

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 14, 2016: 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:

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 James Mosby, City of Santa Maria
Councilmember Cathy Murillo, City of Santa Barbara
Councilmember Paula Perotte, City of Goleta
Councilmember Terri Zuniga, City of Santa Maria

Absent: Mayor Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara
Councilmember Al Clark, City of Carpinteria
Councilmember Holly Sierra, City of Buellton

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am

I. Public Comment - no comments.

II. Consent Agenda

Action: Consider approval of the May 12th Policy Council Meeting Minutes.

Action: Accept Current 2016 Housing Placement Report

- Consent agenda motion to approve made by C. Murillo, seconded by J.Boysen, unanimous approval; J. Mosby abstention.

III. Report on Death of Coordinated Outreach Client from the Santa Barbara Coordinated Outreach

- Sharon Byrne of the Milpas Community Association gave a presentation on the death of two clients who have been case managed by the Santa Barbara Community Outreach Team. She described how case management has meant housing for these clients and/or significant treatment options that they would not have gotten otherwise. Though these deaths may not have been preventable, they point to some recommendations that she made to Policy Council:

1. There should be special designation at the County for Coordinated Outreach Team clients that would allow for better collaboration across agencies.
2. Is it possible that Suboxone can be provided in jail?
3. The County needs performance based budgeting that would reward agencies for outcomes, rather than just continuing with the same old treatments and programs.
4. To house 60 people a year will require about \$600,000 from the County. Sharon estimates savings to the County of \$1.5 million from such a housing first program -- can this be done?
5. Keep people out of hospitals.

Comments from Policy Council members:

- Lavagnino -- our work needs greater clarity and focus, and this presentation illustrated that.
- Murillo -- echoed call for better jail release policies that don't cause homelessness.
- Boysen -- requested a summit on C3H focus.
- Farr -- regarding jail release, we may have to look at court policies; it's hard to keep people when the release happens. She recommends better coordination with the whole county continuum of services
- Zuniga -- described a strong system for contacting care providers in cases of victims of violence.
- Perotte - surprised that Suboxone was not approved for jail use.
- Farr -- recommended that C3H take a more active role in tracking medications in jail for its case-managed clients.

IV. South County Regional Update

- Luke Barrett gave report on outreach and coordination activities in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta and Isla Vista.
 - Perotte echoed the call for more community service deputy time in Goleta.
 - Farr -- stated that the cost for a community service deputy is \$150,000 and that Goleta consider paying the County for this service. She also stated that County Public Health is doing a good job of reporting on deaths of homeless people, perhaps not timely enough for action.

V. North County Regional Update

- Jeff Shaffer gave update on coordinated outreach and regional coordination in Lompoc, Santa Ynez/Buellton, and Santa Maria.

VI. Provider Presentation -- Marian Hospital/Dignity Health

- Amelia Abernathy, Supervisor of Social Work Care Coordination Department presented on the how her department has been providing harm reduction to homeless patients. She commended C3H outreach team leader for his ability to connect with patients.
 - Lavagnino recommended that Marian attend the Santa Maria budget hearing on August 2nd.
 - Farr -- presentation shows the value of personal relationships. She recommended that C3H do a better job of sharing these kinds of success stories across the county.

VII. C3H Administration

- With time short Chuck Flacks requested action on items a and d.
- Motion to accept Frank Ricciari to the C3H Executive Committee -- Boysen (motion), Murillo (second), unanimous approval.
- Motion to approve up to \$89,00 from C3H reserves between August 1 and November 30, 2016 as a bridge loan to the United Way sponsored Americorps program -- Murillo (motion), Boysen (second), unanimous approval.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.