 - Improve care coordination.
 - Integrate services.
 - Facilitating community resources;.
 - Addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDOH).
 - Improving health outcomes.
 - Decreasing inappropriate emergency room utilization, fragmented care, and duplication of services.

ECM



- **Service Delivered**
 - Transportation
 - Linkages to permanent supportive housing
 - Mental health services
 - Chronic Disease Management
 - Life Skills
 - Medication Management
 - Case Management
 - Money Management/Payee Services
 - Employment Assistance
 - Access to Mainstream Benefits

ILOS/ Community Support



Community Supports is an important part of care delivery for Members enrolled in Step Up's Enhanced Care Management (ECM), Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Mental Health Program because combined they address the clinical and non-clinical needs of high-need, high-cost Members through systematic coordination of services and comprehensive care management.

ILOS/ Community Support



Step Up's ILOS Program includes:

- **Housing Transition Navigation Services:** Housing transition services assist members with obtaining housing
- **Housing Deposits:** Housing Deposits assist with identifying, coordinating, securing, or funding one-time services and modifications necessary to enable a person to establish a basic household that do not constitute room and board.
- **Housing Tenancy & Sustaining Services:** This service provides tenancy and sustaining services, with a goal of maintaining safe and stable tenancy once housing is secured.

ILOS/ Community Support



Step Up ILOS Navigation Includes

- Navigating with members by locating affordable housing
- Assisting members with documents such as SSI, SSDI, Identification Cards, etc.
- Connecting members to outsource benefits such as food banks, local resources, etc.



FY 24 Site Accomplishments



- Engaged over 6,000 living on the streets, bridges, parks, cars, etc.
- Ended homelessness for 171 households.
- Approximately 2K individuals including children are being serviced by one of Step Up's IE programs.
- Delivered over 40K mental health encounters.
- Over 15K medical encounters.
- Permanent Housing Retention = 97%.



**Minutes for San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services
Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting**

August 13, 2024
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Life Community Church
12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA
92395

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by Leslie Earl/designee, Victor Valley Family Resources

MINUTES		OPENING REMARKS
PRESENTER	TOPIC	REMARKS
Sharon Green Antoinette Jackson	Call to Order Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.
Officer Bullard	Invocation/Pledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees were welcomed and went around the room and identified themselves.
	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharon Green/Designee – Victor Valley Family Resource Center ▪ Kevin Mahany – Family Assistance Program ▪ Elizabeth Givens – Go-Go Barstow ▪ Antoinette Jackson – Symba Center ▪ Dawn Quigg – Victor Valley Rescue Mission ▪ Jimmy Waldron – High Desert Homeless Services - Absent ▪ City of Barstow – Absent ▪ Town of Apple Valley – Kanisha Withers ▪ City of Hesperia – Absent ▪ Hope Team – Mike Otey ▪ City of Adelanto – Absent ▪ Juan Carrillo’s Office – Resa Barillas

PUBLIC COMMENT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In person and online
REPORTS AND UPDATES	
PRESENTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Town of Apple Valley reported the city is working with their consultants to put together the PLAJ grants for emergency rental assistance and possible rapid rehousing, Pastor Sharon ask if there was an ETA for the release of the NOFA. Ms. Withers indicated as soon as they have completed the policies and procedures, they would release the NOFA. ▪ Go-Go Barstow report they are expanding their headquarters (HQ) to 616 East Main Street in the city of Barstow. They are working on getting the HQ fully operational. They have over 80 individuals enrolled in their housing/homeless prevention program and support services they offer. They have provided services for homeless prevention for 3 families and 1 individual. ▪ Family Assistance Program (FAP) report that FAP continues to work on the opening of their tiny home visit. The village would provide 20 individualized units for homeless youth. FAP is also working on the program H.I.R.E. which is a workforce related grant for justice-involved individuals. FAP's focus is helping men and women, and youth get good jobs and help them as they transition to get good housing. One of their partners is Victor Valley College which has a justice-involved education program. ▪ The office of Assembly member Carillo is very excited to welcome a new team member next month. He will be joining the office and will be added as a designee for this meeting. Ms. Barillas mentioned that with this addition, the office hopes to alleviate any concerns about bias with Family Assistance as she is their Board President. She announced that the legislative session is coming to a close, so if anyone has feedback on bills, get them in as soon as possible. ▪ The Rescue Mission reported they have been busy with community outreach events. They gave out 1250 backpacks, had dual program graduations – both men and women, and they are seeking to expand services in the area. One of their recent graduates is part of the outreach team at the Symba Center. ▪ The Symba Center reported they just acquired their behavioral health contract with IEHP and they are now recognized as a behavioral health provider. They are also providing behavioral health services as VVC. They currently have 2 case managers and will increase that number to 4
Kanisha Withers	
Elizabeth Givens	
Kevin Mahany	
Resa Barillas	
Dawn Quigg	
Antoinette Jackson	

