

San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership

Central Valley Regional Steering Committee Wednesday, September 3, 2025 • 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City of Colton-Gonzalez Community Center, Meeting Room #1, Colton, CA 92324

MEETING AGENDA CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
 A. Call to Order B. Roll Call of Committee Members C. Public Comment (3 mins each speaker) – For items NOT on the Agenda – Public Comments for Discussion/Action Items will be heard before each action item as listed on the agenda. 	Anna Ulibarri/David Rabindranath Ashley Rosario /Recording Secretary
CONSENT CALENDAR	
D. Approval of August 6, 2025, CV RSC Meeting Minutes	Anna Ulibarri/David Rabindranath
PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS	
A. CV HHAP Round 5 – Development of CV Funding Plan for RFP – RSC members and public discussion	Anna Ulibarri/David Rabindranath OHS Staff
B. Report - Office of Homeless Services	
INFORMATION SHARING/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
C. CofC Board Meeting – Update	Anna Ulibarri
D. Central Valley Cities/Agency Updates/Comments: Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Redlands, City of San Bernardino, Sheriff's HOPE Team and Probation Department	David Rabindranath Heidi Strutz/Corina Villalpando Lenea Coleman/Phil Burum Jeff Allen/Matt Brown Treasure Ortiz/Sandra Ibarra Omar Bullard/Vicky Whitworth
CLOSING	
E. CVRSC Board Member Updates/Comments: F. Closing/Adjournment	Anna Ulibarri-Project Life Impact Pastor Paul Jones/Benjamin E. Jones CRC Za Zette Scott/Family Assistance Program Marisela Manzo-Gomez/Inland Housing Solutions Ujima Moore/Lutheran Social Services Mark Nuaimi/Water of Life/CityLink Desiree Rivera/US. Vets
Next Meeting: Central Valley RSC will next meet on: October 1, 2025 Gonzales Community Center (Meeting Room #1) 670 Colton Ave. Colton, CA 92324 2:00 pm - 3:00pm	



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<u>MEETING MINUTES</u> <u>Central Valley CofC Regional Steering Committee Minutes</u>

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A. Call to Order B. Roll Call of Committee Members	Meeting called to order at 2:05 Roll call conducted – 10 members present met (8 required). All other attendees welcomed.	
C. Public Comments (3 min each speaker) – For items NOT on the Agenda – Public Comments for Discussion/Action Items will be heard before each action item as listed on the agenda.		
CONSENT CALENDAR	ACTION/OUTCOMES	
D. Approval of July 2, 2024, CV RSC Meeting Minutes	Motion Omar Bullard – HOPE Team – 2 nd ZaZette Scott – Family Assistance Program	
PRESENTATIONS	ACTION/OUTCOMES	
Project Description and Rollout – Water of Life CityLink – Mark Nuaimi	Funding Overview: Original Grant Request: \$350,000 - for operating subsidies and case management for interim/transitional housing - 20 new trailers. Award: \$176,000 - \$50,000 operating subsidies spent (December – Current) and remaining funds are allocated for wraparound case management expected to last through Q1of 2026.	
	Program Operations: Operating subsidies cover electricity, water, propane, Wi-Fi, trash, supplies, maintenance, and site security. Site security is required to keep transitional units open.	
	The concept for the trailers originated from Supervisor Armendariz's request for beds for the homeless.	
	20 trailers plus 1 laundry trailer were added and opened two days before Christmas in December 2024.	
	The first family moved in at Christmas; the trailers are interim/transitional, not permanent solutions, as people live in them 24/7/365.	
	Six-Month Outcomes: 18 families (61 individuals: 24 adults, 37 children) were housed in the first six months.	

Larger families sometimes occupy two trailers (e.g., a family of six used two trailers, and their story was shared as an Easter testimony).

Street outreach team (3.5 FTE) is the primary referral source, collaborating with the City of Fontana and Fontana Unified, focusing on families not typically visible as chronically homeless (e.g., moms living in cars).

