

DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)

L. Selection and appointment of a new secretary for the Committee.

Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson

M. Discussion and approval of changes to the date and time of Committee meetings.

CLOSING

N. Individual Committee Member Comments (3 mins. each):

- a. City of Adelanto
- b. Town of Apple Valley
- c. City of Barstow
- d. City of Hesperia
- e. 1st Board of Supervisor District Representative
- f. Family Assistance program
- g. GoGo Barstow
- h. High Desert Homeless Services
- i. Moses House
- j. Sheriff’s HOPE Team
- k. Symba Center
- l. Victor Valley Family Resource Center (VVFRC)

- a. Amanda U.
- b. Kanisha W.
- c. Maribel H./D
- d. Melinda S.
- e. Samuel S.
- f. Shannon W.
- g. Elizabeth G.
- h. Michael G./D
- i. Dawn Q.
- j. Michael C./D
- k. Antoinette J.
- l. Sharon G

O. Adjournment

**Next Meeting will be tentatively on
Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
City of Victorville City Hall, Conference Room “A”
14343 Civic Dr, Victorville, CA 92392**

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 Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting

March 10, 2026

2:00pm-4:00pm

14343 Civic Drive, Conference Room A

Victorville, CA 92392

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by Kevin Mahany, Director, Symba

TOPIC	PRESENTER	OPENING REMARKS
Call to Order	Dawn Quigg	The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm Prayer, Dawn Quigg, Moses House Ministries Pledge, Kevin Mahany, Symba
Roll Call		<p>The following Committee Members or their alternates were present at the meeting, and a meeting quorum was met.</p> <p>Dawn Quigg, Moses House Ministries, Kanisha Withers, Town of Apple Valley Melinda Sayers, City of Hesperia Shannon Waldron, Family Assistance Program Jimmy Waldron, High Desert Homeless Services Pastor Sharon Green, Victor Valley Family Resource Center Kevin Mahany, Symba Terry Harman, GoGo Barstow Rochelle Clayton, City of Barstow Samuel Shoup, Representative Supervisor Paul Cook</p> <p>Members arriving late: Pastor Sharon Green, Rochelle Clayton and Antionette Jackson, (committee co-chair) Symba Members absent: Mike Catalano, Sheriff HOPE-InnROADS The Chair reminded the committee that co-chair Jaelen Spencer resigned from the Committee in December 2025 and today's elections fill an open government seat as committee to committee. Additionally, committee co-chair Antonette Jackson was running late from a county meeting</p>
		PUBLIC COMMENT
		<p>The Chair opened the floor to Public Comments and thanked the ten (10) online attendees reminding speakers to speak clearly for their benefit.</p> <p>Waylon Kreneck, Operations Manager, introduced himself and the education, counseling and support groups provided by New Life Facility in Apple Valley, CA to support the work of homeless adults in the region at: https://www.newlifefacility.com/locations/apple-valley Elizabeth Cook, San Bernardino County Probation Dept's Homeless Outreach team. reported on Shelter Court</p>

		events planned on March 18 at the Victor Valley Fairgrounds and walk-ins are welcome. Elizabeth reported on the success of a Barstow Shelter Court event held in February 2026 and her team will continue to serve the community with events at: https://probation.sbcounty.gov/programs-and-services/adult-programs-and-services/
		CONSENT ITEMS
Meeting Minutes	Committee	March 10, 2026 Agenda and February meeting minutes presented. Samuel Shoup motions to approve minutes and Shannon Waldron seconds the motion with Committee approving the motions.
	PRESENTER	PRESENTATIONS
Committee Member updates	Committee	<p>Melinda - City of Hesperia - no update</p> <p>Kanisha - Town of Apple Valley - Fair Housing Workshops planned on April 7 & May 5.</p> <p>Kevin - Symba (Operator of City of Victorville Wellness Center and Desert Region CES) - Campus full serving homeless adults and families. Meeting packet includes City of Victorville Quarterly Update (Sept-Dec 2025) of progress including 200th program graduate and Symba achieving national certification for its recuperative care services. CES continues with progress made developing CES partners in Apple Valley, Barstow and Hesperia (Agenda Item K). Symba thanks the City of Victorville for the video and William Lamas speaking at the County's March 5 2026 Homeless Summit.</p> <p>Terry - GoGo Barstow - updates on Barstow work including conducting 48 client intakes.</p> <p>Shannon - Family Assistance Program - update on Rapid Rehousing Work with City of Victorville and Symba reporting 60 clients referred and 19 adults and 10 children housed.</p> <p>Samuel Shoup - Supervisor Cook - no update</p> <p>Dawn Quigg - update on work of Homebase, HHAP 5 grant opportunity and state policy(AB880) supporting timely non-profit payments for work performed (AB 880) https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB880/id/3131897</p> <p>Pastor Sharon Green - VVFR - assisted 35 adults and 6 families and 28 of the 35 adults have secured jobs.</p> <p>Jimmy Waldron - HDHS - working on meeting City of Victorville building code requirements to repurpose the campus into a facility serving seniors (Agenda item I)</p> <p>Rochelle Clayton - City of Barstow reports HHAP 4 funding now in process for New Life Fellowship's work to create shelter services.</p>
TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION ITEM ACTION/OUTCOME
HHAP 4 grant update	Eugene Buttici, Desert Manna	Agenda item J: Desert Manna reports funding has arrived and is being used to provide clients - currently eleven (11) in local Motels and Desert Manna is supporting clients to obtain paperwork to move into their own housing. Eugene highlights the success of one young couple moving from homelessness into housing and mentions partners including County Department of Behavioral Health, Barstow Hospital and a referral from New Life Fellowship.
City of Victorville Quarterly Report update (Sept - Dec 2025)	Edward Aanya, City of Victorville, Homeless Services	Agenda Item L: this agenda item will be presented at the April 7th meeting to make time for voting of new committee members

