



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership**  
**Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Life**  
**Church 12199 Industrial Blvd.**  
**Victorville, CA 92395**

**MEETING AGENDA:**  
**DESERT REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE**

This Meeting Will Be Conducted Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(E)

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Protocols	Jaelen Spencer / Dawn Quigg
PUBLIC COMMENTS	
Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the Regional Steering Committee Board will need to submit a request to speak before the time the Chair calls for public comment. The public can submit a <i>Public Comment Request form</i> or if virtual by typing in the <i>chat box</i> that you have a public comment. The Chair will call on you in the order that the requests are received. Once your name has been called, please stand, or unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to speak.	
REPORTS & UPDATES (35 mins)	
E. <b>Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) (Designee = D)</b> a. City of Hesperia Representative b. City of Barstow Representative c. Town of Apple Valley Representative d. Symba Center e. City of Adelanto f. Assemblymember Carrillo Representative g. Sheriff's HOPE Team h. GoGo Barstow i. High Desert Homeless Services j. Family Assistance Program k. Victor Valley Family Resource Center VVFR l. Rescue Mission	Melinda S./D Maribel H./D Kanisha W./D Antoinette J./D Councilwoman Steevonna E./D Jaelen S./D Michael C./D Elizabeth G./D Michael G./D Shannon W./D Sharon G./D Dawn Q./D
F. Update by San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services	OHS Staff
CONSENT CALENDAR (5 mins)	
G. Approve Minutes of July 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes	Jaelen/ Dawn
UPDATES / PRESENTATIONS (30 mins)	
H. Ideal Progression LLC	Cheryl Bishop

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DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	
I. Steering Committee Leadership Meeting Update	
J. Strategic Planning Committee Update	
K. HD Focus Strategies Training Update	
L. Steering Committee Operations Overhaul	
CLOSING	
M. Adjournment	
Next Meeting: High Desert Regional Steering Committee next meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	

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# Minutes for San Bernardino County High Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting

July 8, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Life Church 12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA 92395

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by Dawn Quigg, committee co-chair, Rescue Mission Alliance Victor Valley

TOPIC	PRESENTER	OPENING REMARKS
Call to Order	Jaelen Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.</li> <li>▪ Dawn Quigg recording meeting on phone for accurate minutes</li> <li>▪ Attendees were welcomed and Committee Board Members introduced themselves                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilwoman Steevonna Evans – City of Adelanto (absent)</li> <li>• Elizabeth Givens – GoGo Barstow</li> <li>• Shannon Waldron – Family Assistance Program</li> <li>• Rochelle Clayton – City of Barstow (Late)</li> <li>• Antoinnette “Nettie” Jackson – Symba Center</li> <li>• Dawn Quigg – Rescue Mission Alliance Victor Valley</li> <li>• Michael Grabhorn – High Desert Homeless Services</li> <li>• Kanisha Withers - Town of Apple Valley</li> <li>• Melinda Sayre – Deputy City Manager, City of Hesperia</li> <li>• Michael Catalano – HOPE-INNROADS Team</li> <li>• Jaelen Spencer – Assemblymember Juan Carillo’s Office</li> <li>• Sharon Green – Victor Valley Family Resource Center</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Committee members attending achieve a quorum <i>(seven or more in attendance)</i></p> <p>Attendees introduce self and organizations and communities they represent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cynthia Fernandez – Inland SoCal United Way - 211 CES</li> <li>• Elizabeth Cook – SBC Probation Dept.</li> <li>• Jimmy Waldron – High Desert Homeless Services</li> <li>• Eugene Buttici – Desert Manna – Barstow</li> <li>• Ron Bearshear – New Life Fellowship</li> <li>• Leslie Earl – Victor Valley Family Resource Center</li> </ul>
Invocation and Pledge	Jaelen Spencer/Kevin Mahaney	
Welcome/ Introductions		
Audience Introductions	Attendees	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•William Llamas – City of Victorville</li> <li>•Derek Banks - Citizen</li> <li>•Cynthia Robles – Rolling Start</li> <li>•Rebecca McKee – Citizen</li> <li>•Edith Lockerman – SBC DBH</li> <li>•Doreen Mahlon – SBC DBH</li> <li>•Sandra Duran – Lighthouse Social Services</li> <li>•Juan Peraloza – SBC Probation Department</li> <li>•Samuel Shoop – Supervisor Paul Cooks Office</li> <li>•Cheryl Bishop – Ideal Progression, LLC</li> <li>•Darrin Fikstad – Desert Manna</li> <li>•Edward Lopez – US Vets</li> </ul>
		<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
Public Comment		No Public comments given
	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>REPORTS AND UPDATES</b>
Committee member updates	Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melinda Sayre – City of Hesperia – No Report.</li> <li>• Kanisha Withers – Town of Apple Valley – Rolling out business grant opportunities</li> <li>• Antionette Jackson – Symba Center – Symba has taken over the Shelter Services for the Wellness Center as of July 1, 2025.</li> <li>• Jaelen Spencer – Office of Assemblymember Jual Carillo – State Budget update. Budget is to be deeply affected by cuts around Medicaid reimbursements. An estimated 666,000 Californians expected to be removed from their Healthcare Coverage. 1,700,000 will be priced out as premiums increase \$650. Per month. This is difficult as deep cuts have been made, and the Budgets “Rainy Day Fund” has been depleted. Good News: HHAP 7 was included in the new Budget. Any concerns about the current ICE situation please reach out to me for resources.</li> <li>• Mike Catalano – Sheriffs Hope Team – No Report.</li> <li>• Elizabeth Givens – GoGo Barstow – Received Inland SoCal Thrive Job Readiness Funding. Rolling out Job Readiness Program starting this Summer through next year. Received a referral from Family Assistance Program and one additional individual in Transitional Housing.</li> <li>• Mike Grabhorn – High Desert Homeless Services – All Bills paid and current. Working toward opening TAY Homeless Shelter in partnership with Family</li> </ul>

