



Homeless Services Work Group Meeting Notes
 August 1, 2017 / 9:00-10:30 a.m.
 Little House—131 Avocado Ave., El Cajon CA 92020

Agenda Items	Action
<p>I. Welcome and Introductions * See attached sign in sheets for attendees.</p>	No action.
<p>II. Overview of Meetings</p> <p>A. June’s Work Group Meeting Recap Housing Navigator Rosalia Aguilar presented about the new program at PCG. She is working with their CALWorks recipients to assist them through the Welfare to Work Program. The funds that they have to use for housing are flexible and can be used for motel vouchers, rental assistance, security deposits or moving costs. The only service that isn’t covered is to pay a client’s back rent.</p> <p>B. East Co. Regional Homeless Task Force There wasn’t much to discuss since most of the groups were quiet in July. There was an update on the City Council for El Cajon voting to approve funding for several items that were recommended by the ECRHTF. They included a housing navigator position for Crisis House, signage to discourage panhandling, 4 kennels at the Humane Society to house dogs when their owners are accessing services, and start-up funding for a texting program for homeless services. The City is looking at some of the other recommendations and will study the feasibility and wait to see what the other cities will be contributing.</p>	<p>No action.</p> <p>No action.</p>
<p>III. Presentation: HHSA Behavioral Health Services, AOA System of Care—Charity White-Voth, LCSW Behavioral Health Program Coordinator. Charity White-Voth shared information regarding the Behavioral Health Programs countywide and programs specific to East County. Most county programs are contracted out. McAlister Institute and Chaldean/Middle Eastern Services are the contract holders in East County. There currently aren’t any long-term programs or sober living facilities. The county only assists with the most severe mental health issues. When asked about the SPDAT system and capturing data on mental illness and substance abuse Ms. White-Voth commented that the SPDAT is more morbidity focused and doesn’t collect mental health assessments. We still have little data on how many homeless are actually suffering from mental illness and substance abuse. She felt that the 20% was low and that it was closer to 40%. The county is releasing housing vouchers and is pairing them with Section 8 for a fast track to housing. They currently have 90 outpatient homeless individuals that they were able to house. Each individual is assigned a case worker once they are housed. We currently have 5 outreach workers in East County. They are; 2 at McAlister, 2 at Vista Hill, and 1 East County mental health worker. HHSA just started a Full Service</p>	No action.

<p>Partnership Program in Santee that partners outpatient services 10:1. The case management consists of psychiatry, employment, public health nurse, probation and a case manager for social services. Charity invited us to attend the Mental Health Collaborative meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. They meet at Action East.</p>	
<p>IV. El Cajon Collaborative Updates Carol shared that the Newcomers Collaborative will be holding a Multicultural Celebration on Saturday, November 5th at EJE Academies. Agencies are welcome to host a resource table or speak on their program. Please let Carol know if you would like to participate. The Council meeting later in the afternoon is focused on planning for the upcoming year. All Homeless Work Group members were invited to attend.</p>	<p>No action.</p>
<p>V. Agency Announcements Sara Ramirez is retiring this month and Frank Carson will become the Director of Parks and Recreation. The announcement will be at the next City Council meeting with an Appreciation Award for Sara’s many dedicated years of service.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p align="center"><i>NEXT HOMELESS SERVICES WORK GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY, Sept. 5th</i> <i>9:00-10:30 a.m.- CVUSD Board Room</i> <i>Next Council Meeting- Tuesday, September 5th</i> <i>12:30 p.m. CVUSD Board Room</i> <i>Next Newcomers’ Meeting- Tuesday, September 12th</i> <i>10:30 a.m.-Noon HHS Conference Room</i></p>	
<p align="center">Mission: The El Cajon Collaborative builds relationships, leverages resources and promotes best practices to enhance the quality of life for children, youth and families in our community</p>	