



## San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership

### Mountain Regional Steering Committee

Monday, **November 10, 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.

& 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

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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

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### Mountain Regional Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

| OPENING REMARKS  |  | PRESENTER      |
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| A. Call to Order<br>B. Roll Call of Committee Members<br>C. Welcome and Introductions.<br>• Introduce New secretary – nonvoting position                                       |  | Paul Fournier  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   |  |                |
| D. Any member of the public may address the Mountain RSC on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Mountain RSC.                   |  |                |
| CONSENT CALENDAR   |  |                |
| E. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2025.  |  | Paul Fournier  |
| PRESENTATION   |  |                |
| F. Receive a presentation on "The Culture of Poverty" by Kathy Estes a Former Coordinator of School Health Programs for San Bernardino County                                  |  | Kathy Estes    |
| UPDATES AND PUBLIC COMMENT   |  |                |
| G. Receive update on the Mountain Homeless FUNDRAISER to be held on Nov. 13, 2025 in Big Bear & Lake Arrowhead (simultaneously 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.                             |  | Wendell Wilson |
| CLOSING  |  |                |
| H. Adjournment of the Mountain RSC meeting   |  | Paul Fournier  |
| Next Meetings: Mountain RSC will next meet on: December 8, 2025 - (2nd Monday)<br>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 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 Meeting of Mountain Regional Steering Committee (RSC)

**These Minutes awaiting approval  
at November 10, 2025 Meeting.**

Date: **October 20, 2025**: Scheduled Time: 1:30pm-3pm (3rd Monday due to 2nd Mon. Holiday)  
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;<br>Welcome and Introduction | Wendell Wilson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Wendell Wilson (Co-Chair). Quorum needed is 5 of 8. Today there are 5 of 8 = 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: (present: <b>19</b> – In person and Virtual/Zoom)</li> <li>▪ This meeting of the Mountain RSC + HPN included representatives from various organizations supporting homeless services in the county.</li> <li>▪ Five Voting Members Present IN-PERSON at approved sites = Quorum               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•at <b>St. Richard's</b>: Wendell Wilson, (Co-Chair); Paul Fournier (Co-Chair),</li> <li>•at <b>Big Bear satellite</b>: Shonda Szabo (Bear Valley USD); Annemieke Stalcup (Big Bear Comm.Health),</li> <li>•at <b>Highland satellite</b>: Isaac Garcia (Dept. of Rehabilitation)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Two Voting Members <b>Excused</b>: Joscelyn Field (Rim Family Services). Ginger Bedolla (Fam. Asst. Prog.)</li> <li>▪ One Voting Member <b>Absent</b>: Kelly Tinker (Comm.Dev.-BB Lake)</li> <li>▪ Secretary: Gary Bradley (MHC) - in person at St. Richard's</li> <li>▪ Presenters: Wendell Wilson; Paul Fournier, Shonda Szabo, Sue Walker; Becky Beavers</li> <li>▪ Other Attendees<br/>(IN PERSON - Big Bear Satellite): Margaret Tiefentaler, Jessica Leverage.<br/>(ON-LINE -Zoom): Melinda Bradbury (S.B Probation); Kristine Hernandez (IEHP); David Aguilera, Isamar Garcia, Lizette Corona, Kevin Mahany, Michelle Talamontez; Nancy Mercer; T. Mitchell; Christina A. Dozier;</li> </ul> |
| APPROVE--MINUTES                           | Presenter      | Also: PUBLIC COMMENT   |
| Public Comment & Minutes                   | Wendell Wilson | A quorum was present. The meeting began with introductions from attendees., a call for Public Comment, and APPROVAL of September MINUTES following minor corrections from Shonda Szabo regarding spelling of her name in one place and clarification of BVUSD event with individual roll call of voting members present. Unanimous consent from the 5 members present.   |
| ACTION ITEMS                               |                |  |
| HHAP-5 Eligible Use Categories             | Wendel Wilson  | <p>A brief discussion ensued, led by both Wendell and Paul, where the following Eligible Use Categories (8 of 11) for the Mountain Region were clarified:</p> <p>Rapid Rehousing; Prevention and Shelter Diversion; Delivery of Permanent &amp; Innovative Housing Solutions; Operating Subsidies-Permanent Housing; Street</p>  |

