

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MURAL ROOM

THURSDAY February 2, 2012 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kennedy at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Deloof, Gallagher, Harvey, Jaramillo, Jennings, Johnson,

Keller, Kennedy, Mazzenga, McGowan, McInerney, Mugrditchian,

Serbin, Thomas

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Quirk-Silva, 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 January 19, 2012 meeting were APPROVED as written.

PRESENTATION

Susan Wright presented information on "the concrete way to end homelessness".

RECAP OF JANUARY 19TH "MIND MAPPING EXERCISE"

Chair Kennedy gave a brief recap of the previous meeting and the "mind mapping exercise" that had taken place.

PRIORITY TOPIC ROUNDTABLE

- Format and Process Director Zelinka explained the format of the current meeting, and the group work that would take place
- Roundtable Work
- Roundtable Report-outs

Information, Education Advocacy

- Condition census and identification of needs
- Review model of a best practice community and match to the City
- Compile interactive database of services and providers, and share through a website, phone application, kiosk, information center, etc.
- Work with 211 better to deliver real time information.
- Work with resource providers, non-profits, faith-based organizations, etc. to coordinate the delivery of services and access to funding
- Encourage partnership among the City, non-profits, faith-based organizations, etc. to work towards a common goal

Supportive Services

• Create a one-stop shop with wrap around service

 Outreach with police clinician – be proactive and reach out to form a link to services before a crisis

Year-Round Transitional Emergency Shelter/Services

- Create a year-round transitional shelter with a variety of services
- Develop a mentorship program someone to go through the process with them (i.e. getting an ID)
- Develop an alternate ID system for the homeless in Fullerton
- Partner with educational and church facilities to provide rotational showers
- Utilize retired doctors, nurses, dentists, etc. to meet needs
- Provide medical outreach staff
- Group non-profits together to purchase bus passes at a group rate

Lack of Insight and Laura's Law

- Need Laura's Law a small percent have severe mental illness and lack insight
- Need more support
- Transportation to get to services with more extended peer services
- Follow-up support
- Peer mentoring to help them walk into services
- Recommend to the Fullerton Council to support and implement Laura's Law
- Rainbow Resource Book need people to help navigate

Permanent Housing

- Recommend the City acquire land to build shelter + care facilities for the mentally ill homeless
- Convert existing buildings to SRO facility
- Find store fronts to convert to very low and very, very low housing
- Look for opportunities to increase very low housing as part of multi-level projects

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Wright commented on HUD financing that was marked specifically for homeless issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

AGENDA FORECAST

The next meeting of the Task Force on Homelessness and Mental Health Services is scheduled for February 16, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fullerton Police Department, Mural Room.