Demographics: 54% Hispanic, 24% African-

American, 13% Asian, 9% White.

Move-On Statistics: Of the 13 households that moved on 9 moved into permanent housing (including supportive housing). 3 returned to homelessness (removed for program violations but continued with outreach support).

1 entered another transitional program.

Approximately 70% achieved permanent housing success.

The City of Fontana's aggressive acquisition of affordable units supports the move-on transitions but supply is limited.

On-campus ministry and staff are active six out of seven days a week.

Counseling and employment classes are offered; overcoming the stigma around counseling remains a challenge.

Hundreds of volunteers support events and orientation for new residents, introducing them to various ministries.

A food pantry and "Everyone to the Table" program provide meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Milestone Market: residents earn "seedling bucks" for completing tasks on their housing action plan (IHAP), redeemable for essentials.

Financial literacy sessions (based on Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University principles) focus on basic budgeting and contentment.

A job-ready cohort and special events (Women's Day, movie nights, game nights) are organized. Community-building is fostered throughshared meal planning among families and outdoor activities.

Additional Services:

Weekly "Showers of Blessing" for the homeless community are provided on campus, including showers, meals, and clothing.

The program partners with Shelter Court in Fontana.

Funding and Future Plans:

HF4 funds are projected to run out by early 2026.

New HIP funding is pending CoC board approval (expected by the end of the month), which is anticipated to extend operating subsidies through the end of next year (2026), getting them into 2027, and supplement case management resources.

A mobile medical unit is planned to launch, offering 6 screenings per year and aiming to serve approximately 100 patients.

The next phase involves the construction of 30 permanent supportive housing units (studios, 1BR, 2BR, 3BR, with flexible layouts via connecting doors) and a 10,000 sq ft ground floor for retail/job training opportunities. The revenue from the ground floor will subsidize the upstairs units.

The estimated cost for this project is \$12M+, with fundraising to begin soon and a goal to break ground next summer.

Counseling and Outreach:

The organization is exploring rebranding counseling as coaching/mentoring to reduce stigma, while still providing licensed therapists for trauma-informed care.

Non-professionals offer mentoring and parenting skills.

Mobile medical outreach (CIMBA) will also provide screenings and drug counseling on campus, potentially monthly.

Referral Process:

Referrals primarily come through the street outreach team (CityLink, Fontana), which maintains

a constant active referral list.

The program focuses on families due to demand and capacity; it is a six-month program with an 80% AMI income cap (flexible from 0–80%).

While currently housed families are Fontana- impacted, the program is integrated within CES and not restricted only to Fontana, due to county partnership and flexible HF4 funding.

There is no cost to clients for transitional housing; however, a cleaning/security deposit incentive (\$500–\$1,000) is being considered to be returned upon successful program completion and unit return.

INFORMATION SHARING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. Report – Office of Homeless Services – Claudia Doyle – Program Specialist II

Shelter Provider Sessions

Sessions are transitioning from monthly to quarterly due to dwindling attendance, including a poorly attended in-person session.

The next session is scheduled for September (canceling the August session), in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, focusing on flu season, vaccines, and potentially including a mobile medical unit.

Multidisciplinary Approaches to End Homelessness

The August meeting is tentative/cancelled; future meetings will continue.

Continuum of Care (COC) Board Meeting

Scheduled for August 27th at the Dorothy Ingram Learning Center on Carnegie Drive. Office of Homeless Services Communications

Emails

Frequent email updates are sent out; it is recommended to create a dedicated folder for announcements, training, and meetings.

Coordinated Entry System

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow; attendance is restricted to confirmed participants who have signed a confidentiality agreement.

CoC HUD Training Courses

A recent virtual training course on cultural competency was well attended.

Upcoming virtual training courses include:

August 13: Assessing housing needs, risk, and landlord engagement.

August 20: Home and prevention.

August 26: Assessing equity.

