

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, July 9, 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
Supervisor Doreen Farr, Third District, County of Santa Barbara
Councilmember Dale Francisco, City of Santa Barbara
Councilmember James Mosby, City of Lompoc
Mayor Paula Perotte, City of Goleta
Mayor Holly Sierra, City of Buellton
Councilmember Terri Zuniga, City of Santa Maria

Absent: Councilmember Al Clark, City of Carpinteria

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am

I. Public Comment

- No comments

II. Consent Agenda

Action: Approval of Minutes from Meetings of April 3, 2015 and May 15, 2015

Action: April-May, 2015 Housing Placement Report

- Consent agenda motion to approve made by Mayor Perrote, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, unanimous approval.

III. C3H Work Plan

- Chuck Flacks, Executive Director, presented the 2015-2016 work plan and answered questions from Policy Council members. The primary concerns expressed by Council members included solidifying the relationship with County Departments, most specifically ADMHS; ensuring that staff were adequately compensated for their work; and, ensuring ongoing coordination of outreach efforts.
- Chuck Flacks also reported that Lompoc had agreed to fund C3H \$16,000 in 2015-2016, Goleta had increased its contribution to \$5,000 (from \$3,500), and that discussions were underway with Marian Hospital in Santa Maria.

IV. C3H Budget Presentation

- Chuck Flacks walked the Policy Council through the proposed budget for 2015-2016.

- The primary concerns by the Policy Council were to ensure that part-time staff were compensated wisely; that we not "let the county of the hook" in their responsibility to share data; and the desire to have a clear policy on the right level of reserves.

Action: Approval of Budget

- Motion to approve budget was made by Supervisor Farr with the requirement that the budget be re-presented in September for further review. Motion seconded by Councilmember Francisco. Unanimous approval.

V. Status of Mayor's Challenge/Zero 2016 -- Ending Veteran Homelessness --

- Kristine Schwarz, Executive Director of New Beginnings Counseling Center, gave a report on her work as leader of the ad hoc subcommittee of the Continuum of Care. Her summary points are as follows:
 - VA Grantees are required to submit a community plan to house veterans that includes minimizing the number of days from initial contact to permanent housing.
 - CoCs are the primary organizing point for these homeless veteran engagement strategies, and Santa Barbara's CoC created this ad hoc committee for this purpose
 - Current committee meets bi-weekly and its members include representatives from: Legal Aid, the Landlord Liaison Project, Good Samaritan Shelter, the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, the Salvation Army, C3H, New Beginnings Counseling Center, Casa Esperanza, HUD-VASH, and Common Ground.
 - Primary activities include:
 - Creating a list of veterans who are homeless based on multiple sources;
 - Developing a landlord outreach campaign to try to house vets as quickly as possible;
 - Creating a template and plan for housing veterans within 90 days of first contact;
 - Working with providers to disseminate best practices and improve the system of housing veterans overall.

VI. Regional Coordination Update

- Jeff Shaffer (C3H) provided an update throughout each regional coordination committee:
 - Overarching goals:
 - One priority in each region in which all members can share in efforts to reduce homelessness
 - Partnering with Legal Aid to develop an Americorps program to train 20-40 new volunteers to build leadership capacity in the county – full time, half time, quarter time job descriptions. These positions would begin in 2016/2017 but could positively affect all 7 regions
 - Santa Maria Housing Ready list of 8 has been created in partnership with Good Samaritan Shelter.
 - Initial stage – list of 8 created
 - Move them from transitional housing to permanent housing
 - Create supportive service/housing team to work alongside them for two years
 - Free up transitional housing for emergency shelter clients and create flow in the system
 - Partner with the Landlord Liaison Program and other partners to find housing units specifically for families

- Lompoc - Peer Coordination Pilot – Will be meeting with Robert who was formerly homeless in Lompoc and is now a part of our Coordination meeting to discuss a stipend position to give him leadership with the collaborative. This is a part of a leadership development plan for C3H and a way to raise up those who have experienced homelessness into leadership
- Santa Ynez – Developing and training a new volunteer team to engage low income families living in local motels on Avenue of the Flags to see about assisting them into more appropriate housing
- Isla Vista/Goleta – Shower trailer team – working with them to house more of their volunteers who support the shower trailer, while expanding the potential use of the trailer to connect more individuals to supportive services and housing
- Santa Barbara – sustaining the Milpas/Downtown teams to effectively house some of the most chronic and vulnerable in those areas with the following priorities:
 - Discovering funding for long term sustainability
 - Keeping partners at the table and recruiting new partners
 - Engaging Jodi from the Central Library to discuss her involvement – they are connected to same individuals on the streets with the downtown outreach team
- Carpinteria – creating a weekly outreach group in partnership with ADMHS and Common Ground to do outreach to those living on the streets in the city. The team is now going out on Tuesdays and beginning the larger process of trust building to move the Carpinteria team toward a housing plan

VII. Meeting Adjourned – 10:30 am