



East Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting (EVRSC)

Thursday, September 19, 2024 • 10:00 to 11:00am

Joshua Tree Community Center

6171 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Public Comment	Curtis Yakimow Designee Board Members
REPORTS & UPDATES	
E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) a. Town of Yucca Valley Representative b. Supervisor Dawn Rowe's office c. Department of Adult and Aging Services d. City of 29 Palms Representative e. Valley Star f. Morongo Basin ARCH g. Reach Out Morongo Basin h. Rescue + Residence i. ICH update j. HPN update	Curtis/Designee Glen Harris Meghan Cosgriff Stone James Faith Nicholson Astrid Johnson Robin Schlosser Daniel Belew Curtis/Designee Astrid Johnson
CONSENT ITEMS (2 mins)	
F. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2024	Curtis Yakimow
PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)	
G. Rescue + Residence H. Morongo Basin Conservation Association	Daniel Belew Janet Johnston
DISCUSSIONS (15 mins)	
I. HHAP 4 Update	Curtis Yakimow
CLOSING	
J. Future Agenda Items K. Adjournment	Committee members Curtis Yakimow
Next Meeting: East Valley Regional Steering Committee next scheduled meeting: October 17, 2024 Joshua Tree Community Center 6171 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree CA 92252	

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MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS		PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) – Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation Pledge led by Captain Warrick C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) – Introductions made D. Public Comment – Marjorie Smith – Morongo Basin COAD – Kudos to Robin regarding recent 29 Palms flood assistance. Mentioned more people are homeless since the flood. Sally Dauphinais – Dept. of Behavioral Health satellite location at Business Center in YV, First Thursday of each month, noon – 2pm. Flyer distributed. Janet Johnson – Provided video about the proposed Symba Wellness Center. Discussed needing two (2) East Desert groups. The Hope Team proposed to meet with Janet to get groups started. Curtis mentioned doing this jointly among the MB cities – 29 Palms, Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley. Xiomara Alvarez supports the possibility of a wellness center. Janet proposed that Antionette Jackson be invited to present at a future meeting.		Curtis Yakimow Designee Board Members
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E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) a. Town of Yucca Valley Representative b. Supervisor Dawn Rowe's office Sup. Dawn co-hosting Job & Resource Fair, September 18th 10am-2pm. c. Department of Adult and Aging Services d. City of 29 Palms Representative e. Valley Star f. Morongo Basin ARCH Reach Out Morongo Basin g. Rescue + Residence Line up on property for new workshop/space possibly Feb. 2025. h. ICH update Next mtg is August 28th. Curtis working with ICH regarding the name change to East Desert Regional Steering Committee. i. HPN update Discussed new board members, MB Arch.		Curtis/Designee Glen Harris Meghan Cosgriff Stone James Faith Nicholson Astrid Johnson Robin Schlosser Daniel Belew Curtis/Designee Astrid Johnson
CONSENT ITEMS (2 mins)		
F. Approve Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2024 Motion made by Robin Schlosser, 2nd by Glen Harris – approved unanimously. Curtis Yakimow abstained.		Curtis Yakimow
PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)		
G. Hope Team Update Focusing on housing with InnROADS, working with SBC Behavioral Health. Talked about Laura's Law, untreated mental health and substance abuse. Mentioned the need for shelters/facilities, safe parking, tenting. Curtis mentioned possible challenges, such as non-profit financial assistance and the distances to assistance facilities. H. Rescue + Residence Moved to next meeting's agenda, September 19, 2024.		SBCSD Daniel Belew

DISCUSSIONS (15 mins)	
I. HHAP 4 Update Three (3) applications recommended to fund. Review Committee will meet Aug 20, 2024 with update regarding funding and allocations.	Curtis Yakimow

CLOSING	
J. Future Agenda Items Move Daniel to September 19, 2024 meeting. Have Symba present at a future meeting.	Curtis Yakimow
K. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM	
Meeting Participants: <u>Committee Members</u> Curtis Yakimow Glen Harris Absent - Meghan Cosgriff Faith Nicholson Astrid Johnson Robin Schlosser Absent - Stone James Daniel Belew <u>Public Participants</u> Marjorie Smith Astrid Johnson Wayne Hamilton Daniel Belew Janet Johnston Sgt. Floyd Stone Sally Dauphinais Xihomara Alvarez Mike Jones Omar Bullard Mary Ary Carrie Kish Miranda Tanampai Curtis Yakimow Debra Breidenbach Terry Foster	
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Help House a Hero



Our Origin Story

When our Founder, Daniel Belew, was a teenager in the Portland / Vancouver area... he frequently felt unsafe at his home and spent time in varying degrees of homelessness.