These virtual training courses are open to all, with links sent via email and no calendar invites.

Focus Strategies Training Courses

These in-person training courses cover housing practices, supporting clients from first contact to stability.

There are 8 sessions broken into 4 topics; registration is required for targeted audiences.

The Central Valley location is closed due to capacity; High Desert and Morongo Basin locations are still open for registration.

Financial Management Best Practices Training - TDA

This training is coming soon and will be very limited, targeting grant writers, finance officers, and fund managers (limited to 2 people per agency).

Sessions will be about a day and a half each; locations are TBD, and details will be emailed. SOAR

Training Update

The SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) training, which helps outreach staff assess clients for Social Security disability benefits, has seen its SAMHSA funding for technical assistance removed.

While in-person training has been canceled, online training is still available through the SAMHSA SOAR website, and some agencies continue to work with SOAR for applications.

	NO BOARD MEETING
Sherriff's HOPE Team and Probation Dept.	City of San Bernardino Damion Fonseca has been appointed as the new homeless coordinator. Five households were permanently housed through Rapid Rehousing. 91 households were referred to a shelter. 40 individuals are preparing to kick off a Rapid Rehousing Project with FARC Pastor Jones Resource Center Shelter court is scheduled in the gym on the 21st Planning is underway for Thanksgiving boxes for donation. City of Fontana The city council approved the creation of 40 part-time positions for maintenance teams to support CityLink housing and PATH programs, providing job opportunities and support for homeless individuals. A training session for case managers was hosted by Carrie, an expert in management, to standardize case management practices across various partners (Simba, CityLink, host team). A representative stated that two years ago, the city housed zero homeless people, and "As of today, we're one." The mayor is gaining national attention for Fontana's homelessness initiatives, having hosted the HUD regional administrator (District 9, covering Arizona, Nevada, and the West Coast) and eight western region city leaders to present on homelessness efforts, including the navigation center development with the county. Probation Department Shelter Court Access Probation Officers are available at the meeting to facilitate referrals; clients can be added to the Shelter Court calendar via staff or direct contact with probation officers. Vendor opportunities are available for Shelter Court events. Housing Data It was noted that many people currently being housed, particularly families living in cars or with relatives (non-chronically homeless), are not reflected in the point-in-time count. Family Assistance Program A California state-mandated 60-hour domestic violence and trafficking training will be held from September 9th to October 9th. Fundraisers, including bingo events, are held to directly support human trafficking programs, which lost significant funding. The program celebrated its 40th an
CLOSING	Bernardino for the first time
Closing Comments J. Adjournment	David Rabindranath 3:00p
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 A. Call to Order B. Welcome and Introductions C. Comments – Provider Agencies – Services/Events 	Anna Ulibarri/David Rabindranath Anna Ulibarri/Marisela Manzo-Gomez
CONSENT CALENDAR	
D. Review August 6, 2025, CoC Regional Network Meeting Minutes	Anna Ulibarri/David Rabindranath
PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS	
E. Report – CES Regional Hub Update	Gale Maddox – CES Supervisor
F. CV Resource Mapping - Presentation – Department of Veterans Affairs	Damarius Carmichael – Deputy Director
G. Permanent Housing/Innovative Housing Solutions – Presentation – Carillo Group	Robert Carillo – Launch Pad
INFORMATION SHARING/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
 H. Working Groups/CoC Meetings 9/03 - Monthly Town Hall Meeting - 11:00-12:00 - Virtual - Meeting Link 9/4 - CES Case Conferencing - 10:00-12:00 - In Person - Location 9/16 - CoC Inclusion Advisory Committee - 11:00-12:00 - Virtual - Meeting Link - Register at SBequity@homebaseccc.org 9/18- CES Case Conferencing - 10:00-12:00 - In Person - Location: TBD 9/24 - CoC Full Membership Meeting - 9:00-11:30 - In Person/Virtual - Location TBC I. Training Opportunities - Housing-Centered Practice: Supporting Clients From First Contact to Stability - • High Desert September 8 - 8:30-11:30 - Rapid Rehousing 101 Foundation for Practice - 1:00 - 4:00 Supporting Housing Stability: Goal Setting and Case Management in Housing • Central Valley September 9 - 8:30-11:30 - Housing Problem Solving in Practice: Diversion and Rapid Exit Strategies - 1:00- 4:00 - Building the Bridge: Goal-Oriented Planning for Sheltered and Unsheltered Clients - REGISTRATION CLOSED • Morongo Basin September 10 - 8:30-11:30 - Housing Problem Solving in Practice: Diversion and Rapid Exit 	

