

Purpose Statement:

C3H will harness all resources available to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness, well as minimize the impacts of homelessness in Santa Barbara County.



Strategies:

- *Housing First
- *Housing Ready
- *Family/Employer Reunification

Pillars/Goals:

- ♦ Prevent homelessness
- ♦ Support the expansion of housing for the homeless
- ♦ Build a results- and data-driven culture
- ♦ Elevate community dialogue, support, and collaboration regarding homelessness
- ♦ Encourage commitment to self-sufficiency

Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 11, 2015: 9:00 – 11:00 am

County of Santa Barbara Administration Building, Board of Supervisors' Conference Room (4th floor)
105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, 93101

Joseph Centeno Betteravia Government Administration Building, Board of Supervisors' Conference Room
511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria 93455

Present:

- Chair* Mayor Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara
Vice Chair Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, Fifth District, County of Santa Barbara
Councilmember Jack Boysen, City of Santa Maria
Councilmember Al Clark, City of Carpinteria
Supervisor Doreen Farr, Third District, County of Santa Barbara
Councilmember Dale Francisco, City of Santa Barbara
Councilmember James Mosby, City of Santa Maria
Councilmember Paula Perotte, City of Goleta
Councilmember Terri Zuniga, City of Santa Maria

Absent: Mayor Holly Sierra, City of Buellton

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am

I. Public Comment

- Two members of the public addressed the Council.

II. Consent Agenda

Action: Approval of Minutes from Meetings of September 10, 2015

Action: Accept November, 2015 Housing Placement Report

- Consent agenda motion to approve made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Councilmember Perotte, unanimous approval, abstentions Supervisor Lavagnino, Councilmember Francisco.

III. Milpas and State Street Update

- Emily Allen from Common Ground spoke about the current status of the outreach and housing efforts on both Milpas and State Streets.
- Sarah Gowing, a C3H Intern from Westmont spoke about the new Westmont Downtown program and her efforts to collect data on each individual participating in the Milpas and State Street Projects.
- Supervisor Farr expressed concerns that the region was not sufficiently prepared for El Niño.

IV. Veterans Outreach and Placement Update

- Katie Paye from the Uffizi Order reported on her outreach and housing placement work with 10 homeless veterans.

V. C3H Work Plan

- Chuck Flacks, Executive Director presented an update on the projected revenues and expenditures for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- Chuck Flacks presented an update on the goals and objectives in the approved work plan and the current status.
- Chuck Flacks presented on the current status of El Niño planning and expressed some concern that no nonprofit providers had taken the lead to provide day centers.
- Councilmember Boysen stated that the Good Samaritan Emergency Shelter nonprofit would be interested in staffing a day center should such a site be found and funding were available.

VI. Proposal to Merge C3H Policy Council and Continuum of Care Boards

- Chuck Flacks gave a presentation, with the support of Erin Weber, Aide to Supervisor Farr and member of the C3H Executive Committee, on the merging of C3H with CoC. The presentation included pros and cons of the proposal with the request that the Policy Council approve the process of bringing this idea to the CoC Board in January.
- Councilmember Zuñiga raised concern about the Board of Supervisor's position on this issue.
- Supervisor Farr wondered if the Board of Supervisors did, in fact, have to approve the merger. She also stated that the County Counsel should weigh in on this.
- Al Clark stated that he was okay with this process.
- Councilmember Francisco raised the concern that each locality had contributed to C3H, not the CoC, and wouldn't we have to get each jurisdiction's buy-in to move this idea forward? He recommended that C3H staff make a presentation at each jurisdiction and the County.
- Councilmember Boysen raised strong opposition. He stated that the County ought to remain the sole oversight of CoC because the system isn't broken. He said that C3H has not shown the ability to coordinate an appropriate emergency response plan for special needs populations; and, he claimed that C3H had rejected a great opportunity in the Americorps program.
 - Chuck Flacks responded that, in fact, C3H had been the primary supporter of the Americorps program and that C3H was the primary coordinator of the El Niño response.
- Supervisor Lavagnino stated that he thought the Board of Supervisors should be the lead on this issue.
- Supervisor Farr said that she would look to the County CEO for her opinion on this, and recommended a joint meeting between the CoC Board and Policy Council to discuss this issue.
- Councilmember Francisco reiterated his view that C3H should approach the cities as well.

VII. Introduction of Luke Barrett as Regional Coordinator and Regional Coordination Update

- Because of a shortage of time, Jeff Shaffer presented Luke Barrett and gave a general overview of the C3H strategy for having coordinated outreach in each region of the County.

VII. Stand-Down Update

- Supervisor Steve Lavagnino presented the data from the very successful Stand Down event.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.