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TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Community Room

2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Statements/Comments
This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Task Force on Homelessness. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
5. Informational Presentations
 - a. Update on the Faith Community's Efforts to Address Homelessness
 - b. Overview on the Pathways to Home Program
 - c. 2017 Ventura County Homeless Count and Survey
 - d. Update on the Homeless Encampments Abatement Program and Responses to Panhandling
6. New Business: None
7. Task Force Member Comments
This is the time allotted for Task Force member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Task Force on Homelessness, to request a future agenda item, or to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.
8. Task Force on Homelessness Coordinator's Report
9. Adjournment: Thursday, February 9, 2017, 3:30 p.m.

/s/

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Director of Community Services

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TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Council Member Mike Judge called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and Jennifer Santos noted that a quorum was present. The attendance detail is available on the last page of the minutes.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

By the consensus of the Task Force, the February 11, 2016, minutes were approved as presented.

4. Public Statements/Comments: None

5. Informational Presentations

a. Overview of the Enhanced Ventura County 2-1-1 Website and Resource Directory

Tanya Kellam, Ventura County 2-1-1 Director from Interface Children and Family Services provided an overview about the updated online Resource Directory. The upgraded database allows users to easily navigate the site. Individuals are able to receive up to date referrals for health and human services 24 hours a day through the internet and by phone. Ms. Kellman encouraged everyone to navigate the program, inform community members about 2-1-1, and encourage eligible providers to subscribe to the 2-1-1 database so the most current information can be provided to the community.

b. Review of the 2016 Homeless Persons Count Report

Betty Eskey, Executive Director of the Simi Valley Samaritan Center provided a summary of the 2016 Ventura County Homeless Count and Survey. This year, 1,271 homeless adults and children counted during the point-in-time count, which provides a snapshot of the overall issue of homelessness in Ventura County. The Point in Time Count uses Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) definition of homelessness that includes only those who are living in places not meant for human habitation or seeking shelter in specific programs. A broader picture of at-risk populations can be found within the Department of Education and Healthcare systems, which uses a broader definition of homeless including families doubled up, couch surfing, or staying with family and

friends. Additionally, the Ventura County Healthcare for the Homeless program saw 10,070 unduplicated patients classified as homeless under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) definition.

Overall, there was a 10 percent decrease with the number of homeless individuals counted from 2015, the lowest since the first Ventura County count in 2007. As in previous years, the count activities were conducted all day. However, in communities like Ventura County where there are a large number of unsheltered people, HUD allows the count activities to begin from dawn to late morning. This year the count was from 7:00 a.m. until late morning. Simi Valley showed the most significant decrease the number of individuals counted from 202 to 99. The decrease was attributed to El Niño preparation efforts that displaced many people from encampments during the fall. Additionally, 60 people who were in the camps in the Simi Valley area were offered services resulting in a portion being housed.

6. Task Force Member Comments

Andy Mattick stated the importance of continuing the conversation about homelessness and strengthening the partnership between organizations. He announced that the faith community will be meeting later in May to discuss additional ways of collaborating and a report will be provided about these efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Mashburn mentioned how funding through the City's Community Development Block Grant and Community Projects Grant help to fund direct provider programs for housing projects and service programs. Even though the City is not a direct service provider, the Task Force meetings help to bring agencies and individuals together to collaborate.

Kate O'Brien expressed the importance of community support to address the issue of homelessness and how zoning laws can be complicated with approving facilities that support serving homeless individuals.

Marie Lakin announced that State Legislature is reviewing Assembly Bill 1618, The No Place Like Home Assembly Bill, which would re-purpose bond money from Proposition 63, the Mental Services Act. AB 1618 would leverage additional money from other local, state, and federal agencies to achieve additional funding to support the construction of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals. The funding could provide approximately 10,000 to 14,000 housing units with the majority going to Los Angeles County. She encouraged everyone to become familiar with AB 1618.

7. Task Force Coordinator's Report

Ms. Santos reported that HUD awarded \$335 million to Continuum of Cares (CoCs) across the nation and Puerto Rico that will support more than 1,200 local

homeless housing and services programs. Due to changes in the performance review, the process from completion to award funding for CoC grants for this fiscal year was the most competitive ever, both locally and nationally. HUD estimates there were 564,708 people experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2015. Since 2010, local communities across the nation reported an approximate 11 percent reduction in homelessness, a decline of more than 72,000 people. Veteran homelessness also declined by 36 percent, chronic homelessness by 22 percent, and family homelessness by 19 percent.

HUD awarded the Ventura County of Continuum of Care \$1,970,367 in funding for projects throughout the County, and three were in Simi Valley. As part of the funding, the County also received \$150,000 for its Homeless Management Information System to expand the coordinated entry system, called Pathways to Home.

8. Adjournment: Thursday, November 10, 2016, 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Organization	Representative	Attendance P = Present; A = Absent
Area Housing Authority	Michael Nigh	A
Chamber of Commerce	Laura Wucher for Gioia Goodrum	P
City Council	Council Member Mike Judge	P
City Council	Mayor Pro Tem Keith Mashburn	P
Council On Aging	June Marie von Osinski	P
County of Ventura Behavioral Health Department	Bob Gross	A
County of Ventura Homeless Services	Chris Russell	A
County of Ventura Human Services Agency	Latrell Herbert	A
County of Ventura Public Health Department	Michele Surber	A
County of Ventura Supervisor Peter Foy's Office	Brian Miller	A
Dinner Site	Toni Freeland	P
Faith Community	Kurt Fredrickson	A
Faith Community	Andy Mattick	P
Free Clinic of Simi Valley	Fred Bauermeister	P
Lutheran Social Services	Denise Cortes	P
Many Mansions	Derrick Wada	P
Neighborhood Council # 1	Howie Gobler	A
Neighborhood Council # 2	Richard Grossman	P
Neighborhood Council # 3	Kelly Tinker	A
Neighborhood Council # 4	Lisa Morrison	P
PADS	Christian Riehl	A
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Representative who has Experienced Homelessness	Theresa Pennington Colleen Abbinanti	P P
Rotary Club of Simi Valley	Kate O'Brien	P
Salvation Army	Mary Flandez	P
Samaritan Center	Betty Eskey	P
Simi Valley Hospital	Carla Orieta	A
Simi Valley Police Department	Sgt. Steve Shorts for Cmdr. Stephanie Shannon	P
Simi Valley Unified School District	Trustee Bill Daniels	P
State Senator or Assemblyman	Marie Lakin	P
Youth Council	Prachi Patel	A