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**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Joint Meeting of Mountain Homeless Provider Network
and Mountain Regional Steering Committee**

Monday, January 13, 2025 • 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

OPENING REMARKS		PRESENTER
A. Call to Order		Paul Fournier
B. Welcome and Introductions		
C. Public Comment and/or requests for additions to Agenda		
PAST MINUTES		
D. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2024		Paul Fournier
ACTION ITEM		
E. No additional Action items		
PRESENTATION		
F. Kelly Tinker & Planning Dept – Comm. Development – Big Bear Lake “Recent Housing Conference & Plans for Housing Development BBL”		Kelly Tinker, et al.
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
G. Discussion:		Paul Fournier
H. Member Roundtable & Public Comment:		
CLOSING		
I. Adjournment		Paul Fournier
Next Meeting:	Mountain HPN + RSC will next meet on: 2 nd Monday, February 10, 2025 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm IN PERSON at St. Richard’s & via Zoom Teleconference <i>Presentation: TBD</i>	

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 January 13, 2025 Meeting.**

Date **December 9, 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	PRESENTE R	
Call to Order Welcome and Introduction	Wendell Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Wendell Wilson (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—5 of 7 voting members in person. ▪ Total Attendance: (18 present – In person=10 and Virtual/Zoom=8) ▪ The December meeting of the Mountain Regional Steering Committee and the Mountain Homeless Provider Network included representatives from S.B. County to oversee the membership vote and others from various organizations working to support homeless services in the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Voting Members Present (5 of 7—Quorum Present):</i> Wendell Wilson (<i>Co-Chair (MHC)</i>); Paul Fournier (<i>Co-Chair</i>); Shonda Szabo (<i>Bear Valley USD</i>); Joselyn Field (<i>Rim Fam. Serv.</i>); ; Kelly Tinker (<i>Comm.Dev.-Big Bear Lake</i>), (and <i>VIRTUAL attendance: Annamieke Stalcup (BearVly Comm. Health);;</i> ▪ <i>Voting Members Absent:</i> Nancy Finneran (<i>Behavioral Health, SBCo</i>) ▪ <i>Secretary:</i> Gary Bradley (<i>MHC</i>) ▪ <i>Presenter:</i> Christopher Opliger, <i>Family Service Agency-Crestline Office</i> ▪ <i>County Officials:</i> Claudia Doyle-<i>Program Specialist</i>, Ruben Mendoza-<i>Program Specialist</i>; Annette Florez, <i>Administrative Suervisor</i> ▪ <i>Other Attendees (7):</i> Sue Walker (<i>Pres., MHC</i>); Becky Beavers (<i>Ops.Dir., MHC</i>); Izamar Garcia (<i>Housing Coord.-Children’s Fund</i>), David Aguilera, Sharon Collins, CynthiaRobles, Name (?) Co-worker w/ Mr. Opliger,
APPROVAL --MINUTES		Also: PUBLIC COMMENT
Minutes	Wendell	Minutes’ approval for November postponed till next month.
ACTION ITEMS		
VOTE – 2025 Membership	County official: Claudia Doyle	Wendell Wilson chair of the Mountain Regional Steering Committee, welcomed attendees and outlined the agenda, which would include voting for board members. He continued with a brief discussion of various projects and operations of the Mountain Regional Steering Committee, and proceeded to introduce three S.B. County officials to oversee the voting process for board members of this Mt. RSC+HPN monthly meeting . The voting process (which needs to be held every two years) was conducted by Claudia Doyle , Program Specialist of the S.B. County Office of Homeless Services. The board members were retained, except for Nancy Finneran who had asked to step down. All those present in person as well as on Zoom were allowed to vote.

