



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

Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025, 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	Jaelen Spencer &Kevin Mahany
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 3 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. Symba Center e. City of Adelanto f. Assemblymember Carrillo Representative g. Sheriff's HOPE Team h. GoGo Barstow i. High Desert Homeless Services j. Family Assistance Program k. Victor Valley Family Resource Center VVFRFC l. Rescue Mission	Melinda S/D Member/D Kanisha W./D Antoinette J./D Member/Designee Jaelen S./D Manuel T. /D Elizabeth G./D Jimmy W./D Kevin M/D Sharon G/ Dawn Q./Designee
CONSENT ITEMS (5 mins)	
F. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2025, meeting	Jaelen & Kevin
PRESENTATIONS (30 mins)	
G. VVFRFC update on HHAP 3 grant H. Symba update on HHAP 4 grant (Victorville) – expanding housing I. New Life Fellowship update on HHAP 4 grant (Barstow) – expanding housing	Sharon Green/Leslie Earl Michael Grabhorn Antoinette Jackson Ron Beardshear

DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	
J. Presentation by Victory Outreach and River's Edge Ranch	Victory Outreach rep.
K. Presentation by Rivers Edge Ranch	Rivers Edge Ranch rep.
L. Best Practices in Delivering Person-Centered Care April 2025 Workshop proposed in High Desert by CoC (location, speakers, marketing TBA)	Jaelen & Kevin
CLOSING	
L. Adjournment	HPN Members/Attendees Jaelen & Kevin
Next Meeting: High Desert Regional Steering Committee will next meeting: Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, 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

January 14, 2025
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Life Community Church 12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA92395

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by Kevin Mahany, committee co-chair, Family Assistance Program

	PRESENTER	OPENING REMARKS
Call to order	Kevin Mahany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.
Opening prayer	& Jaelen Spencer	
Invocation/Pledge		
Welcome/	Dawn Quigg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees were welcomed and Committee Board Members introduced themselves
Introductions	Kevin & Jaelen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharon Green/Designee – Victor Valley Family Resource Center ▪ Kevin Mahany – Family Assistance Program ▪ Elizabeth Givens – Go-Go Barstow ▪ Antoinnette Jackson – Designee ▪ Dawn Quigg – Victor Valley Rescue Mission ▪ Jimmy Waldron – High Desert Homeless Services ▪ Town of Apple Valley – Kanisha Withers ▪ City of Hesperia – Melinda Sayers ▪ Hope Team – Manuel Tristin ▪ City of Adelanto – Absent ▪ Juan Carillo’s Office – Jaelen Spencer <p>Attendees introduce self and organizations and communities they represent. County represented include Office of Homeless Services (Rosario) and Adult Protective Services (Tasha) Probation (missed name) with city and non-profit representatives including Sheriff’s HOPE Homeless Outreach program City of Victorville (William) New Life Fellowship (Ron Beardshear), Barstow Desert Manna (Darrin and Eugene), Barstow High Desert Homeless Services (Mike) City of Victorville</p>
Audience		
Introductions		
		PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting Minutes approved	Kevin Mahany & Jaelen Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In person – Jose Chavez, with Family Assistance Program comments on work of a TAY drop-in Center (proposing new location) that Family Assistance Program has co-located in High Desert Homeless Services building. Both agencies are working with City of Victorville to open. Jose reports there are High Desert beds available for homeless youth (ages 18 years and younger) but there are not enough beds for Transitional Aged Youth reporting they are homeless. Jose reports their outreach to High Desert high schools allows them to assist homeless students with secure services including housing.
	Committee	December 10, 2024, Meeting minutes were approved.

PRESENTER	REPORTS AND UPDATES
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Use of HHAP 3 and 4 Grants	Melina Sayers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Hesperia ready to conduct its Point in Time Count (PITC) with a team of 20. The City has two (2) full time Quality of Life staff outreaching to its homeless, which it estimates at seven (7).
	Kanisha Withers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Apple Valley is prepared with 21 employee volunteers for its PITC.
	Annette Jackson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The city of Victorville is providing funding to develop rapid rehousing – clients could stay for up to 12 months – pay rent on a sliding scale. Also reports funds to improve street medicine trying to reach homeless people who do not want to go to shelter.
	Kanisha Withers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of Apple Valley – Presented on PITC work with 21 employees as volunteers.
	Dawn Quigg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victor Rescue Mission is opening 8 beds where women can stay for ten (1) months of treatment and proceeds from our 25th Gala will support these services.
	Jaelen Carillo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at state legislation including AB 20 to end Housing First. Additional bills include one that expands the workforce.
	Tristin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOPE team continues to provide a weekly homeless reach sweep in the High Desert.
	Elizabeth Givens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We hosted an in-person visit by staff of the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) at our facility/office as part of a capacity building discussion at 616 East Main Street, Barstow. We conducted a community event MLK Jr. serving the community.
	Michael Grabhorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Desert Homeless Services (HDHS) is working with City of Victorville to secure a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) allowing our program to re-open to serve homeless identified anywhere in High Desert. The City has placed 33 conditions on HDHS and we working to comply or negotiate with each. Have had positive experience working with Daisy at City of Victorville’s Planning Office. We are discussing with the city the co-location of Family Assistance Program’s Youth Center that includes housing High Desert homeless youth ages 18-24. The weekly report of homeless TAY youth is currently reported six (6) homeless who could be housed if program is opened.
	Leslie Earl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have been assisting 27 homeless adults in our programs including providing access to secure jobs and provide them transportation to healthcare.
Kevin Mahany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing county-wide supports to homeless transitional aged youth (ages 18-24) of which six (6) are currently reported for High Desert – mostly from Victorville. Working with HDHS and City of Victorville to co-locate an improved youth drop-in and housing program to house homeless TAY. Active in City of VV discussions to meet as many reasonable City planning stipulations as we deem reasonable. The Family Assistance Program reports open beds to assist High Desert homeless students (ages 18 and under) and success working with four (4) High Schools to assist their homeless students. 	

