



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, • 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 PM Life
Church 12199 Industrial Blvd.
Victorville, CA 92395

**AGENDA:
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 (35 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. City of Victorville Representative e. City of Adelanto f. Assemblymember Carrillo Representative g. Sheriff's HOPE Team h. GoGo Barstow i. Desert HPN Chair / Regional Steering Committee j. Family Assistance Program k. Victor Valley Family Resource Center VVFR/Countywide Chair l. Rescue Mission	Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Jimmy Waldron/Designee Kevin Mahany/Designee Sharon Green/Designee Dawn Quigg/Designee
CONSENT ITEMS (5 mins)	
F. Approve Minutes from the September 10, 2024, Meeting	Sharon Greenl
PRESENTATIONS (30 mins)	
G. YIMBY	D Quigg / Rescue Mission

DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	
K. TBD	Roundtable Discussion Sharon Green
CLOSING	
M. Adjournment	HPN Members/Attendees Sharon Green
Next Meeting:	High Desert Regional Steering Committee will next meeting: Tuesday, November 12th, 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.*

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

September 10, 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

	PRESENTER	OPENING REMARKS
Call to Order	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m.
Opening Prayer	Elizabeth Givens	
Invocation/Pledge	Dawn Quigg	
Welcome and Introductions		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees were welcomed and Committee Board Members introduced themselves ▪ Sharon Green/Designee – Victor Valley Family Resource Center ▪ Kevin Mahany – Family Assistance Program ▪ Elizabeth Givens – Go-Go Barstow ▪ Antoinette Jackson – Kristian Estrada /Designee ▪ Dawn Quigg – Victor Valley Rescue Mission ▪ Jimmy Waldron – High Desert Homeless Services ▪ City of Barstow – Dr. Paul Courtney ▪ Town of Apple Valley – Absent ▪ City of Hesperia – Absent ▪ Hope Team – Absent ▪ City of Adelanto – Absent ▪ Juan Carillo’s Office – Jay Spencer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Green

- In person – None -

PRESENTER

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Dr. Paul Cortney

- Dr. Courtney asked if Ron Beardshear, in the audience, if had an update New Life Fellowship in Barstow. They have a team 15 people. They are getting positive support from the community. They are feeding people in the community as well.

Jay Spencer/designee

- Senator Carrillo's office – Mr. Jay Spencer discussed the housing cost in the region. They took a tour of cement facilities and gravel plants and learned that for every 15 miles of travel with those materials the cost of the materials doubles. He indicated that was an insight on some of the costs of what the housing market is facing.

Officer Tristan

- Hope Team - Absent

Kanisha Withers

- The Town of Apple Valley – Absent

Jimmy Waldron

- Jimmy Waldron reported they were currently in talks with the Family Assistance Program and are trying to work out the possibility of a partnership and hopefully opening soon.

Leslie Earl/designee

- Leslie Earl reported VVFC had two successful clients transition into permanent housing in the month of August. Also reported was VVFC has 70% or our clients are currently employed. She stated that VVFC is part of the HIRE Program, and VVFC will be starting a new reentry employment program in-house next month with plans to open it up to the community in October/November which will be located at the VVFC HQ in Hesperia. Also, we are looking forward to soon having the opportunity to go inside the prisons and work towards securing employment opportunities for those within 120 days of release so upon release they have employment.

Kevin Mahany

- They Family Assistance Program (FAP) continues to operate a drop-in center for at-risk youth in old town Victorville. The agreement they are looking at with High Desert Homeless Services (HDHS) that Jimmy mentioned would be relocating the drop-in center to HDHS location. The second program is they are in the process of getting 2 homes licensed to serve children who are in the Foster Care system. These houses will provide temporary housing for those awaiting placement so they will not be homeless on the street. Third, FAP has a domestic violence shelter for women and children in the city of Hesperia. The shelter is full. They are working on getting them employed and transitioning them into independence.

