



**Homeless Provider Network (HPN)**

**Tuesday, July 20, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Join us Via Webex:**

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**AGENDA**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Welcome and Roll Call (10 minutes)	Sharon Green
REPORTS & UPDATES	
C. Regional Representatives (5 mins each) a. Central Valley/Regional Steering Committee b. Desert/ Regional Steering Committee c. East Valley/Morongo Basin/ Regional Steering Committee d. Mountain/ Regional Steering Committee e. West Valley/ Regional Steering Committee f. Office of Homeless Services	Jessica Alexander Jimmy Waldron Louis Medina Wendell Wilson Don Smith Chief Tom Hernandez
CONSENT ITEMS (5 mins)	
D. Approve Minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting	Sharon Green
PRESENTATIONS	
E. Life Community Development	Lois Perkins Maggie Arredondo
DISCUSSIONS	
F. Establishing MOU for Partnerships to Ensure Countywide Coverage	Sharon Green
CLOSING	
G. HPN Member News, Updates, Issues and Announcements (30 sec plugs) H. Public Comment (3 mins) I. Adjournment	HPN Members/Attendees Sharon Green
Next Meeting: Countywide HPN will next meet on: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 Location Webex	

In September 2007, the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP) was formed to provide a more focused approach to our goal of ending homelessness within the County. The Partnership consists of city governments, community based organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutes, non-profit organizations, private industry, and federal, state, and local government.

SBCHP was developed to promote a strong collaboration between agencies to direct the planning, development, and implementation of the County's 10-year-plan to end chronic homelessness. The Partnership meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Behavioral Health Resource Center in Rialto. The Partnership facilitates better communication, planning, coordination, and cooperation among all entities that provide services and/or resources for the relief of homelessness in San Bernardino County.

*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 Homeless Provider Network Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
Via Webex

**Minutes Recorded By Tom Hernandez, Chief of Homeless Services and Transcribed by Amy Edwards, Secretary II, Office of Homeless Services**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Don Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting</li> <li>• The following members/alternates were in attendance: Darryl Evey, Katryna Gonzalez, Delia Lopez, Marilyn Core, Noe Zepeda, John Simmons, Kate Nazareno, Steven Sahagun, Kimberly Williams, Astrid Johnson, Natalie Komuro, Lisa Anderson, Sue Walker, Amanda Tower, Cassandra Searcy, Ben Jauregui, Ken Bell, Mandy Carlson, ZaZette Scott, Lizette Casillas, Don Smith, Shonie Perry, Sharon Green, Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Wendell Wilson, Delia Lopez, Lorrie Hinkleman, Noel Wiggins, Alyce Belford-Saldana, Julie Burnette, Kevin Mahany, Jessica Alexander, Jere Thrasher, Christine Hamm, Julie Reay, Levi Deatherage, Brenda Dowdy, Lois Perkins, Rene Keres, Leif Ozier, Alexandra Bravo, Janice Elliott, Sarah Figaro, Jimmy Waldron, Angela Pasco, Toff Lurie, Kevin Davison, Tauny Bradbury, Carlos Lopez, Rose Beardshear, Ricardo Forbes, Victoria Ramirez, Vanessa Perez, Nsenga Hughes, Anna Ulibarri,</li> </ul>
<b>CONSENT</b>		
Approve Minutes from the January 26, 2021 Meeting	Levi Deatherage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of the name “Bezos” by Brenda Dowdy. Don Smith second the motion. All members were in favor to approve the meeting calendar. The motion was approved.</li> </ul>
<b>UPDATES</b>		
Updates from representatives on progress of regional meetings	<p>Jessica Alexander Central Valley</p> <p>Jimmy Waldron Desert Region</p> <p>Astrid Johnson East Valley</p> <p>Wendell Wilson Mountains</p> <p>Don Smith West Valley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Central Valley has been tackling the issue of equity and racial bias as it pertains to housing. We had great presentations from Dr. Rene Keres from the Department of Behavioral Health and from Ken Bell with United Way 211.</li> <li>• We are working on forming some sub-committees in the Central Valley in order to get more engagement and participation from our cities.</li> <li>• The Desert HPN meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We will continue our meetings starting next month. High Desert Homeless has amended its contract with the city to continue the warming shelter.</li> <li>• We are currently waiting for HHAP funds to come in so until then we are all on hiatus. We are also working with the County on the ERAP program, so that should start rolling out soon.</li> <li>• We are looking at properties in anticipation for Homekey II funds.</li> <li>• We hired 2 new people to help with policy and propel us to the next level.</li> <li>• The West Valley Regional Steering Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Topics discussed, and information shared at meetings included the following:</li> </ul>