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|   |   | <p>Outreach; Services Coordination; System Support. Total allocation of funds for these eight categories is <b>\$98,930.88</b>.</p> <p>Becky Beavers clarified that the specific dollar amounts allotted to each category do not need to be part of the approval. And Wendell clarified that the approval vote is for the Mountains in general, not specifically for the Mountain Homeless Coalition.</p> <p>An individual roll call of voting members present resulted in Unanimous Consent from the 5 members present. Clarification was given concerning the deadline of Wednesday, Oct. 22nd for submitting results to the county.</p>  |
| Presentation  | Presenter   |   |
|   |   | The category of "Presentation/Presenter" was replaced by the important discussion and vote regarding the HHAP-5 Eligible Use Categories.  |
| MEMBER ROUND TABLE  | Presenter   | & PUBLIC COMMENT  |
| <p>Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Homebase Strategic 5 Year Plan</li> <li>2. Continuum of Care Meeting</li> <li>3. Grants &amp; Funding Trends</li> <li>4. Bear Valley Comm. Collaborative</li> <li>5. PITC results</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wendell Wilson</li> <li>2. Paul Fournier</li> <li>3. Becky Beavers</li> <li>4. Shonda Szabo</li> <li>5. Sue Walker</li> </ol> | <p>1. (Wendell): The 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.</p> <p>The meeting discussed updates on homelessness initiatives, including a kiosk functionality beta test and a new dashboard for tracking results of point-in-time counts. Wendell highlighted the importance of meeting state standards for homelessness funding, noting that previous efforts only met one out of three to four requirements.</p> <p>2. Paul: The meeting discussed changes to the Continuum of Care and Office of Homeless Services procedures, including the differentiation between steering committee and provider network meetings. The September COC full membership meeting included a legislative report and discussion of self-service kiosks being installed in various county locations. Paul presented visual dashboards for tracking key performance measures and compared data across different Continuums of Care. The group discussed challenges with the 2-1-1 hotline system and praised the Mountain Homeless Coalition for their responsive service. Paul shared information about a new collaborative initiative focused on aging populations and homelessness, including potential uses of AI and technology in case conferencing.</p> <p>3. Becky: Becky discussed the impact of federal budget cuts on nonprofit funding, noting that the EFSP grant through FEMA was frozen and no new applications are being accepted. She mentioned receiving a \$50,000 donation from San Manuel and highlighted the region's efficient use of funds. Wendell and Becky discussed the uncertainty of federal funding for the next two years, with Wendell emphasizing the potential for substantial reductions in HUD and other programs affecting low-income individuals. The group also touched on the closure of a rural hospital in Big Bear and the upcoming Zoom call with Senator Adam Schiff to address the impact of funding cuts on nonprofits.</p> <p>4. Shonda: The meeting discussed the Community Collaborative meetings in Big Bear Valley, where Shonda provided an overview of the network meetings for service providers, including past training sessions and current activities like distributing Narcan and sharing school district updates. Shonda mentioned the Holiday Giving</p> |

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|                    |                | <p>Collaborative's upcoming sign-ups for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance, noting an increased need for food, clothing, and utility assistance this year.</p> <p>5. Sue W.: Sue Walker provided details on the January 2025 point-in-time count, which had similar results to the previous year, with Big Bear's numbers being adjusted after additional counting. The group also touched on the need for better organization of future point-in-time counts to improve funding percentages.</p> |
| <b>FINAL ITEMS</b> |                |   |
| Other              | Wendell Wilson | Attendees were invited to share. The conversation ended with an announcement about an upcoming presentation on the culture of poverty and confirmation of a speaker for the next meeting in November.   |
| Adjourn            | Wendell        | Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm -- 1 hour, 10 minutes  |
| Next Meeting:      |                | The next meeting—Mountain-RSC+HPN: Monday, Nov. 10, 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

| First Name                      | Last Name    | Organization                          | Email Address   | Best Phone                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
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| Kelly                           | Tinker       | Comm.Dev.-City of Big Bear Lake       | <a href="mailto:ktinker@citybigbearlake.com">ktinker@citybigbearlake.com</a> ;                      | 909-866-5831<br>ext. 160          |
| Joscelyn                        | Field        | Rim Family Services                   | <a href="mailto:jfield@rimfamilyservices.org">jfield@rimfamilyservices.org</a>                      | 909-283-0221                      |
| Paul                            | Fournier     | CoChair Mt.RSC+HPN                    | <a href="mailto:paulfour@gmail.com">paulfour@gmail.com</a>  | 909-307-4467                      |
| Annamieke                       | Stalcup      | Bear Valley Community Health Services | <a href="mailto:annemieke.stalcup@bvchd.com">annemieke.stalcup@bvchd.com</a><br>909/878-2316 (desk) | 909-866-6501, ext.<br>8316        |
| Wendell                         | Wilson       | Mountain Homeless Coalition (CoChair) | <a href="mailto:wendellw@mtnhomeless.com">wendellw@mtnhomeless.com</a>                              | 360-350-8692                      |
| Isaac                           | García       | Dept. of Rehabilitation               | <a href="mailto:Isaac.garcia@dor.ca.gov">Isaac.garcia@dor.ca.gov</a> ;                              | 951-201-6379                      |
| Ginger                          | Bedolla      | Family Assistance Prog.               | <a href="mailto:ginger@familyassist.org">ginger@familyassist.org</a> ;                              | (760) 843-0701<br>Ext.: 2020      |
| <b>non-voting:</b><br>Secretary | Gary Bradley | Mt. Homeless Coalition                | <a href="mailto:garyb@mtnhomeless.com">garyb@mtnhomeless.com</a>                                    | 909-744-7999                      |



Statement of Content for this Month's Presentation Portion  
of the Mountain Regional Steering Committee  
for November 10, 2025

Without a Power Point Presentation this month, the following is a summation of our Mountains RSC - November Presenter's (I.e., Kathy Estes')

The "Culture of Poverty" training offers a transformative look into the unseen rules, values, and survival strategies that shape life in economically disadvantaged communities. Based on the groundbreaking work of Dr. Ruby Payne and brought to life through powerful stories, this training invites participants to understand poverty not as a personal failure, but as a complex cultural system rooted in relationships, survival, and resilience. Attendees learn how differences in language, thought patterns, and motivation affect behavior—and how schools, agencies, and service providers can better connect across class lines by building trust and adapting communication.