- Shannon Waldron reported they are getting referrals from 2-1-1 and also outside organizations. They vet the referrals to determine who they are to be referred to for outreach. They will be referred to either Symba Outreach, Inroads, or the Sheriff's Hope Team. The Teams will go meet with them, verify their homelessness and from that point try to get them into the Wellness Center, the Keys Program, or some other program to get them off of the street. She had a referral

	Dawn Quigg	<p>yesterday for a family of 5 living in a van.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rescue Mission reported they are rapidly filling their second women's home. They are focusing on their graduates. They had one graduate secure a job at the Town of Apple Valley. They also placed a graduate at the Symba Center for employment. She noted that she was very grateful for the collaboration with the Wellness Center and other agencies. This morning, they had a visit from an expectant mother. The Wellness Center made accommodations for the family.
	Melinda Sayre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Sayre wanted to remind the committee that they do not have a shelter sponsored by the city as of yet, however, they do fund 2 full-time Sheriff Deputies who work only in Hesperia working to assist the homeless to improve their quality of life. She anticipates by the next meeting she will be able to provide stats for this program.
	Elizabeth Givens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go-Go Barstow reported that one of the biggest things they are promoting that they partnered with the Public Defender's Office of San Bernardino County to provide mini court services for those who are homeless or just are who are in need in general. It will be held at 1375 Bishop Jones Parkway in Barstow. Services included having a bench warrant cleared or having fines reduced. There are different services that they are bring to the Barstow. It was shared that they will be using their HHAP-4 award to open another house for youth adults up to age 24.
ITEM NUMBER		CONSENT ITEMS
F. Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2024, of the Desert Regional Steering Committee.	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Green provided a brief summary regarding the reason for changing the address for the HHAP-4 funding from Apple Valley to Hesperia. The current owner continues to put the house on the market and take the house off the market. The landlord also has concerns regarding the time it will take the county funding to close the transaction. The change of address will allow VVFC to purchase a duplex located next to their existing office at 15990 Yucca Street, Hesperia, CA 92345. The is room to expand the duplex into additional units. A motion was made by Kevin Mahany to approve the 2 items on the consent agenda (minutes and address change for VVFC's HHAP-4 acquisition funds). Dr. Paul Courtney second the motion. Pastor Green took roll call: The roll was a unanimous yes and the consent items were approved.
G. Approving the address change for VVFC to pursue a replacement property for the HHAP- 4 Funding.		
PRESENTATIONS	PRESENTER	DISCUSSIONS
H. Step Up on Second	Eddie Estrada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Step Up started in 1984 when two individuals began providing services for individuals experiencing homelessness on 2nd Street in Santa Monica. They incorporated in 1993 and became a non-profit in 2016 and into Riverside/San Bernardino County (the IE). They were able to secure a DBH Program. In the Inland Empire Step Up has 152 beds where they provide permanent supportive housing. They pay the subsidy to house the individual. The also have ECM and Community Support Program. They have the capacity to 2,500 individuals and they are currently at 1,200. They officer deposits and moving cost which he will discuss later. Step Up is a full-service mental health provider for DBH. Their staffing profile for that program includes

	Raymond	<p>psychiatrist, nurses, therapist, and service coordinators who go into the individual's home and provide services. They also provide Uber and transportation. If someone in their program falls behind on their rent their program Step up will pay for their arrears. They are currently assisting a client that is in arrears \$15,000. Step Up is negotiating with the landlord. Additionally, if the client damages the unit, Step Up pays for the damage the client made so they can continue their housing. Step Up also pays utilities if they do not have income. The capacity for this program is 768 and they currently have 583 in the program. It is available to individuals who are dealing with mental health.</p> <p>To reiterate, Step Up provides permanent supportive housing, they provide the rent subsidies, mental health services, housing navigation, deposits, medications, payee services, employment services, car repair, interview clothes, family reunification, utility arrears, move-in costs, furniture, rent arrears, and community supports. Referrals come to Step Up through DBH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Step Up also provides Enhanced Care Management services (ECM). They provide whole person care through IEHP and Molina. Their staffing profile they have CHWs, nurses, psychiatrist, in-house therapist, and service coordinators. ▪ We'll speak more about that. We also are a full-service partnership mental health provider for behavioral health, and this is where I want to touch a little bit about on the program. Our staffing profile for that program, we have psychiatrists, nurses, therapists, and service coordinators that go into the individual's home and provide services there. The psychiatrist meets with them, issues medication by the way they can also assist with SSI applications and note taking and things like that. As long as they're enrolled in one of our programs. We then have our nurses who will order the medication, teach the members how to dispense the medication, make sure there's no cross reference with medications and things like that. ▪ We teach clients to be med-compliant, teach them about not abusing the medication, and then we have therapists. Licensed therapists, those who are working towards their licensure, they go out and provide clinical services at their location. Then we have a service coordinator who provides rehab skills, life skills, at the location. The therapist will come in and talk about clinical stuff, and then the service coordinator will come by behind them and say, okay, this is what you learned on the clinical side, now let's put this into practice. The program is really good. We deal with a lot of individuals who have bipolar, who have some bipolar psychotic features as well. Many of them are dealing with depression, anxiety, and our service coordinators actually have worked and continue to work with individuals who have anxiety, but they need to get to their appointment. In our work to help them to be self-sufficient, we will actually board the bus with them if we needed us to. We also provide Uber, transportation for those individuals who don't have it.
I. Yes in My Backyard (YIMB)	Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes in my backyards (YIMB) lowers the hurdles so churches can provide housing resources/elements. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) authorized funds and low barrier to expand housing on church or non-profit grounds/property.