Tom Hernandez  
Interagency Council  
on Homelessness  
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- Racial, ethnic, and gender equity issues with a presentation from Dr. Rene Keres and Ken Bell. We reviewed national data on this issue and vowed to be more aware.
- We had a spirited conversation on Confronting our Critical Challenge to Eliminate Housing Insecurity and Create Safe, Stable, Affordable Housing Opportunities for *All Californians* – The featured speaker for our April Meeting was Tim Johnson, Chief Operating Officer for Quality Management Group, Inc., and Chair of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.
  - Tim identified a need to create over 2.5 million new homes/housing units to meet California's housing supply and demand needs over the next 10 years.
  - Affordable housing units are not affordable to develop with current costs ranging from \$412-\$450k per door.
  - Multiple layers of funding sources with different regulations and requirements significantly increase housing development costs
  - Tim Suggests: we advocate and pursue our fair share of federal and state funding for affordable housing in the Inland Empire; create local, flexible bond funded sources for affordable housing development which could remove some of the finance and regulatory layers and help reduce per door development costs
  - Tim stated we should establish a flexible Housing Trust Fund for San Bernardino County with a .25 cent sales tax increase which could generate as much as \$60-\$75 million dollars annually for affordable housing activities throughout the county
- The City of Ontario is looking to move forward with a hotel conversion with the next funding opportunity.
- AB 71, which calls for California to annually invest \$2.4 billion in new funding in solutions for homelessness.
- Housing has been our main focus on the West end.
- OHS is currently setting up the internal process for HHAP funds. This will help in the disbursement of funds.
- The County has received word from the state that we will receive round two of HHAP. We should be receiving the Standard Agreement within the next few weeks. The County received \$1.3M and the CoC received \$1.4M.
- On April 8, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Marcia L. Fudge announced the allocation of nearly \$5 billion in American Rescue Plan funds to assist 651 grantees throughout the country to create affordable housing and services for people experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness.
- Local allocations:
  - City of Fontana - \$2,633,658
  - City of Ontario - \$2,713,297
  - City of San Bernardino - \$5,058,437
  - Consortium County of San Bernardino - \$12,717,363
  - Consortium Apple Valley - \$2,913,966
  - State Non-Entitlement - \$155,003,054
- The County has received an invitation to apply for \$50M in HomeKey funds that would primarily be used by HomeKey participants. As we receive more information we will send that out. I will warn you that the time line will be extremely short but it is additional funding.

PRESENTATIONS		
County of San Bernardino Homeless Strategic Plan Framework	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Hernandez presented the County of San Bernardino's Strategic Plan Framework and the process to develop the plan.</li> <li>• County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the development of an annual Homeless Strategic Plan on November 17, 2020</li> <li>• The Strategic Plan Framework was approved by the board of Supervisors on March 23, 2021. Now we will start collecting data, analyzing it and develop the plan.</li> <li>• The Office of Homeless Services with the help of Michelle Dusick from the Department of Behavioral Health, MHSA program will begin a series of workshops to reach out to a wide variety of stakeholders, providers, outreach, and people with lived experience to begin that data gathering process.</li> <li>• If you are interested in participating in the Strategic Planning Team send an email to <a href="mailto:homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov">homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov</a></li> <li>• We would like your input on what our value statement and mission statement should be as well as establishing some guiding principles. An email with a link to fill a worksheet on these items will be sent out this afternoon. We encourage everyone to take the time to submit your input.</li> </ul>
DISCUSSION		
Establishing ADHOC Committee	Don Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HPN leadership discussed creating an HPN Ad Hoc Committee to assist the Strategic Plan Team.</li> <li>• This comes from a standing history of disconnect with the boots on the ground providers (both public and private) and the decision makers in the County. The provider community feels dismissed and disengaged from the decision-making process.</li> <li>• The HPN leadership felt we needed to create a committee that can work hand in hand with the planning process and to contribute constructively.</li> <li>• Discussion ensued amongst the HPN members.</li> </ul>
CLOSING		
HPN Member Comments/ Public Comment	Ken Bell  Angela Pasco  Brenda Dowdy  Astrid Johnson  Natalie Komuro  Anna Ulibarri  Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked all the providers for hearing 211's plea for assistance and allocating funds through HHAP and other sources to help us expand our staff to meet the demands. We will be bringing on two additional intake workers as well as an operations manager so we can get back to providing the services we are meant to provide.</li> <li>• New Hope Village received the CBDG funds and we will be starting a mobile food distribution program. Rose Beardshear has taken over the community outreach program for HHAP. We have also partnered with Barstow Community College with the Homeless Housing Insecurity Program (HHIP). We are working with 16 students. We have 9 of them permanently housed. New Hope Village has expanded and we are here to serve our community.</li> <li>• Please keep in mind when you are planning the strategic plan that you factor in the homeless youth and you have youth representatives at the table.</li> <li>• Morongo Basin is doing a great job feeding people. We have a farm to family program that is doing great and expanding. Food is not the problem out here, lack of housing is!</li> <li>• The city of Ontario is still trying to assist all of the families displaced by the explosion. If anyone has leads on housing please reach out. It has been a challenge to find housing for all of the families.</li> <li>• Shout out to Ken Bell and Mike Bell. They worked with us on our HHAP program and we have received our first referral.</li> <li>• VVFR is now distributing food which is new to our program.</li> <li>• Our of Region Steering Committee meeting, it was announced that the city of Hesperia is providing utility assistance and rental assistance. Connect on their website and apply.</li> </ul>

	<p>Levi Deatherage</p> <p>Ben Jauregui</p> <p>Dalia Lopez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Arms has a rental assistance staff on hand. If you have a need for that please reach out to Amanda. The Youth Advisor Board is still recruiting. Please contact me for more information.</li> <li>• IEHP has a small housing program. We have house 212 members so far. We offer permanent housing to our homeless members with chronic conditions ages 18 and over. We also have 2 recuperative care sites so if the are being discharged and need a place to recuperate. If you want more information you can email <a href="mailto:housingteam@iehp.org">housingteam@iehp.org</a></li> <li>• Rolling Start San Bernardino has started a drive by food distribution where we are delivering food to consumes that do not have transportation or any other means to get food at our events. We deliver food directly to the consumers home every Tuesday. If you have a consumer with disabilities and would like to add them to our distribution please reach out to us.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>		Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m..
<b>Next Meeting</b>		HPN will next meet on July 20, 2021 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. (Webex)