



Homeless Services Work Group Meeting Notes  
 March 6, 2018 / 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 CVUSD Board Room, 750 E. Main St., El Cajon CA 92020

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>            Marlynn Watanabe, Think Dignity, Anna Hartman, EC Library, Hazel Quiones, HHSA AIS, Tami Johnson, CVUSD, Julie Alon, City of EC, Pat Zamora, Crisis House, Jack Micklos, Crisis House, Zac Hansen, HHSA, Nasir Al Sammaraie, Community.</p>	No action.
<p><b>II. Overview of Meetings</b></p> <p><b>A. February’s Work Group Meeting Recap</b>            Anna Marie Piconi-Snyder, East Co. Homeless Task Force shared information on the Housing, Shelter &amp; Access to Food Committee progress. She also shared that the committee is putting together an access to food website with resources for food pantries, sack lunches and hot meals. ECTLC has agreed to maintain a shower unit for East Co. once one has been secured. They are hoping to add 299 beds with a new hotel conversion but it is still in the early stages. The committee is also looking for a safe parking lot. The food resource website is linked to the ConnectEC website and texting app and Carol will add it to the El Cajon Resource website.</p> <p><b>B. Work Group Focus and Action Plan</b>            Carol stressed that there was wonderful work being done by the Chamber’s East Co. Homeless Task Force and that we didn’t want to duplicate any of the work that they were doing. The group agreed that they wanted to focus on women and children and perhaps putting together a service project. Jack thought that it would be helpful to look at the homeless population as a whole and concentrate on families that are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk. Carol suggested having CVUSD come to the next meeting to share what services they offer to the families that are identified through the school district.</p>	No action.
<p><b>III. CVUSD Discussion</b>            Tami Hestor-Johnson attended the meeting to share what the services are at CVUSD and what the ECC Work Group may have to offer. She shared that there are currently counselors at every school. Every 6 weeks, there is a report for academic review that helps identify students who may be struggling for various reasons. The counselors and staff are very helpful when identifying homeless families. She also shared that 87% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches. All of the schools are participating in the breakfast in the classroom program. Eyal has brought a Poverty Simulation Training for school staff to help develop compassion and understanding. A few of the schools also have food pantries at their sites.</p> <p>Families that are identified through the McKinney-Vento Act are given</p>	Carol will look for data on homeless families in the CVUSD and GUHSD.

<p>backpacks, jackets and information on resources. Tami commented that they don't have items such as car seats to offer to their families. Some of their families are housed at El Cajon Transitional Living Center and attend Madison Elementary School. These families are offered a little more support through ECTLC's programs. Some of the families are living in chronic poverty.</p> <p>Some ideas that came out of the discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased use of showers- Mobile unit at school sites or joint use agreements with the high school district</li> <li>• Respite Care for families who are living in cramped quarters</li> <li>• Car Seats and other items for safe families</li> <li>• Laundry facilities</li> <li>• Boutique for families</li> <li>• Expand Bridges program</li> <li>• Homeless Volunteer Recruitment from the school district</li> <li>• A place to store items</li> </ul> <p>Tami estimated that there are 500-600 families who are homeless or living on the edge of homelessness.</p>	
<p><b>IV. Food Resource Website</b> Carol was going to give a demonstration of the new Food Resource Website but we couldn't get the internet to connect.</p>	No action.
<p><b>V. Agency Announcements</b> Homeless Connect- Crisis House at Rock Church on April 20<sup>th</sup>. They hope to provide over 1100 services to 175 individuals experiencing homelessness. So. Bay Collaborative is offering services in East Co. for rental assistance, assessments, and services for the chronic homeless in El Cajon.</p>	No action
<p><b>NEXT HOMELESS SERVICES WORK GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY, April 3rd</b> <b>9:00-10:30 a.m.- CVUSD Board Room</b> <b>Next Council Meeting- Tuesday, April 3rd</b> <b>12:30 p.m. CVUSD Board Room</b></p>	
<p><b>Mission:</b> 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>	