		<p>Assistance Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon Waldron – Family Assistance Program – Received 5.8 million in Homekey Funding to go ahead with the TAY Tiny Home Village on C Street in Victorville.</li> <li>• Sharon Green – Victor Valley Family Resource Center – No Report.</li> <li>• Dawn Quigg – Rescue Mission Alliance Victor Valley – Update on Closure of the Mission. Thrift – end of July, Mission – end of August and Life Recovery Program Homes – end of December. Life Recovery Program participants have the option to move to other RMA Life Recovery Program Homes. Our Agency is looking at how to continue from here with these much-needed services.</li> </ul>
Office of Homeless Services Update		Absent – No Report
	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
July 2025 Meeting Minutes approved	Committee	<p>Minutes reviewed by committee. 1 item to edit 1 individual marked as absent Shannon Waldron was present.</p> <p>Motion to approve minutes made by Sharon Green with second made by Shannon Waldron.</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>
HHAP 5 Funding	Antionette Jackson Symba Center	Showed Committee HHAP 5 Funding PowerPoint presentation from OHS training.
	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>DISCUSSIONS</b>

<p>VVFCRC update on HHAP 3 grant purchasing housing (Victor Valley)</p>	<p>Jaelen Spencer – Office of Assembly Member Juan Carillo</p> <p>Sharon Green -Victor Valley Family Resource Center – Victorville</p> <p>Jaelen Spencer</p>	<p>Jaelen discusses interaction at COC Board Meeting after the vote to rescind HHAP 3 funding to Victor Valley Family Resource Center. Antoinette and Jaelen followed up with the Office of Homeless Services to discuss. Informed our HDRSC is not up to par. We have requested guidance and currently there are no outstanding action items or deadlines requiring HDRSC attention. As the Representative from OHS is unable to be present today there is nothing further to discuss.</p> <p>Sharon states intention to file an Agency Complaint with OHS</p> <p>Discussion of OHS not acknowledging that HDRSC met deadlines required to keep HHAP 3 monies in the Desert Region. After stating that funding would be available to the whole region it was stated that that OHS did not have enough time to deliberate our recommendation. They stated this as the reason no further action was taken. This was disagreed with. OHS stated we had not met the deadlines but when asked for proof did not provide it. Advocated for funds to remain in the HD Region. It was also noted that due to short staffing the OHS representative was unable to attend the Special Meeting.</p> <p>Note: Subsequent Communication from OHS has granted the funding to remain in the HD Region and the pathway to receive has been provided to the 3 agencies that are recipients.</p>
<p>Update on HHAP 4 Funding</p>	<p>Ron Bearshear – New Life</p>	<p>Conversation regarding Absorbing Negligence began 4 to 6 weeks ago. Expected to be placed on August Calendar. Stopped talking 2 weeks ago and item is not on Calendar. No reason given as to why this is not moving forward. Next step: Liability decision.</p> <p>Committee Discussion on HHAP 4 Funding HDRSC Collaboration:</p> <p>William L. – go for 1 or 2 specific agencies for funding.</p> <p>Mike G. – Tiny home plan and Family Shelter Funding for Family Assistance rejected no barrier funding due to families and children – lost funding. Serve all HD Communities</p> <p>Elizabeth G. – Do not forget Barstow</p> <p>Shannon W. – Only VV has Homeless Services</p> <p>Sharon G. – and Shannon W. Projects that benefit the entire region</p> <p>Antionette J. – Look for New Grant Funding – other cities come to the Wellness Center thru recuperative care. Current needs are for Seniors and families.</p> <p>Sharon G. - Holds 7 units for families</p> <p>Kevin M. - 55 Beds to reopen at HD Homeless Services. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) part of process</p> <p>Jaelen S. – Connect with Economic Development – seek a good model, several services, combined entities.</p> <p>Antionette J. – Aug./Sept. start</p> <p>Jaelen S. Inter ops improvement with OHS</p> <p>Sharon G. – E-mail gathering</p> <p>Shannon W. – Fall/Winter Family Assistance back to “C” St. location</p> <p>Jimmy W. – Homeless Prevention</p>