He would bounce between friend's homes, sleep on the bus or the train, sleep at the Burnside skateboard park, or sometimes... in the back of a Goodwill truck.

After more than 24 years of exemplary service in the United States Marine Corps, seeing the crisis of homelessness growing among his veteran community, especially bad in Southern California, he felt he could no longer simply talk about the problem...

He needed to do something about it...

So, he gathered a group of like-minded individuals and started

Rescue + Residence to create a unique solution that is more than just Housing First.



A photograph showing a long line of tents set up on a city street, likely for a homeless shelter. Each tent has an American flag attached to its front. The tents are blue and white, and the flags are the standard red, white, and blue. The street is paved and there are trees in the background.

**Restoring dignity to those
that served us all.**

According to the 2020 Point-in-Time Count, more than 35,000 veterans were homeless in the United States.

More than 11,000 are in California alone.

Most are in Southern California with more than 5,000 estimated to be in the city of Los Angeles alone.

OUR MISSION

We are a veteran-run nonprofit organization working to end veteran homelessness through a holistic, 3-phase program addressing immediate housing needs & personal stabilization, job skills training, and a long-term housing solution by converting retired ambulances into custom homes.

PHASE 1

SELF RECOVERY FOCUSED

- MENTAL HEALTH
- PHYSICAL HEALTH
- SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE
- SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT



"WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?"

PHASE 2

WORK TRAINING FOCUSED

- IDENTIFY A FIELD OF INTEREST
- IDENTIFY PARTNER TRAINER
- PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING
- CORE SKILLS
 - FINANCES
 - RESUMES
 - INTERVIEWS

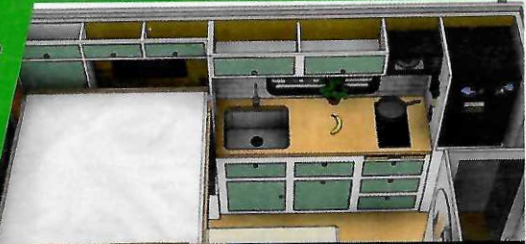


"WHAT IS MY DESIRED FUTURE?"

PHASE 3

AMBULANCE BUILD TRANSITION PLANNING

- AMBULANCE BUILD
- SOCIAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT
- JOB INTERVIEWS
- TRANSITION PLANNING
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



"HOW TO REACH MY FUTURE?"



Our Programs

Preventative Medicine
SoCal VA Homeless Outreach Support
SoCal Transportation Assistance
SoCal Worksite Housing
SoCal Worksite Food & Clothing Support
SoCal Personal/Professional Development
SoCal Ambulance Home Builds
SoCal Jobs & Relocation Assistance





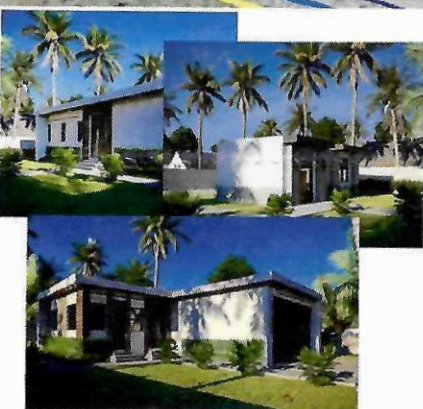
Community Center

The community center will include a small sports complex with a fitness center, pool, basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts. It will also include a playground and a small convenience store. This store will serve as the entry point for the RV park and will feature all the standard RV park necessities. The entire site's maintenance facility will fall into this program. The community center will also create at least 15 jobs for local professionals.



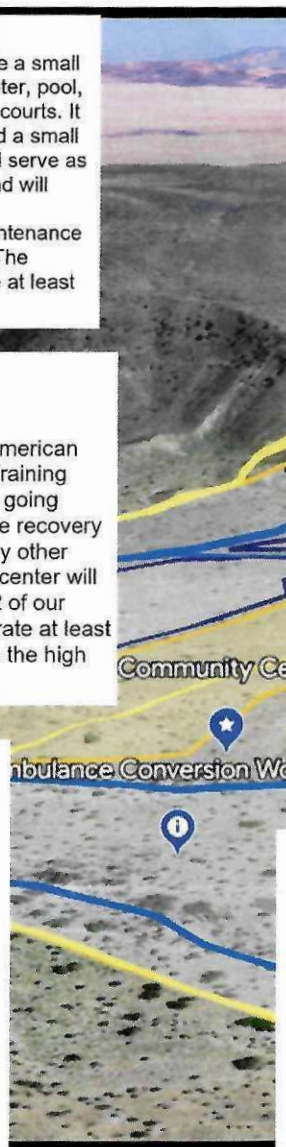
Veteran Training Center

Through coordination with the American Legion, we will host a Veteran Training Center to support veterans both going through our Rescue + Residence recovery program or referred to our site by other veteran focused agencies. This center will also be a focal point for Phase 2 of our recovery program and will generate at least 10 jobs for local professionals in the high desert.