- Sharon Green commented that someone asked, what is Yes in My Backyard? She explained that Yes in My Backyard is actually a coalition, a network of people that are advocating for affordable housing. Working on changing laws to keep, get people housed more effectively than having them on the street.

- Kevin Mahany shared that there was a Yes in My Backyard workshop, which was done in the city, I'm going to go to you, Shannon, was done in the city of Fontana, hosted by the church that is in Fontana that does City of Link, Water of Life. Water of Life, a church in Fontana, is working with our county to get money to expand housing on its church campus. We were thinking since that is a real project happening in the city of San Bernardino, we would invite this gentleman up to us and have him speak to us and any local churches here who might be interested in what that church is doing, number one, to the point where they might want to also talk to our county government about doing something similar. And this whole idea of a workshop where you're inviting churches rolls up into something called Yes in My Backyard. believe the intent of state law and I look again at our state leaders is yes in my backyard is supportive of a bill that was passed that lowers, lowers the hurdles that churches need to clear. It's not going to necessarily make our cities happy, but it would lower the hurdles or shorten the time of checks and balances and permits and all that in order to try to address homelessness by using a church campus. If we could find a church or anyone that would be willing to host, doesn't have to be in Victorville, could be in Barstow, this gentleman, I spoke to him, his name is Mark, I'm blanking on his last name, in the Central with Water of Life Church, City Link. He'd be happy to come up. I also believe he gave enough time. A woman by the name of Carrie Harmon, who works with San Bernardino County Community Development Services. My understanding is she has a pocketful of money that she can invest project by project with the intention of expanding housing to address homelessness. We would invite Carrie and this Pastor, or this leader from the church, up to us, and they would do a Q&A, and then we could Q&A both. I would recommend you go out to the Grove Church, the pastor there. The Grove? The Grove in Riverside. Grove in Riverside? They did, partnered with the city of Riverside, they did ADUs on their campus. okay and so they've already built it out it's been built up for over a year and that's a very prevalent it's a very you know it's a community that you would think wouldn't want individuals there but the church the church members backed it up they supported, and they built out on that location of partnership with the city of Riverside.

- Dawn Quigg announced Second Chance along with her church was hosting a large dinner for their anniversary with 105 agencies which would be a way The HDRSC could reach-out to those organization and churches with an interest. There is no cost to attend. The date is TBD.

- Dawn will make a presentation at the next HDRSC on October 8, 2024.

J: HHAP-4 Funding

Sharon Green

The next item on our agenda is our ICH decided that the desert region should readdress the HHAP-4 funding recommendations considering the county's financial audit of the top four applicants. They kicked it back to this table; I'm going to step away because it would be appropriate that I recuse myself.

