

Orange County's Homeless Provider Forum

February 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location

Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Hall
1855 Orange Olive Road, Orange 92865

Chairs

Tiffany Mitchell, Project Hope Alliance
Donald Dermit, The Rock Homeless Ministries
Tim Houchen, Hope 4 Restoration

Notes

1. Welcome and Announcements

- The Centers for Disease Control has a new and free curriculum to support clients who would like to quit smoking. Anyone interested can call 1-877-New-Lung.
- Chrysalis recently opened their facilities in Orange County on November 2018. They offer job readiness programs and will be holding an open house every second and fourth Friday.
- The Salvation Army in Anaheim has a new 600-bed shelter named, The Center of Hope. All referrals go through City Net.
- The Health Care Agency's program, OC Links, offers services for substance abuse programs, Medi-Cal and Cal-Optima. Anyone interested in referring clients may contact 1-855-OC-Links.

2. Continuum of Care Updates – Zulima Lundy, County of Orange

Zulima Lundy shared Continuum of Care updates to the Homeless Provider Forum.

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) just announced awards for the 2018 CoC Program NOFA. HUD funded and approved all our project renewal application, our three expansion applications, and our, reallocation projects, and our consolidation requests. HUD unfortunately did not fund either of our bonus applications.

3. Continuum of Care Committee Updates

The CoC Committee Chairs shared updates regarding their committee meetings.

- **Coordinated Entry**
 - **Individual Coordinated Entry** – Zulima Lundy, County of Orange
 - OCCR just hired a new Coordinated Entry System Coordinator, named Rebecca Ricketts.
 - **Family Coordinated Entry** – Soledad Rivera, Family Solutions Collaborative
 - The Family Access Points were a large support for the 2019 Point in Time.
 - Elizabeth Andrade has resigned from Families Forward.

- All family matches are now live through Clarity in HMIS and the weekly case conferencing is going smoothly. There are 97 families currently in the list and families are connecting to services in roughly 32 days.
- **Data and Performance Management** – Elizabeth Andrade, Mercy House
 - Elizabeth has resigned as a CoC Board Chair, but will continue to Chair the Data and Performance Management Committee until another board member steps in.
 - Data for Permanent Supportive Housing projects will be shared at the upcoming Data and Performance Management Committee on February 17, 2019.
- **Emergency Shelters** – Juanita Preciado, County of Orange
 - The next Emergency Shelters meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2019. The Veteran Administration will be presenting about their available services.
- **Street Outreach Team** – Matt Bates, City Net
 - The Street Outreach did not meet.

4. Point in Time Update – Matt Bates, City Net

Matt Bates shared highlights regarding the 2019 Everyone Counts Point in Time.

- Matt Bates expressed his appreciation for all the support and participation in the Point in Time. Volunteers counted about 3,400 surveys or observations, but the numbers are still preliminary. The official data is expected to be released by April 30, 2019. Matt also shared the importance of the data to help educate the population on homelessness.

5. New Co-Chair Announcement/Introductions – Tiffany Mitchell, Donald Dermit, Tim Houchen

The HPF Chairs announced the new HPF Co Chairs for 2019. The Co Chairs are Alfonso Ceja, from VOALA, Ariel Hyatt, from Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, and Donald Dermit, from the Rock Homeless Ministries.

6. Questions and Answers / Closing Remarks

- The following Homeless Provider Forum will focus on veteran services.

The next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for:
 March 7th, from 9:00-11:00 am
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