



## Mountain Regional Steering Committee

### & Homeless Provider Network meeting

Monday, Monday, **September 8, 2025** • 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 St. Richard Episcopal Church Hall: 28708 CA Hwy-18, Sky Forest, CA 92385  
**IN PERSON** for Board members, et al. & Via Zoom Teleconference (*hybrid*)  
 Meeting will be conducted pursuant to Calif. Government Code Sec. 54953(e)

*Alternate Meeting Satellite Sites:*

Big Bear City Hall, Training Room: 39707 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
 Family Assistance: 1255 E. Highland Avenue, Suite#211, San Bernardino, CA 92401

#### Teleconference info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83056213419?pwd=aVVUSy92c00xSWlqaHJRODJKd0F0UT09>

Meeting ID: 830 5621 3419 + Passcode: 534180 - Dial in for just audio: (669) 444-9171

### — AGENDA —

OPENING REMARKS		PRESENTER
A.	Call to Order	Wendell Willson
B.	Welcome and Introductions	
C.	Public Comment and/or requests for additions to Agenda	
PAST MINUTES		
D.	Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2025	Wendell Willson
ACTION ITEM		
E.	NO Action Items this month	x
PRESENTATION		
"SBCo Schools: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act"		Tyrese Crawford, Shonda Szabo, etc.
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
G. Discussion: Mountain Updates for Homeless Services		Wendell Wilson
H. Member Roundtable & Public Comment:		
CLOSING		
I.	Adjournment	Wendell Willson
Next Meeting: Mountain HPN + RSC will next meet on: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, October 13, 2025 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm IN PERSON at St. Richard’s / Big Bear / Highland & 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.*

THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP MEETING FACILITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES OR OTHER AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING, REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (909) 501-0610 AND THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT

560 E. HOSPITALITY LANE, SUITE 200, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415. <https://sbchp.sbcounty.gov/>

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**Minutes for San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services  
Joint meeting of Mountain Regional Steering Committee (RSC)  
& Mountain Homeless Provider Network (HPN)**

**These Minutes awaiting approval  
at July 14, 2025 Meeting.**

Date: **June 9, 2025**

Scheduled Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Locations: **In Person** at St. Richard Parish Hall (principal site ); Big Bear Satellite site; Highland Satellite site;  
and **via Zoom** Meeting ID: **830 5621 3419** + Passcode: **534180**

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by: Gary Bradley, Secretary with assist from an A.I. program via Zoom*

OPENING REMARKS	Presenter	
Call to Order;  Welcome and Introduction	Wendell Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Wendell Wilson (Co-Chair). Quorum needed is 4 of 7. Today there are 6 of 7 = QUORUM</li> <li>▪ Meeting conducted IN PERSON at St. Richard's Parish Hall in Sky Forest, and via teleconference pursuant to CA Gov. Code Sec. 54953(e).</li> <li>▪ Wendell welcomed and introduced attendees.</li> <li>▪ Total Attendance: <b>(29 present – In person and Virtual/Zoom)</b></li> <li>▪ This June meeting of the Mountain RSC + HPN included representatives from various organizations supporting homeless services in the region.</li> <li>▪ <u><b>Six Voting Members Present IN-PERSON</b></u>  <b>at St. Richard's:</b>; Wendell Wilson (<i>Co-Chair (MHC)</i>); Paul Fournier (<i>Co-Chair</i>).</li> <li> <b>at Big Bear satellite:</b> Shonda Szabo (<i>Bear Valley USD</i>); Kelly Tinker (<i>Comm.Dev.-Big Bear Lake</i>); Annemieke Stalcup (<i>Big Bear Comm.Health</i>)</li> <li> <b>at Highland satellite:</b> Ginger Bedolla (<i>Fam. Asst. Prog.</i>) <b>QUORUM-yes!</b></li> <li>▪ <u><b>One Voting Member Excused:</b></u> <i>Joselyn Field, (Rim Fam. Serv.);</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Secretary: Gary Bradley (MHC) in person</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Presenter:</b> Margaret Tiefenthaler</li> <li>▪ <i>Other Attendees (IN PERSON at St. Richard's):</i> Jaylen Cleveland, <i>SBCo-OHS</i>; Michelle Talmantez (<i>hss.sb.co.</i>); Jonathan Sinclair (<i>hss.sb.co.</i>);—(and <b>IN PERSON at Highland satellite</b>): Isaac García, <i>DoR</i>;</li> <li>▪ <i>Other Attendees (ON-LINE-Zoom):</i> Sue Walker (<i>Pres., MHC</i>); Maranda Jiles ( ); Claudia Doyle (<i>SBCo-OHS in person</i>);—Rita Nelson, <i>Operation Grace</i>;—Richard Schwartz (<i>Rolling Start</i>); Heather Lowe (<i>Equus Workforce Solutions</i>); Eduardo Castillo (<i>Vets</i>); Todd Miller (<i>Vets</i>) Janet Johnston (<i>Joshua Tree Conservation</i>); Ruth Humphry; Izamar García (<i>Children's Fund</i>); Kristin Hernandez (<i>IEHP</i>); Cadence O'Brien (<i>freshman @Rim High=Community Service</i>); James O'Brien (<i>Presbyterian Ch.</i>); Erica Watkins</li> </ul>