	Kevin Mahany	<p>Mr. Courtney, you are the co-chair so I will pass this onto you.</p> <p>This agenda item is related to a very important piece of our work which is approving up at the county level a county investment called HHAP4 into our region. Just as a reminder we have applicants for the HHAP-4 grant in February of 2024 and around the end of February 2024 applicants submitted their application to the county which were then returned to a grant committee.</p> <p>In June 2024, the HDRSC Grant Review Committee recommended the four top scoring applicants. They were our recommendation for funding. Then our county government received that recommendation of those four, and they did a financial review. They did a financial review of the four. And when they did that review, two of our four were deemed unacceptable. And so, what the ICH committee did last month is they said, they've done a financial review of all four of the proposals that you've given us, or top scoring four entities. Two, we have concerns about. We're going to return the decision back to you at the Desert Region about how to move forward. And so, we're here today to talk about how we reconcile and return to the county our decision on their input in our process, which was that we recommended four entities get funding and two of them have financial findings.</p> <p>I remember there was a question about one of the recipients had previous debt that had not been met. And the question was how the previous debt was going to be met because the debt cannot be met with the grant funding that was suggested at this level. I vaguely remember that discussion, but I do remember that. Because that was a question in my mind also. I thought, okay, we have a recommendation for the top four.</p>
	Paul Courtney	<p>Obviously at the grant level, they know something that we didn't know. We don't know what we don't know. If it's not shared, then we must trust the next level of the recommendation.</p>
	Kevin Mahany	<p>This is why at the bottom of our agenda, or on the back page, what we were proposing to try to do was hold a special meeting on the 27th of September. between today and the 27th if one was to get a motion make a motion requesting that the county provide us additional information particularly around the financial review that they did so when we meet on the 27th we could have a more informed discussion about the finances of about how they did their financial review and what they might be expecting from us a second time when we return a new recommendation.</p>
	Dr. Courtney	<p>I'll make that motion based on what you [Kevin] just said.</p>
	Melinda Sayre	<p>Before you make a motion, may I just add, I was at that meeting, and it shows a list. A lot of the things they're looking for is people that can provide capacity that are going to be able to pay. So, because county grants, we have one of them. They're reimbursement grants. So, they're not going to give you the money up front. And so, a lot of it is making sure that these agencies have the capacity to be able to start these grants and then can do it because sometimes it might take six months before you get any money back. So that was a lot of the findings. And I can also tell you that they're in a hurry to get this money out.</p>

	Kevin Mahany	<p>Which brings another level, and I promise you I'm going to respond to your question. Which brings up another issue that I'm sensitive to. Is two of our top four agencies have a clean bill of health. One is in the room here. And the other is at the end of the table, Symba. Would we be allowed on the 24th to make a motion? We should not stop or slow down investments in the Barstow entity or Symba because they cleared the bar. A motion could possibly happen on the 24th allowing those two agencies move forward. Then allow us to continue to have conversations about the two agencies. Looking more carefully at the two that did not pass the financial review. We could give the two nonprofits a chance to present on the 24th. They may in fact be bringing partners that would strengthen their financial performance such that ICH would not have the same concerns that they did before when the proposal was first submitted if I'm making sense.</p>
	Paul Courtney	<p>My concern is and since we do have two of the committee members on the allocation part Is what part of the process that we not understand to be in the position right now?</p>
	Dawn Quigg	<p>We understood it. We understood it very well. We were given a scoring sheet that we've seen before. And on it, there is a financial review. But out of the 100 points, it is 10 points of the whole review. We were told by them that they would be doing a financial review upon completion of our review. We had ten entities that submitted. We picked the top four that we saw we had need for. We did look over their financials. We knew one in particular was going to have some issues, but we also knew we needed 55 beds up here and so we decided to push that.</p>
	Melinda Sayre	<p>And I do want to stress again, the county didn't do the audit until we gave them our proposal. We voted, it was ratified here, then they did the audit, and we met afterwards with county staff and their explanations for the audit findings were all so vague. They weren't as helpful as I think they could have been. They had clerical staff walking us through it, they couldn't explain it, which is why we chose to stick with our original four.</p>
	Dawn Quigg	<p>Our issue was if you were really interested in applying that particular standard then why wasn't applied at the very beginning of the grant process? Why were we responsible for trying to judge something we had no knowledge of? And then when they came back, we asked very quickly are we obligated to the stipulation we made which we would then just only pass through to the agencies that passed. We were told no. The other issue was - by that time those entities were in public record. So for me it was dignity, so we stuck to our guns.</p>
	Kevin Mahany	<p>Each of our recommendations was going to, excuse my shorthand, give coin to Barstow to do good work there, to Symba to do outstanding work that you've been doing in the City of Victorville. It was going to give coin to Victor Valley Family Resource Center which is based in Hesperia, and we were looking at the High Desert Homeless Services which was offering to open and would be open to all the homeless up here not just the City of Victorville. So that's why I can see why you had a strong back and said, you know, when looking at our system, we think we should be making these investments to try to expand it in cities that don't have yet what a Symba is offering the City of Victorville.</p>

