



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
FULLERTON MAIN LIBRARY – CONFERENCE CENTER**

THURSDAY

MARCH 1, 2012

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kennedy at 4:06 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Harvey, Jaramillo (arrived at 4:09 p.m.), Jennings, Johnson, Keller (arrived at 4:50 p.m.), Kennedy, Mazzenga, Milhander, Mugrditchian, Serbin

STAFF PRESENT: Council Member Bankhead, Asst. to the City Manager Ferrier, Community Development Director Zelinka, Captain Bastreri, Housing Programs Supervisor Morad, Community Center Supervisor Espinoza, Executive Assistant Pasillas

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting were APPROVED as written.

INTRODUCTIONS

Not done.

DISCUSS, REFINE, AND APPROVE TASK FORCE WORKING DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Kennedy led a discussion on refining the recommendations and identifying those which could be handled by the City. The following items were identified as being under the City's jurisdiction:

A1 – Recommend to the City Council that the City work with the County of Orange and other service providers to find and prepare land, and collaborate with surrounding cities to create a year-round, multi-service center that includes a low threshold emergency shelter for the homeless that is accessible to Fullerton residents.

B1 – Recommend to the City Council that the City work with Mercy House or other appropriate groups to try and get a count and assessment of needs of the homeless in Fullerton.

B2b – Recommend to the City Council that the City use kiosks, bulletin boards, and websites to disseminate information on available services.

B2B – Recommend to the City Council that the City support with funding the various information and reference services, such as 211.

C1 – Recommend to the City Council that the City communicate to the county their support for implementation of Laura's Law or an alternative that achieves the same outcome.

D1 – Recommend to the City Council that the City work with the appropriate county agency to identify developers and acquire land in Fullerton for permanent supportive housing developments to serve the mentally ill homeless.

D2a,b,c – Recommend to the City Council that the City consider all alternatives for adding low income affordable housing including: identifying and convertin existing buildings for single resident occupancy use; work with property owners to facilitate storefront conversion opportunities of existing unused buildings into very-low and extremely-low income apartments; and include very-low income housing as small parts of larger multi-income projects.

E2 – Recommend to the City Council that the City requests from the county a clinician to conduct outreach to the mentally ill homeless independently and in tandem with police officers.

DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Not discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made throughout the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

AGENDA FORECAST

The next meeting of the Task Force on Homelessness and Mental Health Services is scheduled for March 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fullerton Police Department Mural Room.