APPROVE-MINUTES	Presenter	Also: PUBLIC COMMENT
Public Comment & Minutes	Wendell W.	<p>The meeting began with introductions from attendees, including Isaac from Highland, James from the Presbyterian Church, and Eduardo. The group discussed logistics for an upcoming event, with Wendell suggesting the possibility of incorporating homeless individuals into the event to raise awareness, though concerns were raised about potential distractions and safety. The meeting also touched on administrative matters, including membership requirements</p> <p><b>APPROVALS of April and May MINUTES</b> were done separately with Voting members called by name to register their votes. Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously.</p>
ACTION ITEMS	Presenter	
New Members:	Wendell W.	New membership of Isaac García. VOTE to add Isaac García: MOTION-Paul Fournier; SECOND-Shonda Szabo; PASSED unanimously with voting members polled individually by name.
Presentation	Presenter	
Support for at-risk seniors incl. Shared Housing	<i>Margaret Tiefenthaler</i>	<p>“Support for At-risk seniors, incl. Shared housing options.”</p> <p>Margaret Tiefenthaler discussed the challenges seniors face with housing affordability and the difficulties in finding shared housing arrangements. She shared a personal experience of helping three seniors find shared housing, which involved extensive legwork, compatibility checks, and cooperation from property managers and owners. Adult Protective Services provided financial assistance by covering the deposit, which was crucial for the arrangement. While one of the seniors passed away, the remaining two successfully found a compatible third person to share housing with.</p> <p>Margaret discussed various financial assistance options for clients, including applying for Social Security Supplemental Security Income, Medicare assistance, food stamps (EBT), and reverse mortgages as a last resort. She noted challenges in helping homeless individuals, particularly those resistant to structured living environments and sober living options. Margaret also addressed the current difficult job market due to inflation and lack of winter tourism, impacting both local businesses and new residents seeking employment and housing in Big Bear. She highlighted the importance of community events for mental health and stress reduction among residents, particularly for children, as a means to combat isolation and facilitate networking for housing and employment opportunities.</p> <p>The meeting focused on creative problem-solving in housing solutions, with Margaret and ZaZette sharing their experiences in shared housing and landlord negotiations. ZaZette emphasized the need for open-mindedness in developing non-traditional shared housing models, highlighting the economic challenges faced by low-income seniors and the potential for collaborative approaches to incentivize landlords. The discussion also touched on the importance of interpersonal relationships among tenants and the use of tools like roommate pairing cards to ensure compatibility. The conversation concluded with Janet and Rita highlighting the significance of building a collaborative network of resources and contacts to support housing initiatives for seniors.</p>

		<p>Margaret discussed the challenges faced by senior citizens and disabled individuals in affordable housing, particularly the issue of rent increases outpacing income growth. Wendell highlighted the scarcity of truly affordable housing options and mentioned a successful program with 450 emergency housing vouchers that has been axed, potentially leading to more homelessness among the elderly. The discussion also touched on the difficulties of finding landlords willing to accept housing vouchers and the need for more permanent supportive housing solutions.</p> <p>Margaret focused on challenges and solutions related to housing and homelessness in the mountains. Paul highlighted the difficulties of shared housing and the need for alternative solutions, including reverse mortgages for older couples. Margaret emphasized the importance of budgeting for retired individuals to manage their finances better. The group discussed an upcoming housing and homeless summit, featuring speakers like Marcus Dillard, Carrie Harmon, and Kelly Tinker, who will present on funding, development, and community engagement. Shonda shared her success in organizing a resource fair for McKinney-Vento families, and Eduardo encouraged other organizations to refer veterans to US Vets for housing assistance</p>
MEMBER ROUND TABLE	Presenter	&PUBLIC COMMENT
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>1. Proposed “Homeless Summit”</p> <p>3. Public Comment</p>	Wendell W.	<p><b>Proposed “Housing &amp; Homeless Summit for the Mountains.</b> Wendell detailed the Housing and Homeless Summit, scheduled for June 27th from 11-3 PM at Community Presbyterian Church in Lake Arrowhead, featuring speakers on affordable housing and homelessness issues. The summit aims to address the housing and homeless situation in the area, with speakers including Marcus Dillard, Carrie Harmon, Paul Fournier, and Don Smith.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> – Wendell requested participants to confirm their attendance at the coming Housing and Homeless Summit, either in person or online. Jalen provided details on upcoming shelter provider and multidisciplinary meetings, while Claudia explained new programs: a pet foster/sheltering initiative funded by HHAP, and a landlord incentive program offering \$1,000 bonuses for housing homeless individuals. Paul shared positive updates about a new 140-unit men's shelter in San Bernardino, which is expected to open in early 2024 and will accommodate individuals with pets. The next meeting was scheduled for July 14th at the same time and location.</p>
FINAL ITEMS		
Other		Members shared aspects of the work their agencies are involved in.
Adjourn	Wendell W.	Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm
Next Meeting:		The next meeting—Mountain-RSC+HPN: <b>Monday, July 14, 2025 from 1:30 to 3:00pm</b> -- In-Person at St. Richard’s, at Big Bear, and at Highland & <i>Via</i> Zoom Tele-conference.

**VOTING MEMBERS -- Quorum will be 5 of 8**

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