

Office of Homeless Services

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San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership

Joint Meeting of Mountain Homeless Provider Network and Mountain Regional Steering Committee

Monday, December 9, 2024 • 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

IN PERSON & Via Zoom Teleconference

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e) and is hybrid: in-person for Board, et al, & Zoom for others

In person site:

St. Richard Episcopal Church Hall, 28708 CA Hwy-18, Sky Forest, CA

Teleconference info:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83056213419?pwd=aVVUSy92c00xSWlqaHJRODJk0F0UT09

Meeting ID: 830 5621 3419 + Passcode: 534180 Dial in for just audio: (669) 444-9171

AGENDA

Table with 2 columns: Agenda Item and Presenter. Rows include Opening Remarks, Past Minutes, Action Item (Vote procedure for the Mountain RSC+HPN Membership), Presentation (Citrus Counseling Services), Discussion Items (Sue Walker & Becky Beavers), Closing (Adjournment), and Next Meeting details.

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 Joint meeting of the Mountain Homeless Provider Network (HPN) and Mountain Regional Steering Committee (RSC)

These Minutes awaiting approval at December 9, 2024 Meeting.

Date **November 18, 2024**

Scheduled Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Location: In Person at St. Richard Parish Hall and via Zoom Meeting ID: **830 5621 3419** + Passcode: **534180**

Minutes recorded and transcribed by: Gary Bradley, Secretary with assistance from an A.I. program via Zoom

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	
Call to Order Welcome and Introduction	Paul Fournier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Paul Fournier (Co-Chair) ▪ This meeting was conducted IN PERSON at St. Richard’s Parish Hall in Sky Forest, and via teleconference pursuant to CA Gov. Code Section 54953(e). ▪ Attendees welcomed and introduced. A quorum was present—4 of 7 voting members. ▪ Total Attendance: (16) ▪ The November meeting of the Mountain Regional Steering Committee and the Mountain Homeless Provider Network included representatives from various organizations working to support homeless services in the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Voting Members Present (4 of 7—Quorum Present):</i> Wendell Wilson (<i>Co-Chair (MHC)</i>); Paul Fournier (<i>Co-Chair</i>); Annamieke Stalcup (<i>BearVly Comm. Health</i>); Nancy Finneran (<i>Behavioral Health, SBCo-HOST</i>); ▪ <i>Voting Members Excused:</i> Joselyn Field (<i>Rim Fam. Serv.</i>); Shonda Szabo (<i>Bear Valley USD</i>); Kelly Tinker (<i>Comm.Dev.-Big Bear Lake</i>), ▪ <i>Secretary:</i> Gary Bradley (<i>MHC</i>) ▪ <i>Presenters:</i> Michael Brewer (<i>RimVets</i>) with Alex Mendoza (<i>RimVets</i>) ▪ (Other Attendees today (9): Sue Walker (<i>Pres., MHC</i>); Stephanie Bruce (<i>Comm. Revitalization</i>); Cecilia Ponce de Leon (<i>Alpine Pioneer, LkAChamber, Rotary</i>); Alexandra Russell, (<i>HUD’s SBCo Contact Person</i>); Izamar Garcia (<i>Housing Coord.-Children’s Fund</i>), Jonathan Sinclair (<i>Adult Protective Services</i>); Ruth Humphrey (<i>Housing Mngr-Children’s Fund</i>); Joe ____ (<i>Vet Hunters Project</i>); Aziza Manuel (<i>CES-Coordinated Entry System</i>);
APPROVAL --MINUTES		Also: PUBLIC COMMENT
Minutes	Paul F.	Public Comment invited and Minutes for October 14, 2024 approved with MOTION from Wendell Wilson; 2 nd by Annamieke Stalcup. PASSED
ACTION ITEMS		
NONE	Paul F.	No specific decisions, action items, or open questions were raised
PRESENTATION		
“Challenges Facing Rim Vets: Housing, Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, et. al”	RIM VETS: Michael Brewer, & Alex Mendoza	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>Exploring Homeless Management Information System</p> <p>Aziza Manuel discussed the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), explaining that it tracks clients' encounters with various programs and services. She suggested that everyone should sign up for HMIS to better understand the work of providers and to hold them accountable. Wendell clarified that HMIS is mandatory for those accessing county grants. Paul asked for clarification on the term 'providers', which Aziza defined as anyone working with the homeless, including churches and organizations. Alex Mendoza from RimVets, a nonprofit catering to</p>

