



San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership

Mountain Regional Steering Committee

Monday, January 12, 2026 • 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.

& **IN PERSON** Via Zoom Teleconference at *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 #210, San Bernardino, CA 92401

Teleconference info for all:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83056213419?pwd=aVVUSy92c00xSWIqaHJRODJKd0F0UT09>

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

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Mountain Regional Steering Committee AGENDA

| OPENING REMARKS | PRESENTER |
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| A. Call to Order B. Roll Call of Committee Members C. Welcome and Introductions. | Wendell Wilson |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | |
| D. Any member of the public may address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Mountain RSC. | |
| CONSENT CALENDAR | |
| E. Approval of meeting minutes for November 10, 2025 | Wendell Wilson |
| PRESENTATION AND UPDATES | |
| F. Receive a presentation from Domestic Violence Education & Services (DOVES) of Big Bear Valley, Inc on their legal advocacy work and emergency services. | Quinton Page |
| CLOSING | |
| G. Adjournment of the Mountain RSC meeting | Wendell Wilson |
| Mountain RSC will next meet on: February 9, 2026 - (2nd Monday) 1:30 pm–3:00 pm. IN PERSON at St. Richard's / Big Bear / Highland & via Zoom Teleconference. | |

The Mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated, 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 Meeting of Mountain Regional Steering Committee (RSC)

These Minutes awaiting approval
at Jan. 12, 2026 Meeting.

Date: **November 10, 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 Zoom A.I. assistance).

| OPENING REMARKS | Presenter | |
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| Call to Order; Welcome and Introduction | Wendell Wilson | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Wendell Wilson (Co-Chair). Quorum needed is 5 of 8. Today there are 6 of 8 = QuorumMeeting conducted IN PERSON at St. Richard's Parish Hall in Sky Forest, and via teleconference pursuant to CA Gov. Code Sec. 54953(e).Wendell welcomed and introduced attendees.Total Attendance: (present: 21 – In person and on Virtual/Zoom)This meeting of the Mountain RSC + HPN included representatives from various organizations supporting homeless services in the county.SIX Voting Members Present IN-PERSON at approved sites = Quorum<ul style="list-style-type: none">at St. Richard's: Wendell Wilson, (Co-Chair); Joscelyn Field (Rim Family Services)at BigBear satellite: Kelly Tinker (Comm.Dev.-BB Lake); Shonda Szabo (Bear Valley USD); Annemieke Stalcup (Big Bear Comm.Health),at Highland satellite: Ginger Bedolla (Fam. Asst. Prog.)Voting Member(s) Excused: Paul Fournier (Co-Chair)Voting Member(s) Absent: Isaac Garcia (Dept. of Rehabilitation);Secretary: Gary Bradley (MHC) - in person at St. Richard's;Presenter: Kathy Estes (IN PERSON) - Big Bear Satellite): Margaret Tiefenthaler; St. Richard's: Sue Walker (MHC); John EstesON LINE (Zoom): Kristine Hernandez (IEHP); Nancy Mercer; Susan Buckley (MHC); Becky Beavers (MHC); Ruth Humphrey (Children's Fund); Cynthia Robles; Tyrese Crawford; Michelle Kirwin; Melinda Eisenhart (MHC) |
| APPROVE-- MINUTES | Presenter | Also: PUBLIC COMMENT |
| Public Comment & Minutes | Wendell Wilson | A quorum was present - 6 of 8. The meeting began with introductions from various participants representing organizations such as Rolling Start, Inland Housing Solutions, Family Assistance Program, Children's Fund, Lighthouse Social Service Centers, Mountain Homeless Coalition, and Rim Family Services. APPROVAL of October MINUTES. Motion from Ginger, which was seconded by Jocelyn. Voting members present were polled and there was unanimous consent. |
| ACTION ITEMS | | |
| NONE | | No action items this month.. |
| Presentation | Presenter | |

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| "Culture of Poverty" | Kathy Estes | <p>Kathy Estes presented on Dr. Ruby Payne's framework for understanding poverty, emphasizing that poverty affects individuals across all races and is primarily an economic issue. She shared her personal experience growing up in poverty and explained how Payne's research helped her connect with and support communities experiencing economic hardship. The key takeaways included the importance of building relationships as a resource for bridging gaps between different economic groups and understanding the distinction between generational and situational poverty.</p> <p>Understanding Poverty Culture Dynamics</p> <p>Kathy explained how schools, agencies, and businesses operate from middle-class norms and values. He emphasized that poverty is relative and not a judgment of personal responsibility, noting that some people are content living in poverty. Gary explained the three driving forces in poverty: survival, relationships, and entertainment, and how these differ from middle-class and wealthy cultures. He also highlighted the importance of music and entertainment in the lives of people in poverty, as well as the distinction between generational and situational poverty.</p> <p>Generational vs Situational Poverty Discussion</p> <p>Kathy explained the differences between generational and situational poverty, explaining how individuals in generational poverty often feel destined to remain in that situation due to cultural norms. He shared personal experiences to illustrate how people from different economic backgrounds may interpret situations differently and highlighted the generosity of people in poverty. The presentation encountered some technical difficulties at the beginning, but the participants were able to resolve the issues and continue with the discussion.</p> <p>Cultural Poverty and Behavior Management</p> <p>Kathy explained the cultural differences in poverty, emphasizing the importance of understanding and addressing inappropriate behaviors without excusing them. He shared a story about a principal who effectively managed a situation involving inappropriate student behavior by using humor and teaching rather than scolding. Gary also highlighted the need for people in poverty to learn two sets of rules - one for their community and another for professional settings - and stressed that education and strong relationships are key factors in moving out of poverty. He concluded by encouraging attendees to reach out to him for future presentations and training sessions.</p> |
| MEMBER ROUNDTABLE | Presenter | & PUBLIC COMMENT |
| Discussion: | Sue Walker | Sue Walker explained that Mountain Homeless Coalition is organizing a "Spread the Warmth" event on November 13th at noon in Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead, offering free lunch and discussing the coalition's history and services. |
| FINAL ITEMS | | |
| Other | Wendell Wilson | Attendees were invited to share. Ruth Humphrey from Children's Fund invited volunteers to help with their holiday season giving, involving toy sorting at multiple locations. Wendell shared thoughts on the challenges of RV living and potential solutions, including the possibility of establishing an RV park. Susan Buckley requested funding for Homeless prevention and rapid rehousing programs in the mountain area, expressing willingness to collaborate with other agencies. The |

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| | | conversation included updates on upcoming events and initiatives, including discussions about regional support and economic challenges facing homeless and low-income populations, with the next meeting scheduled for December 8 th with a presentation from County Dept. of Emergency Services |
| Adjourn | Wendell | Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm -- 1 hour, 13 minutes |
| Next Meeting: | | The next meeting—Mountain-RSC+HPN: Monday, Dec. 8, 2025 from 1:30 to 3:00pm - - In-Person at St. Richard's/Big Bear satellite/Highland satellite/Via Zoom |

VOTING MEMBERS -- Quorum will be 5 of 8

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