Strategies – 1:00-4:00 – Building the Bridge: Goal-Oriented Planning for Sheltered and Unsheltered Clients

- West Valley September 11 8:30-11:30 Rapid Rehousing 101 Foundation for Practice – 1:00 – 4:00 Supporting Housing Stability: Goal Setting and Case Management in Housing – REGISTRTION CLOSED
- J. Training Opportunities Financial Management Best Practices Register before 9/5
 - September 15 & 16 9:00-4:30 9:00-Noon
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AGENDA	MINUTES
A. Call to Order – David Rabindranath	Meeting was called to order at 1:06 The meeting serves as a collaborative forum for homeless service providers in the Central Valley. David from the City of Redlands Home and Service facilitated the session, encouraging partnerships among non-profit and government agencies.
B. Welcome and Introductions – David Rabindranath	Attendees introduced themselves and stated the agency they represented.
	Carolina Sosa – from the Probation Department announced
C. Public Comment (3 mins each speaker)	that the next Shelter Court Event and call for vendors for the event. Ruth Humphrey – from Children's Fund explained that all referrals must be entered into Clarity by your agency. And all supporting documents must be uploaded into Clarity, before they can assist with the referral. The entire family must be entered into the system. Children's Fund Referral Process: Mandatory Portals: Referrals are only accepted through Clarity or the organization's personal portal. Clients should not be given the direct phone number, address, or email for Children's Fund. **Required Documentation: All entered into Clarity as E&R (Enrollment & Referral) requests, must include complete supporting documents. For rental assistance, this includes a lease and verifiable income information. **Pre-Submission Contact: Case managers are urged to contact Children's Fund before submitting an E&R request if they are unsure about the requirements, to prevent denials. If you are not familiar with HMIS, submit a "HELP" ticket to Spiceworks. Children's Fund Referral
CONSENT CALENDAR	
D. Approve the minutes of July 2, 2025, CoC CV Regional Network Meeting	No Motion necessary. Review Only
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PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

E. Report – CES/211 Regional Hub

F. **CV Resource Mapping** – Presentation - Operation Grace – Maribel Quebec & Mark Avila

Antoinette Ortega from CES – reported the numbers for the Central Valley Region, for the month of July

116 – Enrollments and Universal Assessment during case conferencing

Success Story:

An individual, a single mother of two at Perris Hill Park, who had been homeless since 2019, is on track to secure housing. The outreach team identified a need for domestic violence support, connected her to the DVH intake hotline, and advocated for her placement.

211 Outreach Process:

- 1. Individuals experiencing homelessness call 211 and complete a BISCADAC assessment.
- 2. They are placed on an outreach list.
- 3. The outreach team (Antony and Leandra) meets with individuals in the field to verify their situation, gather necessary documentation for housing, and provide hygiene items or food if available.
- 4. All documents are uploaded to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), making the client's profile visible to partner agencies for case conferencing.
- 5. The current turnaround time from being placed on the list to being met by the outreach team is approximately one to two weeks.

Operation Grace is a faith-based organization dedicated to alleviating homelessness in San Bernardino County, focusing on families and the elderly. It originated as a ministry of Grace Chapel Church and evolved into an organization to secure grants and funds, enabling assistance on a much larger scale.