	<p>case managers and 2 behavior health programs. With the IEHP contract they are able to bring on more associates, interns, and licensed staff.</p>	<p>Mike Jones/designee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The HOPE Team reported stats: Since the Hope Team started they have had 7,500 contacts in the High Desert (approximately 25% are reoccurring), 650 were housed. This year the Team spoke with 760 contacts in the High Desert with 116 Housed and 132 assisted, and 452 referred to programs. City specific contacts breakdown: Adelanto 40, Apple Valley 31, Barstow 60, Hesperia 112, Victorville 465, and 100 were housed. On December 1st Care Court will be enacted in the county. Care Court if for severe mental illness. SB43 expands 5150 for severely disabled to habitual SUDs. Officer Jones reported 5 unhoused people a week die on the streets of San Bernardino. ▪ Victor Valley Resource Center (VVFRC) reported they had so sunset one of the senior homes in May due to the landlord selling the property in Victorville. We relocated our 5 seniors into our transitional housing facility and our permanent supportive housing facility. VVFRC is still looking for other housing for our seniors. The program successfully transitioned 3 individuals into permanent housing. We also navigated 4 individuals and 1 family out of homelessness and into housing. Pastor Green shared that VVFRC is in escrow for a 2-story home in Victorville that we will be housing individuals. We are also in escrow for the acquisition of our existing office we are currently renting. We are looking to transition its purpose into an access center. We are also looking at a duplex located next to our office in Hesperia and are in negotiations for that property. VVFRC's goal is to transition from renting our houses to ownership.
ITEM NUMBER			CONSENT ITEMS
<p>F. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2024, of the Desert Regional Steering Committee.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A motion was made by Kevin Mahany to approve the minutes with three corrections to the minutes. Replace the City of Hesperia with the Town of Apple Valley. The second correction to the minutes corrected the spelling of the representative of the Town of Apple Valley, Kanisha Withers. The third correction of the spelling of Antoinette Jackson. Kevin made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Resa Barillas second the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with the approved corrections. No discussions.
PRESENTATIONS			DISCUSSIONS
<p>G. CES Desert Regional Update</p>		<p>S. Waldron/Desert Hub for CES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shannon Waldron reported that they are no longer completing the homeless verifications. Once contacted they refer them to the Hope Team or the Symba Center's Outreach Team to confirm they are homeless and provide the homeless verification. Once verified, they are referred to resources/housing. ▪ For the second quarter ending June 30, 2024, they've had 95 referrals from 211 or other agencies. Since the beginning of the year, they had 463 referrals. Of those referrals they had 310 verifications. Additional stats for 2024 include:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 33 individuals were sheltered or housed ○ 125 were sheltered or housed ○ 48 Vispadt were completed ○ 145 individuals and 35 families ○ 8 family reunification (reconnected to family/friends) ▪ Youth (18-24) CES Report for the 2nd quarter 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 51 referred to the youth CES for the High Desert ○ 21 were sheltered or housed – 18 on the waiting list ○ 8 Family reunification
Adjourned:	Dr. Paul Courtney	The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 PM