

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, September 10, 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
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 (*arrived after action items*)

Mayor Paula Perotte, City of Goleta
Councilmember Terri Zuniga, City of Santa Maria

Absent: Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, Fifth District, County of Santa Barbara
Mayor Holly Sierra, City of Buellton
Councilmember James Mosby, City of Lompoc

Meeting Called to Order – 9:10 am

I. Public Comment

- No comments

II. Consent Agenda

Action: Approval of Minutes from Meetings of July 9, 2015

Action: July, 2015 Housing Placement Report

- Consent agenda motion to approve made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, unanimous approval, abstention Councilmember Clark.

III. C3H Work Plan

- Chuck Flacks reported a \$25,000 contribution from Marian Health Center/Dignity Health in Santa Maria. They have asked that Heidi Summers be seated on the Executive Committee.
- Chuck Flacks also requested an increase to \$10,000 in the line item of the annual budget for mileage.
- Motion to approve acceptance of funds and the budget change made by Supervisor Farr and seconded by Councilmember Clark; unanimous approval.

IV. Presentation on Housing for the Homeless by People's Self Help Housing

- Morgan Benevedo and Rick Gulino presented on the affordable housing projects in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties that have units set aside for people who are homeless. They stressed that many more of their units may house formerly homeless people who have not self-identified as such.
- They are opening a new project on October 15 in Carpinteria with 3 units set aside for the homeless.

- People's is dedicated to providing case management and support to residents; while using strong property management to enforce behavior standards.
- Mayor Schneider expressed a desire to see the whole pipeline for units in SB County.
- Councilmember Zuñiga expressed the desire that People's Self Help Housing build more units in Santa Barbara County.

V. Presentation on Housing for the Homeless in Santa Maria -- Webster Manor

- Cary and Linda Gray, husband and wife, presented their remodel of a five-bedroom home to accommodate five formerly homeless veterans. Each room is well equipped for both amenities and privacy.
- Each veteran pays \$750 a month rent; thus they are not accepting VASH vouchers, which will not pay this much in a five-bedroom home.
- Mayor Schneider expressed concern that this rent is unsustainable for homeless people, and that they really should be accepting the subsidies that veterans have.
- Councilmember Zuñiga thanked the presenters and said it could be an example for other landlords.
- Supervisor Farr thanked the presenters and wondered about any support services. Ms. Gray said that a member of her family visits the property every other day to check on things.

VI. Introduction of Lompoc Area Intern and Regional Coordination Update

- Jeff Shaffer introduced Robert Gutierrez who will be working with C3H for 10 hours per week as an intern.
- Robert Gutierrez told his story about being formerly homeless and now living at Homebase on G in Lompoc. He is eager to serve in a leadership role, helping to coordinate the Lompoc region.
- Santa Barbara -- Jeff discussed the hiring of Sarah Gowing from the Westmont Center for Social Entrepreneurship who will be collecting data for the Milpas/Downtown teams. He also reported that he is working closely with a group of people who congregate at Alameda Park about some of their demands for more fair treatment, employment and avenues out of homelessness.
- Goleta -- Jeff is assisting the Showers of Blessing shower trailer team find new places to offer showers.
- Isla Vista -- Jeff is working with Common Ground and ADMHS to support the creation of programs to help retain the residents of Pescadero Lofts. HEAL Goleta is currently coordinating dinners on Thursday nights and building relationships with residents.
- Buellton/Santa Ynez -- Jeff is working with a volunteer team from the churches and senior center who went through boundaries training and helping them build relationships with people who are homeless or who are living in the local motels. Goal is to place people into new housing being developed.
- Lompoc -- working with Robert on outreach to riverbed and emergency planning in anticipation of El Nino.
- Santa Maria -- Team is working a list of five families to place them.

VII. Stand-Down Update

- Chuck Flacks reported that Stand Down will take place on October 17th and C3H's role will be to recruit homeless veterans to attend, help them find transportation, and coordinate the VISPDAT at the event.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.