- **Goal** To eradicate homelessness by providing shelter, housing, and supportive services that empower individuals and families to rebuild their lives. This includes emergency shelter and housing.
- **Leadership** The director, Pastor Jessica Alexander, received the 2023 Vinnie Newman Humanitarian Award, a recognition facilitated by CAP's Community Action Partnership.
- **Faith-Based Nature** The organization is openly Christian, but clients are not required to participate in any religious activities.
- **Community Support** (The "Housing Trio") Primarily for clients referred through IEHP.
- 1. Housing Navigation The assessment team gathers client information, and case managers assist with finding housing, job placements, job training, and other supportive services.
- 2. Housing Deposits After a suitable home is found and a budget is approved; Operation Grace works with IEHP to provide funds for the security deposit and first month's rent.

Note: The program recently experienced a moratorium on housing deposits, and changes are ongoing.

3. Tenancy & Sustainment - Once housed, clients receive ongoing support, including life coaching, landlord advocacy, and connection to community resources to ensure long-term stability.

Eligibility Clients must be 55+ or collecting social security and reside in the 5th district (Central San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana). The office is located at 1595 East California Drive, San Bernardino.

Function Provides rental arrears for housed clients at risk of eviction or can be used to help house clients who do not qualify for the IEHP program.

Roxbury Women's Shelter:

- **Location** San Bernardino.
- **Population** Serves women and children, as well as other women needing emergency shelter.
- **Capacity** 6 beds. Currently there are two open spots.
- **Program** A 90-day program where residents must be out during the day seeking employment or resources to establish a routine.

Hand of Grace Men's Shelter:

- **Status** In its soft opening phase.
- **Capacity** 4-6 beds.
- **Program** A 90-day transitional program; residents must be out during the day. Case managers are assigned to work with residents.
 - **Referral** Apply through the Operation Grace website.
- **Restrictions** Cannot accept registered sex offenders due to proximity to children.

Mariam's House of Healing:

- **Status** Under construction and nearing completion.
- **Population** Designed for elderly individuals or families needing higher- level care with on-site staff.

Grace Access Center for Transitioning Aged Youth (TAY):

- **Status** Under construction expected completion by yearend.
- **Capacity** 30 beds for young adults.
- **Features**Co-ed facility with an educational center for life skills training resumes, interviews, obtaining IDs), a recreation oom with a basketball court, a commercial-grade kitchen, 24/7 on-site staff with observation windows, and a kennel area capable of housing up to 10 animals for residents with pets.

Community Health Workers

Approximately 75% of case managers are certified Community Health Workers, providing navigation for housing assistance (especially low-income options), program navigation (e.g., HAP, HDAP), and connections to medical

	and mental health services. Resource Distribution **Diaper and Hygiene Kits** Distributed every Wednesday. **Food Distribution** Held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. **Outreach** Various outreaches are conducted in parks and communities to connect with individuals who may not be able to find the organization. Contact Information **Email** info@OperationGrace.com **Phone** 909-798-4333 **Website** OperationGrace.com
G. Report/Round Table Discussion – Strategic Plan – Full County and Central Valley Specific – Review of attached Gaps and Needs Analysis	Homebase was hired by the county to develop a strategic plan addressing homelessness countywide and to address regional needs as well. Initial Central Valley Assessment: **Strengths Identified** Long-standing provider collaboration, increased client readiness for services, early success leveraging CalAIM programs, growing HMIS adoption, and strong frontline staff. **Concerns/Gaps Identified** Shortage of affordable housing, rigid eligibility and funding definitions, staffing shortages, training needs, Coordinated Entry System functionality and cross-system coordination challenges, and lack of problem-solving support. **Timeline** Homebase will continue developing the plan over the next year
INFORMATION SHARING	
H. August Working Groups/CoC Meeting	August Calendar was presented
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Closing Comments J. Adjournment	No Comments Meeting adjourned at 2:10p
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