		<p>veteran support, expressed concerns about the lack of resources and the need for more information about the homeless veterans they assist. Sue Walker and Paul confirmed that the Mountain Homeless Coalition housing navigator is familiar with veteran services and has referred people to the VA and other resources. Nancy Finneran provided information about Inroads, but did not provide a specific report at this time. The conversation ended with a focus on the importance of follow-up in addressing homelessness and suicide intervention among the veteran population.</p> <p>Improving Homeless Services Follow-Up Michael, Paul, Wendell, and Alex (Mendoza) discussed the challenges of follow-up and case management in their homeless and veteran services. Wendell highlighted the difficulties of managing a high volume of calls and clients, while Michael emphasized the importance of follow-up and the need for a clear procedure or manual for interfacing with caseworkers. Paul shared his personal experience of a client's long wait for housing due to lack of follow-through from various agencies. The team agreed on the need for better coordination and follow-through. The discussion also touched on the role of the VA and the importance of secondary and tertiary helpers in the process.</p> <p>Mountain Homeless Coalition and Housing Challenges The Mountain Homeless Coalition, with an annual budget of around \$150,000, serves the 40-mile long and 4-mile-wide area of the San Bernardino Mountains. The region's homeless population fluctuates significantly, with numbers increasing during the summer months when temperatures are cooler in the mountains. The annual Point-In-Time Count (PITC) in January drastically undercounts the homeless population of the mountains by as much as 90%, as many have left the area in winter or found temporary shelter (and therefore cannot be counted) during the cold winter months. The Veterans Home Orenda project provides transitional housing but cannot accept government funding due to its sober living requirements, which often lead to homelessness if residents relapse.</p> <p>Homelessness in Mountains and Partnerships The meeting revolved around the topic of homelessness in the mountains, with a focus on the Mountain Homeless Coalition and the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership. Paul guided the team on how to find and access information about the partnership and volunteer registration for the PITC. Michael suggested hosting a training session at a local hospital, Mountain Community Hospital, and offered a free supper for attendees. Stephanie provided a link to the website and Claudia's email. The conversation ended with Paul demonstrating how to find information about the partnership through a simple Google search.</p> <p>Big Bear Valley and Homeless Services Paul discussed adding Big Bear Valley as a location for the upcoming homeless count and training sessions. He mentioned upcoming changes to the leadership structure of the CoC homeless services organization, with more representation from different sectors. Paul also shared that a hotel operator (Dai Patel) in San Bernardino on Hospitality Blvd. has a warehouse of furniture to donate for housing programs. Michael briefly mentioned the Orenda House veterans project moving to a new, larger facility.</p> <p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aziza Manuel to provide HMIS training for interested organizations.
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MEMBER ROUND-TABLE		& PUBLIC COMMENT
Member Roundtable & Public Comment	Paul Fournier & Wendell Wilson	<p>Following is the pertinent information from the “Chat” today, Nov. 18th</p> <p>Aziza Manuel CES Program Manager: azizam@iscuw.org</p> <p>Alex Russell (HUD—San Bernardino Co. CONTACT for HUD) alexandra.m.russell@hud.gov; https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/ We have a fair amount of HMIS trainings available on our HUD exchange</p> <p>Stephanie Bruce, Operations Chief, Community Revitalization, San Bernardino County: Here is the HMIS information for San Bernardino County: Google/search -- Homeless Management Information System – Homeless Partnership email to homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov to join the county wide mailing list for meetings/events.</p> <p>Issue of Voting Membership for Mt.RSC: Wendell led a brief discussion providing information about the County’s clarification that membership on the Boards of all the Regional Steering Committees of the County needs to be annually reviewed and a vote needs to be taken, overseen by the County, for reassessment/renewal of board membership. Members serve for two years (and may be re-elected). Paul emphasized the importance of attendance next month (Dec. 9th) for this purpose. Attendance is much preferred to be in person (at St. Richard’s Parish Hall)</p>
FINAL ITEMS		
Other	Paul F.	Hope to see you next time -- meeting December 9, 2024 (2 nd Monday)
Adjourn	Paul F.	Meeting adjourned at 3:09p.m. (1 Hour, 30 min.).
Next Meeting:		The next meeting—Mountain-RSC+HPN: Monday, Dec 9, 2024 from 1:30 to 3:00pm -- In-Person at St. Richard’s & <i>Via</i> Zoom Tele-conference.

		(Presentation: TBD)
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VOTING MEMBERS

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