		<p>Dawn Q. – Scoring metric that fits with grant proposal Reps: Antionette J. and Elizabeth G.</p> <p>Move to meet 2 hours starting at August Meeting – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. First – Mike Grabhorn – Second – Sharon G. – No discussion – All say “AYE” Motion passed.</p> <p>Discussion on Alternates and Brown Act on internet-based meeting apps. Nettie: Alternative name presented at August meeting Kinisha: Apple Valley does not have an alternate Jaalen: a “Zoom” attendance does not allow Committee Member to vote according to the Brown Act</p>
		<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
		<p>A motion is made to end the meeting and motion passes. First: Antionette J., Second: Shannon W. Meeting is adjourned at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting for the High Desert Regional Steering Committee is Tuesday, August 12, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Life Church 12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA 92395 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>



Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launches the highly competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition, awarding critical funding to communities across the country through the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process. This is a major opportunity for our local CoC to secure resources that directly impact our efforts to end homelessness—and your participation plays a key role in our success.

To boost our chances of earning top marks from HUD, the Office of Homeless Services (OHS), The HUB for Urban Initiatives, and the CoC Board are excited to offer a dynamic series of training sessions open to all CoC Members. These sessions cover essential topics that directly affect our application score, and full agency participation is not just encouraged, it's essential.

Attendance will be taken, so don't miss this chance to strengthen our application and elevate our community's response to homelessness.

The schedule of the training sessions currently available are:

**#1: August 5, at 1:00 PM - Topic – Understanding and Developing Cultural Competency**

Virtual Training – [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 296-397-787-0588 Passcode: EP3wL2FC

**#2: August 13, at 3:00 PM – Topic – Assessing Housing Need, Risks, Landlord Engagement**

Virtual Meeting – [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 270-275-926-8935 Passcode: Gn3Se3cc

**#3 August 20, at 4:00 PM – Topic – Homelessness Prevention**

Virtual Meeting [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 237-150-769-7175 Passcode: kX7Be7Cp

**#4 August 26, at 3:00 PM – Topic – Assessing Equity**

Virtual Training – [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 297-714-986-5332 Passcode: JS7bc7qm

A schedule of these trainings can be found on the San Bernardino Homeless Partnership ([SBCHP Website Calendar](#)) with the link to the training.

Although some agency staff may have completed training during the 2024 cycle, we strongly encourage participation in the 2025 training cycle to refresh their knowledge, or to learn about changes.

Thank you for your investment in the CoC.





# HELP SHAPE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

The San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) is developing a new strategic plan to address homelessness, and we need your input.



Please take 15-20 minutes to complete the survey by scanning the QR code above.

**Revised Deadline to complete survey:  
Friday August 15, 2025**

# HOUSING-CENTERED PRACTICE: SUPPORTING CLIENTS FROM FIRST CONTACT TO STABILITY



Save the Date!  
September 8-11, 2025



**High Desert**  
**September 8**

**8:30 am – 11:30 am** | Rapid Rehousing 101:  
Foundations for Practice

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** | Supporting Housing Stability: Goal  
Setting and Case Management in Housing



**Central Valley**  
**September 9**

**8:30 am – 11:30 am** | Housing Problem Solving in  
Practice: Diversion and Rapid Exit Strategies

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** | Building the Bridge: Goal-Oriented  
Planning for Sheltered and Unsheltered Clients



**Morongo Basin**  
**September 10**

**8:30 am – 11:30 am** | Housing Problem Solving in  
Practice: Diversion and Rapid Exit Strategies

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** | Building the Bridge: Goal-Oriented  
Planning for Sheltered and Unsheltered Clients



**West End**  
**September 11**

**8:30 am – 11:30 am** | Rapid Rehousing 101:  
Foundations for Practice

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** | Supporting Housing Stability: Goal  
Setting and Case Management in Housing

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