Low-Cost Housing

There is a significant shortage of affordable housing in the Morongo Basin, across the Inland Empire, and throughout all Southern California. We partnered with Tiny Mansions to add 110 affordable tiny mansion style units as a part of our 80-acre campus. 100 units will be reserved exclusively for veterans experiencing homelessness. 10 are low-cost housing for our staff. We will have a variety of homes ranging from 3BR / 2BA to 2BR / 2BA to 1BR / 1BA to meet the needs of individuals and families. Each neighborhood will have playgrounds, walking/biking paths, and pet areas. These will function as mid-term rentals and be classified as cabins on the property zoned for Rural Residential campground.



Ambulance Conversion Workshop

The core element of our 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity is our conversion of ambulances into homes for veterans experiencing homelessness. This is the final stage in their transformation before moving on to a new life with a new job in a new place anywhere in the country. This workshop will be designed to complete an ambulance restoration and conversion in 3-4 months. On average, an ambulance will roll out as a home each month. The workshop will also create at least 8 jobs for local professionals.



RV Park

The 50-unit RV Park on our campus will serve several functions for our organization. It will serve the region by providing additional spots for visitors to the Joshua Tree National Park. More than 3 million people visited the park in 2022. That demand has driven up short-term rental and RV usage. The commercial use of the spots will help fund our programs. The RV spots will house several of our ambulances for program participants to live in. We will also have many volunteers staying with us to help build ambulances. They will use these spots at a reduced rate through their volunteer work.



Event Center

The event center will host people for weddings, conferences, and other large gatherings. The backdrop of the high desert will draw many for spring and fall weddings. The venue can also host any Southern California charity events coordinated by or through Rescue + Residence. This venue will also include a state-of-the-art recording studio to share the Rescue + Residence stories on social media.





Rescue + Residence



Help House a Hero

Rescue + Residence is a 501(c)3 Public Charity

Help us end **Veteran** Homelessness **Today**



I've never heard of anything like this idea!

**A change in your environment is the #1 factor in
successfully changing some aspect of your life.**

**Some people just aren't intersted in living a static life,
in a one bedroom apartment, just doing the "normal"
nine to five kind of thing.**



PHASE

01

Focus on Self-Recovery

Phase one begins with program participants being placed into safe housing on our campus and ends when they're ready to move beyond recovering from the terrible situation they were in and into a new future. The transition from homelessness into a new potential future is not an easy one. A strong foundation will help ensure each participant's success.



Many veterans still face mental health issues that have gone untreated due to the stigma surrounding mental healthcare. Sometimes the mental health needs are connected to traumatic stress from combat. Sometimes, it is traumatic stress from sexual misconduct of other service members. Often, neither the service or Veterans Affairs have met the needs of the veteran up to now.



Some veterans will be struggling with addiction. Sometimes, brought on by abuse of prescription drugs prescribed to ease the pain from injuries. Sometimes, it is to escape the reality of their situation on the streets. Rarely, was someone experiencing homelessness using drugs before they ended up in the situation that led to them being without a home.



Many will simply need time and space to adjust to a life free of the scarcity mindset that comes from living to survive on the streets every day. Whether worried about where (if) you are going to eat and sleep each day or concerns over your safety while exposed when sleeping, nothing hurts as much as having your hard work destroyed by those that are expected to protect and serve.

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Focus on Work Readiness

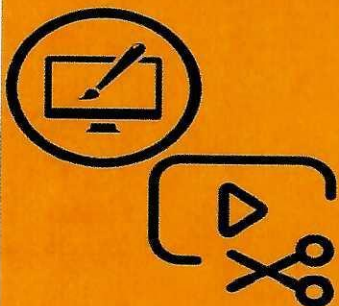
Phase two is all about identifying a skill that is marketable nationally and that our program participants are driven to learn and succeed in. Our case managers then work with them to identify the best options for training and certification.