Nomination of new 2026 Committee co-chairs	Dawn Quigg, Moses House Ministries	Items M and N:
ADJOURNMENT		
Adjournment	Dawn Quigg, Moses House Ministries	<p>Item O: Dawn facilitates Committee members and attendees in nominations of committee members representing a Government. Two floor nominations for the position are: William Lamas with City of Victorville (nominated by Shannon Waldron of Family Assistance Program) and Amanda Uptergrove, City of Adelanto Councilmember, Pastor and Desert representative of San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Commission.</p> <p>Amanda provides a brief presentation of her work and community work. By a vote of 7-0 Amanda Uptegrove is nominated to the committee. A second vote to elect a government committee co-chair is conducted and Samuel Shoup declines a floor nomination with Amanada accepting the nomination to serve as committee co-chair.</p> <p>With committee elections complete Dawn asks for additional input from attendees. Tyrese Crawford, Program Coordinator for homeless student education with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, reports of a movie being hosted in Adelanto or Hesperia on March 21st on homeless youth.</p> <p>Pastor Sharon Green reports the Continuum of Care is reviving a work group to look at its charter.</p> <p>Dawn asks the Committee for a motion to adjourn. Sharon Green makes a motion, and it is seconded by Amanda at 2:50pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The next meeting for the Desert Regional Steering Committee April 7, 2026, 2pm-4pm City of Victorville 14343 Civic Drive - Conference Room A Victorville, CA 92392</p>



Homebase

ADVANCING SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

The San Bernardino CoC Regional Action Plan on Homelessness

High Desert RSC Implementation

Our Presenters



Jose Lucio



Will Earley

Today's presentation

We'll cover highlights of the strategic plan and specific action steps for your RSC!

ON OUR WAY HOME:
The San Bernardino CoC Regional Action Plan on Homelessness
2026 - 2030

High Desert RSC Regional Implementation Plan

The High Desert region covers an expansive, largely rural area that also includes cities like Victorville, Brawley, Apple Valley, and Hesperia. Over recent years, the population has grown, especially in the region's more urban areas. The geography experiences extreme temperatures and limited water resources, which presents significant challenges for people experiencing housing instability and homelessness. The expansiveness of the region also leads to access challenges to health care, behavioral health services, housing and other supportive services, especially in its more rural and isolated areas.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the High Desert region comprises 20% of the county's total population. The median rent is \$1,476 and the median income is \$68,171. While 18.7% of the population is below the poverty line, the region has the highest percentage of severely cost burdened households (spending more than 50% of income on housing) at 33.4%. The vacancy rate in the region is 5%.

Homelessness in the High Desert Region

311 UNSHELTERED	365 SHELTERED
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The High Desert is the only region with a higher sheltered count than unsheltered count.

18% of the CoC's total PITC

The High Desert Region's Homeless Service System

The High Desert had 10% of the total beds in the CoC in 2025.

