



Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness
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C3H Policy Council
Approved: 5/11/2017

Thursday, March 9th, 2017: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

County of Santa Barbara Administration Building,
Planning Commission Hearing Room
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: *Vice Chair* Councilmember Cathy Murillo, City of Santa Barbara
Councilmember Al Clark, City of Carpinteria
Councilmember Michael Cordero, City of Santa Maria
Councilmember Jenelle Osborne, City of Lompoc
Mayor Paula Perotte, City of Goleta
Mayor Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara
Mayor Holly Sierra, City of Buellton
Councilmember Etta Waterfield, City of Santa Maria
Supervisor Das Williams, First District, County of Santa Barbara

Absent: Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, Fifth District, County of Santa Barbara

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am

1. **Public Comment** -None
2. **Comments and Announcements from Policy Council Members**
 - Mayor Schneider announced that the Council is conducting a working session on March 15, 3-5.
 - Councilmember Murillo announced that the oversized vehicle committee is working with the Safe Parking program to find RV day use spaces
 - Councilmember Murillo announced a Santa Barbara City Council hearing on tenants' issues on March 21 at 6:00 p.m.
 - Chuck Flacks introduced new staff members Erik Krueger, Team Leader for Santa Barbara Coordinated Outreach Team; and Andrea Sneed, Team Leader for Santa Maria 10 Now Team.
 - Supervisor Williams announced that the IV Community Service District Board was seated and had its first meeting. He reported that they have no funding for staff since the ballot measure failed. He also announced that the IV Community Service District will be housed at the IV Community Center, which is also an important site for Doctors Without Walls.

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

3. Consent Agenda

- **Action:** Consider approval of the January 12, 2017 Policy Council Meeting Minutes.
 - Consent agenda motion to approve made by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Councilmember Murillo, unanimous approval with members who were absent abstaining.

4. Housing Placement Report

- Chuck Flacks, Executive Director, presented the data from the latest report, which is on the C3H website for ongoing reference.

5. Report from Continuum of Care Board on Change to C3H Role as Lead Agency

- Chuck Flacks read a prepared letter by CoC Board Chair Kathleen Baushke. The outcome of the CoC action is that C3H will no longer be the lead agency to the Continuum of Care. That role will be filled by the Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development Division. C3H will, instead, become a member of the CoC Board of Directors, with Chuck Flacks representing C3H.
 - Mayor Sierra, Mayor Schneider and Mayor Perotte each expressed support for this decision.
 - Dinah Lockhart, of HCD, said that they were ready to support the CoC. She expressed concern that the work of the CoC is an unfunded mandate, and that staffing the CoC is a real cost that needs to be supported in some way. She pointed out that the county is now leading the effort to plan for CoC activities, conduct the annual CoC application process, and manage the HMIS data system.

6. Introduction of Consultant to Conduct Work on Coordinated Entry and Other Continuum of Care Activities

- Dinah Lockhart introduced the consultants from HomeBase: Carolyn Wylie, Genevieve Herrera and John Mellis.
- HomeBase staff presented their work plan:
 - To assist the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC in meeting HUD requirements and best practices.
 - Review and Rank evaluation
 - Coordinated Entry System – evaluate and begin CoC-wide use by HUD January 2018 deadline
 - Provide Technical Assistance
- Home Base staff also presented a brief primer on the structure and purpose of the CoC.

7. Report on the 2017 Point in Time Count

- Luke Barrett and Chuck Flacks gave an overview of the count by region. Councilmembers received the full report in written form. Both the PowerPoint and the full report are available on the C3H website.
- Policy Council Member Comments:

- Councilmember Cordero -- It is clear that improving relationships with homeless people in Lompoc led to the large increase in numbers. These are improved count outcomes.
- Mayor Sierra -- offered congratulations on outreach efforts.
- Councilmember Murillo -- Stated a desire to see a warming center open in Goleta.
- Maria Long invited to speak -- she reported that the Goleta and IV stakeholders have focused on establishing the showers of blessing. There has been no church interest in warming center. It typically takes six months to get a new church on board.
- Mayor Perotte pointed out that animals are an issue at the warming centers.
- Mayor Schneider made it clear that we do not have the data to know whether there has been movement of people from Santa Barbara to other locations in the County. There is no evidence to support that people are relocating to Lompoc or Goleta from Santa Barbara.
- Supervisor Williams stated that the housing market may in fact be driving people north from Santa Barbara, not just homeless people, but anyone looking for more affordable rents.
- Mayor Schneider requested a 1 page summary of the county similar to previous years (this is now available on the C3H website).
- Mayor Perotte asked if the PIT is always conducted at the same time. Her concern was that the community center count was not as successful as it could have been because of the time.
- Supervisor Williams pointed out that Santa Barbara provides evidence contrary to the perceptions of many that intensive services actually reduces homelessness. Many people believe that services increase the numbers of homeless people. He said that communities should not be afraid of providing services.
- Jeff Shaffer (C3H) pointed out that all three strategies are needed to end homelessness: housing first, housing ready, and reunification. Two-thirds of homeless people in Santa Maria are sheltered, one-third need an alternative; also, reunification is an important tool that could be expanded.
- Councilmember Waterfield expressed desire for solutions that will help homeless people who are housed to sustain themselves through work, family education, and other work-based supports.
- Councilmember Osborn thanked all who collaborated to make the count successful. She pointed out that homeless people represent less than 1% of Santa Barbara County's population -- thus, this seems like a problem we should be able to tackle, and it may not be as big a problem as we think.
- Emily Allen (United Way) added additional thank yous:
 - Behavioral Wellness
 - Care 4 Paws
 - Direct Relief
 - Supervisor Lavagnino and his staff
 - Santa Barbara Food Bank
 - 211

- Freedom Warming Centers
- Jan Vander from Noah's Anchorage spoke about the success of the youth count pizza party and reminded people that most homeless youth are not counted because they don't live on the streets -- they are couch surfing and living in overcrowded apartments.

8. C3H Administration

- Chuck Flacks presented C3H's budget to actual expenses with no comments from Council members
 - Chuck Flacks also presented the new 10 Now Santa Maria program funded by a grant from Dignity Health.
 - Jeff Shaffer added that 10 Now is a housing first model pilot program. The team is already working to maintain 5 recently housed people in their housing, plus case managing 5 others. The goal is to add 10 new members and house, at least, 10 in 2017-2018. People will be selected based on their high use of healthcare, mental health services, and high VISPDAT scores.
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- **Next Meeting is May 11th, 9-11:00 a.m.**