

**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**

**Thursday, March 10, 2015: 9:00 – 11:00 am**

County of Santa Barbara Administration Building, Board of Supervisors' Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Cathy Murrillo, City of Santa Barbara  
Councilmember Holly Sierra, City of Buellton

**Absent:** Councilmember Jack Boysen, City of Santa Maria  
Councilmember Paula Perotte, City of Goleta  
Councilmember Terri Zuniga, City of Santa Maria

**Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am**

**I. Public Comment**

- No public comment.

**II. Consent Agenda**

***Action: Approval of Minutes from Meetings of December, 11 2015***

***Action: Accept November, 2015 Housing Placement Report***

- Consent agenda motion to approve made by D. Farr, seconded by A. Clark, unanimous approval, abstentions: C. Murrillo and H. Sierra.

**III. C3H Administration**

- Chuck Flacks reported on the proposed **C3H/CoC merger**, stating that the status quo will remain in place. There was no further comment.
- **Workplan**: Chuck Flacks presented the status of the current workplan. He also presented a plan for coordinated outreach both in Santa Barbara on Milpas and State Street, and in Santa Maria.
  - Tom Sloan, representing Social Venture Partners, addressed the question of a need for better leadership and staffing of the Downtown/Milpas Coordinated Outreach plan.
  - Zahra Nahar-Moore, representing the Downtown Organization, presented a letter from Executive Director Maggie Campbell, which called for a greater commitment from C3H to lead the Downtown outreach efforts on State Street.
  - Sharon Byrne, representing the Milpas Community Association, called for a more focused effort by C3H, to sustain and expand the successes that have occurred on Milpas Street.

- A. Clark was supportive of the idea that C3H should do more to directly engage and oversee services for the chronically homeless.
- **Staffing Compensation Plan** -- Sue Gray presented a comprehensive plan for staffing compensation.
  - D. Farr stressed that the plan needs to be linked at all times to the funds available.
  - S. Lavagnino made clear that he wanted any increases in salaries tied to results.
  - Sue Gray proposed that review of the Executive Director's salary will be conducted by the Chair of the Executive Committee and the CEO of the fiscal agent, the United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County.
  - Plan was moved by D. Farr, seconded by C. Murillo; vote to approve was unanimous
- **Budget Modification:** Chuck Flacks requested that the budget be increased (out of savings from other line items) to hire a Team Leader for the Downtown/Milpas Street Homeless Coordinated Outreach project. He also indicated that there will be a full budget discussion for 2016-2017 at the next Policy Council meeting in May.
  - S. Lavagnino requested that a full hearing on the budget occur at the next meeting.
  - H. Sierra reminded C3H that budget requests at the different cities were coming due for the 2016-2017 budget season.
  - C. Murrillo asked a question about how funding requests were handled in the past.
  - Budget modification was moved by H. Sierra, seconded by A. Clark; Unanimous approval.

#### IV. South County Regional Update

- Luke Barrett presented on the first couple of days of Day Use Warming Center activities. He reported no major problems and lauded the work Easy Lift and the Warming Center staff.
  - S. Farr thanked Luke and C3H for stepping up and operating the South County Warming Center.
- Clay Holdren, representing downtown businesses, discussed his interest in creating a re-unification fund for people who are homeless and might want to reconnect with family or loved ones in other areas, but just need help with funding transportation.
- A representative from Care 4 Paws spoke about their effort to support people who are homeless in their care for their pets. Care 4 Paws is offering free food, licensing and veterinary services (vaccines, spaying and neutering) at the Rescue Mission. They also provide low-cost pet boarding when people can't keep their pets.
  - D. Farr suggested that Care 4 Paws participate in the annual Stand Down event
  - S. Lavagnino supported this idea and said that his organizers will be in touch.

#### V. Presentation on the Americorps Grant

- Emily Allen, representing Common Ground, and Eddie Taylor, representing the United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County presented on the status of the Americorps grant, and what will be needed from potential sites -- \$9,000 per full-time-equivalent volunteer. They are seeking commitments from nonprofits and government entities.
- Eddie Taylor presented the possibility that the United Way may need to borrow funds from C3H's reserve of up to \$85,000 for program start-up costs; however, this request will be made formally at the budget hearing next meeting.
  - H. Schneider questioned the role of C3H in this program and wondered what the purpose of the bridge loan might be.
  - D. Farr also asked about the role of C3H.
  - Emily Allen indicated that there would be a formal partnership with C3H.
  - Eddie Taylor assured that any loan made would be repaid to C3H within 60 days after program start-up.
  - H. Schneider clarified that any loan would not come out of C3H operating funds, but rather, it's 6 month reserve.

## **VI. North County Regional Update**

- Jeff Shaffer presented on the ongoing effort to replicate the success of Milpas Street, by creating coordinated outreach teams in Lompoc and Santa Maria. Both teams are using the lists of high-users from law enforcement and the hospitals, recommendations from local businesses, and local service providers to create a list of 5-7 people to focus on and put into housing.
- Brian Halterman from Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc discussed the church's commitment to providing outreach volunteers, helping to coordinate certain services, and a strong desire to help the C3H effort.
- Kirsten Cahoon, representing Good Samaritan discussed how C3H is helping to coordinate family housing placements and is helping C3H engage the Chamber of Commerce in Santa Maria.
- Jeff Shaffer presented his idea to conduct a Santa Maria Care Day, hosted at Trinity Church, for staff members of Good Samaritan, Behavioral Wellness, and Public Health to support their work and encourage them to do self-care to avoid burn-out. Supervisor Lavagnino has agreed to address this group.
- Jeff Shaffer discussed his efforts in Buellton/Santa Ynez Valley with People Helping People to relocate families from the Motels on Avenue of the Flags into permanent housing.

## **VII. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**