



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

**THURSDAY**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2011**

**4:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kennedy at 4:06 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Members: Anh, Deloof, Gallagher, Harvey, Jaramillo, Jennings, Johnson, Keller (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Kennedy, Lee, McGowan, McInerney, Milhander, Mugrditchian, Serbin

**ABSENT:** Members: Hale, Haynes, Thomas

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

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting be APPROVED as written.

**TASK FORCE MEMBER FOLLOW-UP**

Report on October 27, 2011 Listening Conference – Members Gallagher and McGowan reported that the first conference had been a success. The next conference was scheduled for November 13 at 2 p.m., and they were still working on the third event. Comments from all three conferences would be compiled and provided to the Task Force after the third event.

Discussion of Goal for Task Force – After discussion, the consensus of the Task Force was that the goal would read:

The goal of this Fullerton Task Force is to jointly engage the efforts of all agencies, public, private, non-profit, and religious, in ensuring the safety of Fullerton homeless persons with severe mental illness by eliminating their unwarranted arrests, victimization, and violent episodes and to provide them with needed resources whenever possible.

Members Lee and Deloof abstained.

Confirmation of Educational Presentation Speakers – The following people would be coordinating the educational presentations at the upcoming meetings of the Task Force:

December 1                      Member Deloof – Lived Experience

December 15                     Member Mugrditchian – Behavioral Health Care Assessment

## **EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS – Shelter and Food Providers**

Member Lee explained the handouts that had been provided, as well as providing the Task Force with an understanding of the different housing types, and the number of beds under each type, in Fullerton.

James Brooks from Mercy House explained how the Armory's seasonal program worked, and that he was expecting it to open on December 1 and hopefully remain open until April 1, unless funding ran out sooner. He provided information on the services provided, as well as some of the social services that were offered.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Mindmixer Update – Community Development Director Zelinka discussed the progress of the Mindmixer website and showed the Task Force its current webpage. He asked the Task Force for one or two topics that could be added. The following suggestions were made:

- How could the City most efficiently get information into the hands of the homeless, i.e. a kiosk or bulletin board?
- How could the City more efficiently assist the family and friends of the mentally ill homeless?
- Use some of the topics from the listening conferences (
- What could we all do better?
- What are your ideas for improving the current services and resources available to Fullerton's mentally ill homeless?

Update on survey of mentally ill homeless resources – Mr. Zelinka passed around a handout from the city of Costa Mesa which contained 32 pages of information on homeless services. He would email the document to the Task Force. He also stated that the City had three CSUF psychiatry students who had volunteered to intern, and they could be used to do research for the Task Force.

Articles for review online – Asst. to the City Manager Ferrier explained that he would be providing a list of articles to the Task Force as he collected them, and asked anyone who had additional articles to forward them to him.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

John Silber  
Roberta Reid  
Sandy Stiassni.  
Unknown gentlemen  
Madeline Leon

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

## **AGENDA FORECAST**

Task Force on Homelessness and Mental Health Services  
November 3, 2011

The next Task Force meeting is November 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fullerton Police Department Mural Room, 237 West Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton, California.

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