	Dawn Quigg	<p>Upon the review, we did not have the discussion or knowledge of how ICH rated them. I'm glad it came out in the ICH meeting, but we didn't see it in our review. All we saw was number one, two, three. That's all we saw. We didn't understand whether the issue was cash flow, we didn't understand if the issue was asset capability, we didn't understand if it was because somebody felt that they couldn't get it off the ground and do basic accounts receivable financing with the county or the state. So that was part of our issue, and we were very clear about that with our team.</p>
	Melinda Sayre	<p>I think you said it well, we did express to the county staff that we were very unhappy with the way this went, that it should have been the other way, and we were being put in a really bad position because we understand the need and we felt that we chose the top four that could really assist the community. They did express to us that this is the first time they've done it this way and that it wasn't working so great. It wasn't working so great in other areas and other regions. I would imagine within a year it would be changed up and that's why we really felt strongly about sticking to our guns and going forward with the four that we had selected.</p>
	Dawn Quigg	<p>We should have been informed from the very start what this was going to entail, and we should have been informed at the very start with the data we needed to make an informed decision.</p>
	Pau Courtney	<p>I have several questions. So, if we have this special meeting on the 24th, what would be the outcome that we're expecting from that meeting?</p>
	Kevin Mahany	<p>Well, I'd be happy to throw together a draft agenda, but one thing I would be asking is to try to get an ICH finance representative to come and explain this new process, why they made the decision they did, and then give our nonprofits that were unfavorable an opportunity to come back, and present given the need up here. So that meeting on the 24th would be listening to concerns from County Finance and then listening to our nonprofits about, hey, we promise we can do better and then we still have a difficult, decision as a committee. We don't want to in any way slow them down from getting their investment.</p>
	Paul Courtney	<p>Based on history, because I don't know, you know, I'm like, wow, the committee made a decision, and recommendation. Now the county came in and said, nope, we're not going to honor it. So bad, too bad or whatever. So based on how it's been done before, I guess if it's happened before, if we go back and say we recommend, will these additional two be okay. We are counting on them to tell us what we have to do or what they have to not do to meet the standard and to get funded.</p>
	Kevin Mahany	<p>That's a great question we could ask that county representative to show up and hopefully be able to answer it or we can give them what our concerns are right. These are the areas we would want to see a representative answer as we consider more deeply this concern you have from a financial standpoint and what we understand from our nonprofits of what they're wanting to do to address the situation of homelessness.</p> <p>Can I just add, too, that the other two agencies won't see any penny until you give all four and say, this is our recommendation. And I can tell you, just on the outside looking in, if you go back with the same two, unless they fix their finances, I doubt that they're going to approve it. Then you're just going</p>

	Melinda Sayre	to prolong it another month. Then they're not going to see their money till probably maybe November or December. I can tell you that, because we have one that we're getting from a partnership that we've, but the partnership was already built in the application. I don't think that you're going to be able to go and say, well, now they have a partnership. Because that partnership is not in that HHAP application. We just got one in Redlands with the city of Redlands. We are already partnered in that HHAP application. And it's already coming to fruition. It's coming through. I just wanted to share that, some insight for you. I feel like I understand the need. And I live up here in this community. And it is a great need. However, I feel like you're going to punish and penalize two agencies that are deserving. And the ICH is probably not going to put it through.
	Kristian Estrada	I have a question, excuse my ignorance, I'm kind of catching up on all of this. Would there be a circumstance where the entire process would have to go through from the beginning and applications and the two organizations that do meet the standard would have to start over on their application?
	Paul Courtney	That process is closed. So, see this, you talk about bureaucracy and things, people aren't talking. It sounds to me that the county said no to the two agencies because there's no financial, whatever, criteria.
	Kevin Mahany	Paul, what they did is they said, we are not going to make a motion at the ICH to approve the recommendations. Let me say it a different way. The ICH approved a motion to return to us how to work with the four organizations that we had recommended. At that ICH meeting, they did not get into the names of the organizations. They made a motion to return back to us for us to discuss. And so at that meeting I went, okay, that's a big agenda item. Because you've got two organizations that met the standard and would like to get their money.
	Melinda Sayre	Did the commissioner return it to you guys so that you would either figure out, you're going to stay with it? So, on the recommendation, it had the floor, and it said if any one of these agencies does not meet the criteria, then you're going to reallocate the funding as below. Now, the ICH said in the meeting that they will not reallocate the money to that. That's up to you guys to determine. They didn't say to come back and figure out how to fix those agencies. They want to know how you want that money allocated. Who are you selecting now? Are you going to stick with it and just split the money between the two? Or are you going to select two more? That's really what they want? The other two that were excluded are not an option.
	Dawn Quigg	The first question you asked, Melinda, right out the gate. That was the first question you asked. Do we have to do that? Do we have to reallocate? We were told by ICH, no.
	Melinda Sayre	When we had the review, you guys determined how you would have the money allocated. You asked them then how ICH wanted it, but they said that they wouldn't, that wasn't up to them. They didn't have time to go through and discuss that money and how that would be divided. That's why they wanted you guys to bring it back here, and if that's how you want it, then you can say just put the money between the two, if that's what it's supposed to be. I don't remember how it was written, but it said it. I don't remember exactly what it was, what you would do if one of the agencies wasn't awarded.

