



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

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2011

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kennedy at 4:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Anh, Deloof, Gallagher, Harvey, Jaramillo, Jennings, Johnson, Keller, Kennedy, Lee, McGowan, McInerney, Milhander, Mugrditchian, Serbin, Thomas

ABSENT: Members: Hale, Haynes,

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

MINUTES: None (first meeting)

INTRODUCTIONS

The Task Force, staff and audience members introduced themselves and their positions.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED TASK FORCE MEETING FORMAT AND RULES OF ORDER

Chair Kennedy presented proposed meeting guidelines, purpose statement, objectives, meeting format, and a schedule for educational presentations. The Task Force approved the proposals with the following changes:

- Member Serbin would like to see a Task Force goal inserted after the purpose statement, and agreed to draft the goal and bring it back at the next meeting.
- Under objectives: Member Harvey suggested the addition of partnerships; Member Gallagher suggested adding a timeframe, such as "finish within six months"; a member of the audience suggested adding a survey of the homeless to see what they say they need, and also that a census of the homeless in Fullerton be taken.
- Under the proposed education presentations: Member Lee volunteered to provide information on the shelter + care program on November 3; it was suggested that Cpl. J.D. DeCaprio be a presenter at the November 17 meeting; have the homeless speak on their needs (several specific people were named and others would be invited); Member Anh asked to be removed from the presentation on December 1 as that was not her area of expertise and suggested several groups (OC, NAMI, Providence) that could be contacted to make a presentation (Members McInerney and Mugrditchian agreed to coordinate)

It was decided by the Task Force to adjust the educational presentation schedule to include a presentation by the homeless on December 1, and move the two remaining presentations back by one meeting. Member Thomas volunteered to invite some of the homeless he had contact

with to attend, as did James from the Armory, and Member McGowan offered to pass out flyers during the homeless dinners.

A discussion was held regarding the scope of the Task Force and whether it was the homeless and mentally ill, or the homeless or mentally ill. It was the consensus of the Task Force was to leave it as the homeless and mentally ill.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Members McGowan, Milhander, Gallagher, and Keller presented information on a Listening Conference that was held with the Fullerton Collaborative, and plans for future Conferences that would be held at the First Christian Church on October 27, and at Temple Beth Tikvah on November 13. They were still looking for a location in West Fullerton and Member Ahn volunteered to look into the possibility of using her church as that location. Task Force Members were asked to serve as small group facilitators at these meetings.

Discussion was held as to the possibility of holding Conferences in Spanish and Korean, and Member Keller volunteered to contact DELAC to see if it would be possible to hold a Listening Conference at one of their meetings.

Results and feedback from each Conference would be brought back to the Task Force at their next meeting.

MINDMIXER DEMONSTRATION

Director Zelinka provided a brief overview of the Mindmixer program, and Nick Bowden of Mindmixer provided a webcast introduction to the software. Mr. Zelinka explained that the City was already under contract with Mindmixer so there would be no additional costs if the Task Force decided to use the program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke on the topic of homelessness and mental health services:

Roberta Reid
Christine Walker
James
Two unknown

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

AGENDA FORECAST

The next meeting of the Task Force on Homelessness and Mental Health Services is scheduled for November 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fullerton Main Library Conference Center.