Breakdown of beds in the High Desert Region (2025 HIC)

Emergency Shelter: 304	Transitional Housing: 159	Rapid Re-Housing: 7	Permanent Housing: 12
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The High Desert RSC has a high level of trust and collaboration among local partners and innovative partnerships related to food security and the local court system. Since 2023, it has had an increase in shelter and interim housing beds. However, the region still has limited permanent supportive housing options, a high cost of living, low employment opportunities, and high transportation and utility costs – all of which make it challenging to find sustainable housing. The area also has challenges retaining staff at the provider agencies. A member of the RSC noted that "The low wages make it a revolving door. We are using our lowest-paid staff to do the highest-trauma work." The vast geography requires mobile and flexible outreach, which local providers do not have the capacity or staff to fully resource. RSC members shared that there also are significant gaps in the local system for families and youth. They identified the need for a regional pilot safe parking program in the High Desert that includes mobile behavioral health access, especially for veterans and families.

Sources of Information that Inform this Plan

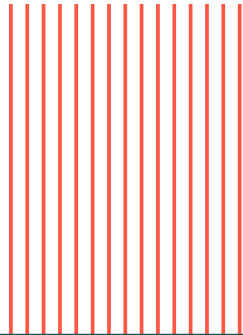
Homebase, the San Bernardino CoC, local cities and community members, and San Bernardino County have worked closely for the past year developing the plan.

- Review of Existing Data
- Gathered input at two RSC meetings
- Focus groups with people who have lived experience
- Community Survey
- Continual input from RSC Co-Chairs

Data Sources Reviewed

- Point in Time Count
- Housing Inventory Count
- Homeless Data Exchange (HMIS Data)
- American Community Survey (Census)
- Homelessness Data Integration System
- Housing Pipeline City Survey

Vision Statement



All individuals and families across San Bernardino County, regardless of their economic conditions, will have access to safe, secure, stable, affordable, permanent housing and needed supportive services.

Mission Statement



To collaborate across all regions and sectors in the county, using a person-centered approach, to connect individuals and families to a diverse range of supportive services and long-term sustainable housing that fits their unique needs.

Guiding Principles



Housing is a Human Right

Every individual deserves to be treated with respect, dignity and empathy, regardless of their circumstances. Solutions need to be designed around the person, not program rules. Prioritizing the physical and emotional well-being of every person in the county can empower people to build independence and self-sufficiency.



Housing is a Social Determinant of Health

Housing is needed to ensure health, safety, and stability for all individuals and families in the region. However, stability depends on income and opportunity, not just housing placement.



Strong Decision-Making is guided by Data and Evidence

Data-driven solutions rely on evidence, not assumptions. Continuous learning and evaluation should be core to the approach to reduce and end homelessness.



Creative and Innovative Solutions will Benefit the Entire Community

Housing and service providers need to embrace creative, evidence-based approaches that will prevent and end homelessness. They can rely on flexibility and creativity in addressing barriers to housing, employment, and stability. The work should inspire belief and hope in the possibility of change



It is Essential to Value the Voices of People with Lived Experience

People who have lived experience of homelessness have unique voices and roles in the design of solutions to prevent and end homelessness. The community needs to create a variety of opportunities to understand their point of view and respond to their concerns.



There is Shared Ownership and Responsibility for the Homelessness Crisis

No one can sit by without acting. As a region, we must partner collaboratively – with County departments, community-based organizations, Cities, businesses, neighbors, and individuals – to be responsible and accountable together for responding to homelessness. We can no longer work in siloes and should avoid duplication of effort.



The Disparities that Exist Across the Homeless System of Care Can't Be Ignored

Racial, gender, sexual orientation, and other inequities persist and need to be addressed so that all county residents can equitably access fair housing, resources, and opportunities. Systems must identify and serve everyone in need, even when they are not visible in traditional data sources.

Goals and Strategies

Over the next five years, the CoC will unite around bold, targeted strategies to dramatically reduce homelessness in the county, guided by key goals to drive measurable change and transform lives:



GOAL 1 Permanent and Affordable Housing

Increase permanent and affordable housing capacity and provide the resources needed to ensure people can maintain stable housing.



GOAL 2 Coordination

Improve information, coordination, and collaboration between County Departments, Cities, the CoC, and RSCs.



GOAL 3 Shelter and Services

Improve and expand shelter, interim housing, and low-barrier services.



GOAL 4 Prevention and Diversion

Develop and invest in a CoC-wide prevention and diversion program, including an improved education and resource effort, to lower barriers to housing and services for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.