Our primary goal is to identify a skill that is marketable nationally and that the participant has an interest in. The core trade skills are first on our list for recommendations. Carpenters, electricians, and plumbers are needed in every town. These skilled labor roles pay well and are in high demand. Helping bring more prestige to trade skills will also help increase the total housing inventory through construction and renovation.



Many veterans leave the service with professional skills without industry standard certifications. These skills can range from automotive skills to information technology skills. If they are interested in reentering that field they can work to obtain the certifications needed to work in these high demand fields anywhere in the country.



We are also working to support interest in training and certification for our program participants in very new trades that can be done remotely for companies all across the country. Examples include video editing, graphic design, photography, and more. This kind of new trade will provide our program participants the freedom to travel in their custom designed homes and continue to pursue their desire for adventure.

PHASE Ambulance Design & Build

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At this point, participants would have spent several months living in a few different ambulance home designs.



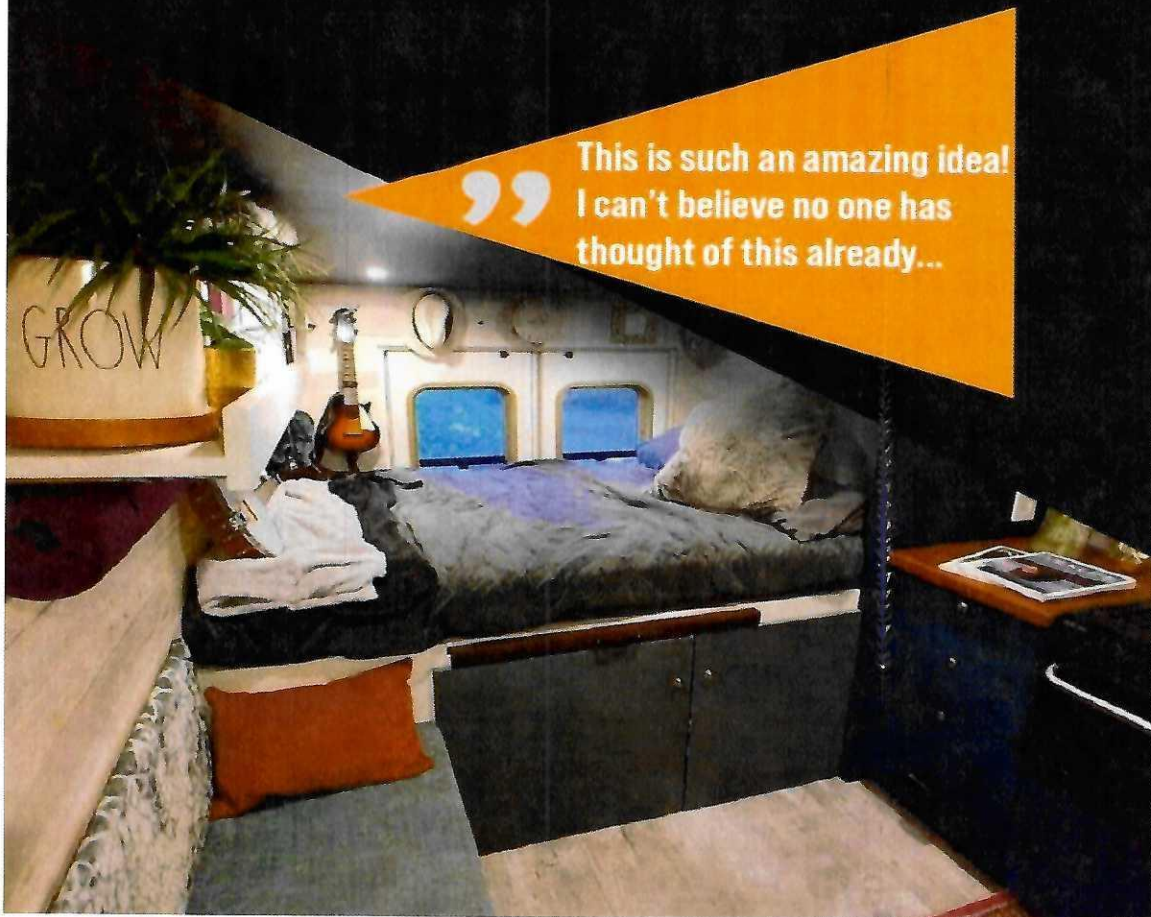
With this experience, participants work with our teams to design a custom home layout based on their preferences.



They will put their own blood, sweat, and tears into the building of their home and will carry that with them.

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This is such an amazing idea!
I can't believe no one has
thought of this already...



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