	Kevin Mahany	You can see we've left the best for last. We're now running a little past 3:30 PM. I made a motion. We were thinking to do a meeting on the 24th. This topic will be the only agenda. As we're hearing from the audience as to do, are we are split what cannot be invested in?
	Paul Courtney	Well, we'll just listen to that what we're talking about right now. I would assume that the at the county level that's what they would expect They would expect that for the fact. They've already denied the two agencies based on their financial capacity. Whatever that is. The in your knowledge of how the county operates I would have to assume that we should keep it in the process that we understand, simple in the county's thinking process, assuming, and we would make a decision on how to reallocate the pocket of money to the two and not even get involved with the other six that were involved, because that just opens up a whole other arena of assumptions and discussions that just goes on and on and on. That's what I suggest that we would do, however we can do that, get to that, that's what we need to do. Really, this is important.
	Kevin Mahany	Yeah, I agree.
	Paul Courtney	So, I would entertain making a motion, and hopefully I can get a second, that on the 24 th we have the special meeting. We have the county people, whoever they are, show up to give us definitive directions or definitive answers so we can make a decision or make a recommendation. This is what I would like to see as a committee member. Symba and the church group and Roger need to be able to continue. They've already approved, they've already and so to delay them, it's just unfair off the bat. Now the two that are in review, yeah, it would be great to listen to their appeal or their plea.
	Melinda Sayre	So everybody, every agency that applied for HHAP-4 that didn't get it is going to have an opportunity to appeal. But not until the approvals of all the other ones go through. Then they will send out a denial and then they can appeal it that way to the county.
	Dawn Quigg	It happens at ICH. What if they still have that pot and they say it must go between only the two agencies? Is that allocation not done until after the appeal process?
	Melinda Sayre	There are only certain reasons that you can appeal. You can't just appeal because you were denied. You have to meet the criteria of what the denial is. If you feel that the county did something wrong or something, I don't know exactly. You can go back through the HHAP-4 application, and it shows on there what it is.
	Leslie Earl	I'm hoping, even to Dr. Courtney's point, we don't want to get into a slug match with the county. However, the county did an okey-doke, right? If the financials were only weighted 10%, why are we here?
	Paul Courtney	It doesn't make any sense. It makes no sense.