PRESENTATION		
<p>“Services provided: Crestline FSA</p>	<p>Christopher Opliger</p>	<p>Christopher Opliger from Family Service Agency of San Bernardino – Crestline Office - discussed the agency's history, services, and current operations. The Crestline office, which was previously Crest Forest Family Services, now offers mental health services, case management, and a food bank. The agency is currently contracted with the county for mental health services and offers fee-for-service options. Christopher also mentioned that the agency does not currently offer rental assistance but refers clients to the Homeless Coalition.</p> <p>The food bank typically receives staples like fruits, vegetables, canned goods, and occasionally meat, cheese, and milk. They also receive turkeys around Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the quantity varies. The food bank is open every 4th Monday from 10 am to 6 pm. Christopher also mentioned their telehealth system, which allows them to conduct mental health sessions remotely. The team discussed the possibility of referring clients to the Department of Rehab and the potential for a job fair in their region.</p> <p>Sue Walker asked Christopher about the Crestline FSA’s their participation in the PITC (Point-In-Time-Count) event and Christopher agreed to participate in the event again on January 23rd from 10am-1pm. Christopher confirmed that his facility could be used for the event. Sue Walker further discussed the training for volunteers, which would be available from January 6th to 21st virtually and in-person on Jan. 14, 2025 at St. Richard’s Hall beginning at 10 a.m. She encouraged everyone to attend the training, regardless of their experience with the point in time count.</p> <p>(The above information was largely in response to questions asked throughout the presentation following a 1 minute summary of the work of the Crestline Family Service Agency at the beginning.)</p>
MEMBER ROUNDTABLE		& PUBLIC COMMENT
<p>Member Roundtable & Public Comment</p>	<p>Wendell Wilson, Becky Beavers, & Sue Walker</p>	<p>The conversation continued with a discussion of two grants, the HHAP-5 round of funding and the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP), with Becky Beavers and Sue Walker of MHC presenting on the differences and potential applications.</p> <p>Sue Walker discussed the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Awards, which have been beneficial to the Mountain Homeless Coalition. However, she noted that HHAP-5 is different and will focus on outreach and site coordination, land use and development, development of interim and permanent housing, and coordination and connection to service delivery. Becky mentioned that she was unable to attend the first training for HHAP-5 and was unsure about the details. Sue also introduced the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP), a statewide program that aims to build partnerships with social service providers and homeless systems of care. She mentioned that the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) is involved in this program, which has allocated funds towards five County areas including CoC support, collaboration and partnerships, disparities and equity services, street medicine support, and permanent supportive housing. Sue indicated that the Mountain Homeless Coalition plans to apply for funding in last two areas.</p> <p>Paul Fournier discussed the challenges of acquiring permanent housing and the potential of developing in the mountains. He mentioned a meeting to clarify questions about a particular program. Becky suggested that Mountain Homeless Coalition might require some creative thinking to be able to fit the funding program due to its limited focus on only new, innovative concepts. Wendell mentioned this past year’s application for a relatively small HomeKey grant that was not awarded in favor of much larger proposals that were funded this cycle, leaving MHC with a</p>

		<p>\$25K debt to prepare the complex grant application that could not be reimbursed. He nonetheless expressed interest in acquiring more properties for mountain housing.</p> <p>Paul then brought up the YIGBY (Yes, In God’s Back Yard) legislation, which could potentially apply to a property owned by the Church of the Woods or other religious properties, but mentioned the difficulty in finding such designated area for emergency housing or shelters in the mountains. One County official shared the rural area definition from the US Census Bureau, which could help determine eligibility for program funding options.</p> <p>Shonda Shazbo discussed the recent successful backpack giveaway event in Big Bear Mountain area, which provided over 500 backpacks to students. She also mentioned the ongoing holiday activities in the area, involving various organizations. Cynthia then shared about the support groups and classes offered by Rolling Start, emphasizing that they are open to anyone, not just those with disabilities.</p>
FINAL ITEMS		
Other	Wendell	Hope to see you next time -- meeting January 13, 2025 (2 nd Monday)
Adjourn	Wendell	Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. (1 Hour, 9 min.).
Next Meeting:		The next meeting—Mountain-RSC+HPN: Monday, January 13, 2025 from 1:30 to 3:00pm -- In-Person at St. Richard’s & <i>Via</i> Zoom Tele-conference. (Presentation: TBD)

VOTING MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Email Address	Best Phone
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Joscelyn	Field	Rim Family Services	jfield@rimfamilyservices.org	909-283-0221
Paul	Fournier	CoChairperson	paulfour@gmail.com	909-307-4467
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