GOAL 5 Data and Performance

Strengthen the homeless response system so that it is data-driven, fair, and results-oriented



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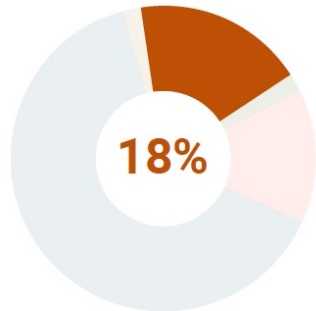
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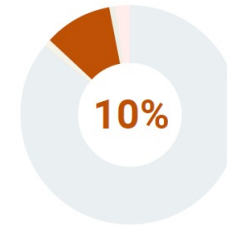
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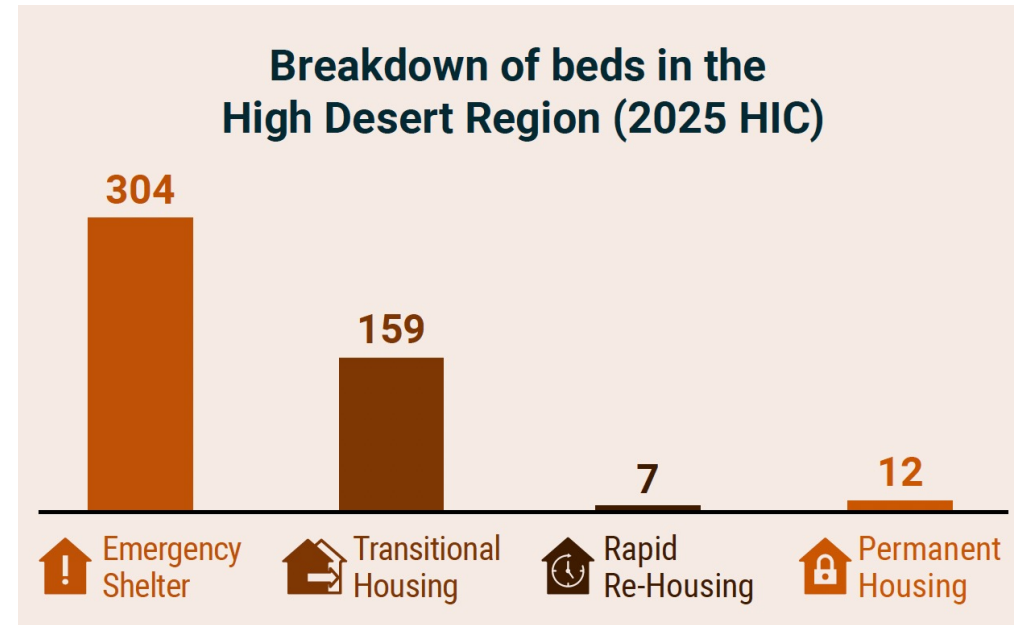
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GOAL 2 : Coordination

Strategy 2.3: Strengthen cross-sector partnerships for resource optimization.

Establish a formal partnership with the Family Assistance Program to coordinate case management, training, and warm handoffs for transition age youth (TAY) aging out of services to ensure connection to housing, supportive services and prevention resources.



GOAL 3 : Shelter and Services

Strategy 3.2: Secure dedicated funding for year-round and seasonal emergency shelters.

Conduct a regional assessment of the need for warming and seasonal shelters, including identifying potential sites and exploring funding opportunities, such as Community Resilience Center funding through the California Strategic Growth Council.



GOAL 4 : Prevention and Diversion

Strategy 4.1: Establish a clear and accessible low-barrier pathway at all access points.

Utilize a structured lived experience feedback process (Strategy 5.3) to solicit input about gaps and needs in the current regional structure and identify opportunities for improvement.



GOAL 5 : Data and Performance

Strategy 5.3: Ensure lived experience is integrated at all levels of decision-making.

Develop and implement a structured process to solicit, integrate, and compensate for feedback from people experiencing homelessness on all regional decisions, using the Wellness Center, regional hubs, and partner organizations as engagement points.

Implementing the Action Steps

- **Who will be responsible for leading the implementation on the action steps?**
- **How will the RSC keep progress moving over time?**
- **Are there new partners needed to accomplish these action steps?**
- **What are potential roadblocks? What can the RSC do to overcome these challenges?**
- **How will you engage people with lived experience?**

Measuring Progress



Choosing the Right Milestones

How will you know you have accomplished the action step?



Collecting the Right Data

What data or information do you have access to?



Using the Data

How will you review data regularly?

Questions and Discussion



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