Committee Discussion of open seats	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHAP 3 grant funds are being used to purchase property for homeless adults. The property was identified, and site control was obtained prior to sending the location change request to the Regional Steering Committee. This was the first change request because the original home placed in Escrow had significant undisclosed roofing issues. Too often, the sellers in the High Desert don't want lengthy closing delays because of government processing. We made every effort to find a property that did not exceed the award amount, but there are still significant delays because of the government procedures required by the Community Development and Housing Department (CDH). VVFC has submitted the necessary documents to the department, and we are awaiting a decision. ▪ Updates using HHAP 3 grant funds purchasing property to house homeless adults. Identified a property and in negotiations with owner with signing. Working with OHS to secure HHAP 3 funds needed to acquire property. ▪ We are awaiting HHAP 4 funds, we understand the Board of Supervisors will approve at one of their February 2025 meetings. We have applied for HHIP funds to improve health of our Wellness Center clients. We have been contacted by City of Fontana and City of Ontario about their plans of opening a Wellness Center housing and rehabilitating their homeless. We have responded to RFP from City of San Bernardino to operate their proposed Hope "Wellness Center" campus. ▪ New Life Fellowship (NLF) submitted a budget to OHS, awaiting Board of Supervisor approval to receive funds. Working w/ City of Barstow, GoGo Barstow, Desert Manna and attend City of Barstow's Homeward Bound (Homeless Committee). Our food ministry serves 80-100 per week. ▪ Will work to identify "government" candidates to replace open seat of ex-mayor Paul Courtney now off the committee. Ideally, a Barstow government replacement is needed. Finally discussion on identifying a government representative for City of Adelanto.
	Antoinette Jackson	
	Ron Beardshear	
	Committee	

	<p>Dawn Quigg</p> <p>Elizabeth Givens</p> <p>Melinda Sayre</p> <p>Annette Jackson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dawn reports partnership with Symba as a CES support for homeless and that their Women’s program has expanded to serving 23 women. Also reports on the High Desert Food collaborative celebrating its 8th anniversary. ▪ Go Go Barstow has acquired a 3 bedroom home with six (6) beds as an addition serving Barstow. Reports on success of a Spirit of Giving community event. ▪ Reports City’s Code Enforcement team will handle City’s PITC Count. ▪ Center is expanding operations using ERF funding for rapid rehousing and supports referral of homeless TAY to housing providers who can provide the specialized services TAY homeless require.
ITEM NUMBER		CONSENT ITEMS
Approval of Minutes of Oct. 8, 2024, of the Desert Regional Steering Committee.	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting Minutes were approved by Committee
PRESENTATIONS	PRESENTER	DISCUSSIONS
Elections of committee- co-chairs	<p>Claudia Doyle</p> <p>Ruben Mendoza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claudia Doyle and Ruben Mendoza with the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) led the committee and attendees in a voting to elect new committee co-chairs. Ballots were developed and distributed and voting determined that Kevin Mahany of Family Assistance Program and Jaelen Spencer of Juan Carillo’s office would serve starting in 2025. Results of the vote will be recorded by the OHS in the event a co-chair replacement is required.

Wellness Center Presentation New Life Fellowship	William Llamas Edward Amaya Ron Beardshear	<p>A presentation highlighting July – Sept 2024 performance of the Wellness Center was provided, and a hard copy handout was provided to the Committee. A short Q&A followed about how the Wellness Center was implementing a car repair program for clients.</p> <p>Provided a short presentation on their church’s food ministry and outreach with City of Barstow use HHAP 4 funds to provide homeless shelter services.</p>
		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm</p> <p>The next meeting for the High Desert Regional Steering Committee is Tuesday, January 14, 2025</p> <p>Life Community Church 12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA 92395 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.</p>