

**MERCED REGION CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC)
GENERAL COLLABORATIVE MEETING
City of Merced – Sam Pipes Room
678 West 18th Street, Merced
Wednesday, June 15, 2011
2:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Oral Communications
At this time any person may comment on any item that is not on the Agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Please state your name and address for the record. Action will not be taken on an item that is not on the Agenda. If action is required, it will be referred to staff and/or placed on the next Agenda.
- III. Executive Council – *Discussion with Possible Action*
 - A. June 2011 Elections – Ballot Vote
 - 1. Faith Based – one position
 - a. Renee Davenport, Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project
 - b. Lynne Thompson, Love INC
 - 2. Government – one position
 - a. Yer Xiong, Merced County Unified High School District
 - 3. Concerned Citizen – one position
 - a. Terry Tatum (incumbent)
 - 4. Business Leader – one position
 - a. Gary Rucker
 - B. By-laws Study Session – July 13, 2011
- IV. 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness – *Update*
- V. Merced Homeless Connect – *Discussion with Possible Action*
- VI. Announcements – *Information Only*
- VII. Adjournment

Next CoC General Collaborative Meeting – Wednesday, July 20, 2011

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Ainslie, City of Merced
Kathleen Cadden, Merced County Human Services Agency
John Carlisle, City of Merced
Renee Davenport, Sierra Saving Grace
Mark Hamilton, City of Merced
Mollie Lucas, Merced County Community Action Agency
Candice Medefind, Healthy House
Renee Mounce, Merced County Community Action Agency
Aubrey Nelson, Love INC
Christopher Ramirez, UC Merced
Saundra Reeves, Turning Point Community Programs
Fred Risard, St. Francis Merced Respite
Gary Rucker, Rucker Insurance Agency
Kathy Smith, Sierra Saving Grace
Janet Spangler, Merced County Mental Health
Yer Xiong, Merced Unified High School District

MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Jeanette Garcia, MCAG staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Ahmad Ahmadi, Sierra Saving Grace
Doris Caldwell
Walter Caldwell
Joe Carroll, Sierra Saving Grace
Cindy Mayo, Sierra Saving Grace

1. Welcome

Vice Chairperson Fred Risard opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and began introductions.

2. Oral Communications

None

3. Executive Council

A. Executive Council nominees in attendance were invited to speak to the Collaborative. Applications received were included with the agenda packet at the meeting, along

with a ballot. The Collaborative was invited to vote on the following four Executive Council positions: Business (1), Concerned Citizen (1), Faith Based (1) and Government (1).

Prior to the vote, staff reiterated By-law language concerning voting membership. John Carlisle indicated that the ballot should not provide a “no” option. Discussion regarding the voting process will occur at the Executive Council’s July 13, 2011 By-law Study Session.

New members of the Executive Council were welcomed: Renee Davenport (faith-based); Gary Rucker (business); Terry Tatum (concerned citizen); and Yer Xiong (government).

- B. The Executive Council will conduct a By-law study session on July 13, 2011. Members of the General Collaborative are invited to provide input.

4. 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Staff announced that the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness was approved by the MCAG Governing Board at their May 19, 2011 meeting. Several of the recommendations are already in progress. John Carlisle provided an update regarding the phone conference with HUD for VASH Vouchers. Coordination of Merced Homeless Connect, Recommendation 15 of the 10-Year Plan, is currently in progress as well. (Please see item five below.)

To date, the funding partners for new CoC Program Year include Merced County, City of Merced and City of Los Banos. John Carlisle acknowledged the City of Los Banos for their continuing partnership.

5. Merced Homeless Connect

Renee Davenport, Chairperson for Merced Homeless Connect (MHC), provided an update regarding the event, scheduled for July 15, 2011, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hoffmeister Center. Ms. Davenport extended appreciation for the progress achieved by the MHC partnership. She introduced Joe Carroll, who has obtained the donations that will provide lunch for the event.

Committee Leaders, Kathy Smith, Renee Mounce Aubrey Nelson and Sandra Reeves provided activity summaries and answered questions. Ms. Smith distributed a volunteer sign-up sheet. Ms. Mounce distributed the MHC flyer. Ms. Nelson announced that a volunteer training would be scheduled within the next few weeks. Staff distributed a funding summary of specific expenditures for the event.

Discussion ensued regarding the decision to include the homeless sex offender population, which requires that youth under the age of 18 not attend the event. This will be specified on the event flyer.

Debate began regarding whether community members (not homeless) should feel free to come to the event without signing up as volunteer. This will be discussed further at the

next Merced Homeless Connect planning meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2011, noon, at MCAG. All members of the General Collaborative are invited to attend the planning meetings and/or volunteer for the event.

6. Announcements

Staff distributed the 2011 Homeless Resources Directory and Matrix, requesting review for updates. If changes are necessary, please contact Jeanette Garcia at MCAG.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.