	Melinda Sayre	<p>If I can add, it was a disjointed process. It was the audit after the selection. So really, we should have, as a committee, selected it and they did an audit, and then we can re-meet, figure out, okay, do we need to go further down the list? Because now we can't go further down because we're in the same process. They're going to have to audit those people, and we have no time for that. I imagine, based on what they said, it won't be like that in the future. The committee would meet, they'd make a selection, then audit would progress, we wouldn't bring it back to the board yet, and then we'd hear the findings, and we could make an educated path forward at that point.</p>
	Sharon Green	<p>Am I able to say just something? And it has nothing to do with our appeal, because we will. But the fact they picked years that there was a problem with ESG and their reimbursements. So how do you judge anybody when you were the center of what happened?</p>
	Kevin Mahany	<p>Given the time, we've got to make a motion, what I'm proposing is a motion be made for us to have a meeting on the 24th just to talk about this. Because time has leaked away from us with the other issues that we've met with today. I have no problem at all of the non-profits that are concerned because they didn't pass being here. And I certainly, certainly don't have problems with the two winning, the two top two, Symba and Ron from Barstow being here.</p>
	Kristian Estrada	<p>For me, I'm not as political, this is why I do finance, I'm a black and white guy, I do numbers, I need facts, and that's what I roll with typically. For me, I need an understanding of what's to be accomplished with all this. I mean, with everything that's being discussed, the one main point that I heard that stood out was that with all of this, funding is going to end up delayed at the end of the day. And I guess I'm just trying to develop an understanding of what's to be accomplished up here in the high desert. Every one of you have done such a good job in pointing out all of the concerns and issues that we have up here. And so delaying anything that's going to keep us from being able to address the concerns that we have up here doesn't seem like the best action to take. However, it does have to be stated that at the end of the day, if a Symba Center is represented as a board member here and we're supposed to have any say so, if the board doesn't agree on that, it kind of conflicts everything that we're trying to achieve here in a sense that if those organizations that were not selected feels we need an opportunity to appeal and that's going to delay the process, then that's going to be what it's going to be. I don't want us to have to schedule another meeting to discuss that, in a sense, to where it's going to take a lot of time. At the end of the day, those two organizations, in fairness, they have to decide what's best for them. If the process is to appeal, then I think a decision's made. Because if the appeal process is going to require us delaying any funding, then that's what it's going to be. I'm just trying to understand what is to be accomplished after all of this. If we're appealing, let's appeal</p> <p>I stand with that because I want every organization to feel confident in any decisions that were made or feel comfortable in the understanding as to why or why they were not selected. I think that's fair for anybody. But I don't think we need to delay and mess with our time in terms of meeting and discussing a topic that I feel, hey, if someone needs to appeal this decision and it needs to be reviewed, then that review is going to take some time from getting funding to, even if the two, if we were selected, regardless, and we can't get our funding until an appeal process is completed or whatever's reviewed because they're saying to reallocate and everything. I'm sorry, there was so much that was discussed right now, I'm trying to keep up with everybody. If a reallocation can't happen because two</p>

	<p>Kevin Mahany</p> <p>Paul Courtney</p>	<p>organizations want to appeal and if you reallocate, I will assume those funds that were granted would go to the two organizations and so an appeal would be irrelevant because the funds would already be distributed to two organizations that you reallocated. Am I saying that right? I will say, too, I will, I'll say to your point, I understand your position. From my position, the confusion that you have is exactly why there needs to be further discussion to make a prudent decision to move forward.</p> <p>That's my position. And I will say this. The appeal, as I understand it, from having seen the other regions down the hill and just one or two other HHAPs before, can keep me solid on this. The appeal does not happen here. The appeal by a non-profit, that hey, I don't like the way this went, happens at the high-level ICH meeting, not here. The meeting on the 24th would be us to try to get solid again. What is our recommendation back to? Something the ICH would accept it, we hope, but that's the point that I'm making.</p> <p>What I am saying is, is if there's a motion to move forward and say, with the two, my understanding would be something has to be done with the total amount that was awarded. If you give it to those two, an appeal, to my understanding, would be irrelevant if there is an award for a total amount that you say in this meeting that we're going to have on the 24th. We're just going to give it to the two. If you give it to the two, the funding's gone. An appeal is irrelevant. I'm saying, in fairness, I'm speaking from a position of. If you want to appeal, make that decision and go and appeal, because I don't think it's necessary to sit and wait until the 24th for us to find out that there's still going to be an appeal. At the end of the day, appeal. If we were approved, and it was based on a financial — So my question is this. In the instruction manual, it already says what the process is. Okay. And so, obviously, I don't know what's in the instruction manual, and perhaps there's others that don't know what's in the instruction manual. Whatever the instruction manual says, that's what we must do based on, in my opinion, based on what we've been given. What we've been given. The appeal process, whatever the appeal process is, I would encourage the other two to start their appeal process. Whatever their deal is. If the county is telling us, take this bucket of money and split it, you know, you guys allocate, that means we have no choice but to make a decision to split this money. If not, it's going to delay and we might end up losing all the money, because it's all about the government, must spend the money, get it spent, whatever, because the money gets sent back. Because I'm aware of those processes outside of this, because I'm involved in other things with the government, with the money, and I've seen lots of money sent back, because people just simply can't agree, or can give me deadlines, it just goes on and on, and I'd hate for that to happen.</p> <p>Paul Courtney made a motion to get the appropriate people from ICH to attend the HDRSC Special Meeting on the 24th of September. Elizabeth Givens second the motion.</p>
	<p>Paul Courtney</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM</p>
		<p>The next meeting for the High Desert Regional Steering Committee is Tuesday, October 8, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Life Community Church 12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA 92395 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.</p>