

**MERCED CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC)  
GENERAL COLLABORATIVE MEETING  
City of Merced – Sam Pipes Room  
678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced  
Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. 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 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.*
- 3. Executive Council – Information Only**
  - Business Representative Vacancy
- 4. 2009 CoC Funding Awards – Information Only**
- 5. 2010/11 Program Year Goal & Focus Areas - Discussion with Possible Action**
  - a. Program Year Goal – 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
  - b. Program Year Focus Areas
    - i. Provide housing options (those at encampments, sex offenders, etc.)
    - ii. Focus on services and housing for foster youth aging out of the system
    - iii. Create a hospital discharge plan
    - iv. Increase HMIS participation
    - v. Improve weekly One Stop Shop
    - vi. Build public and leadership buy-in regarding homeless service
    - vii. Adopt Policies & Procedures for the CoC
- 6. 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness – Information Only**
- 7. Preparation for 2010 CoC NOFA & Call for 2010 Prioritization Panel**  
*Information Only*
- 8. Gaps Analysis – Discussion with Possible Action**
  - Facilitated by Liz Freitas, County Mental Health
- 9. Opportunities/Announcements – Information Only**
- 10. Adjournment**

*Next CoC General Collaborative Meeting  
September 15, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.  
Merced City Hall*

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**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly Bratz, Merced Union High School District  
Kathleen Cadden, Merced County Human Services Agency  
John Carlisle, City Council, City of Merced  
Renee Davenport, Homeless Advocate  
Debbie Dean, Merced County Mental Health  
Lynn Downum-Hanzal, Resources for Independence  
Liz Freitas, Merced County Mental Health  
Matt Hirota, recyclemerced.com  
Renee Mounce, D Street Shelter, Merced County Community Action Agency  
Roberta Medina, Code Enforcement, City of Merced  
Terry Nichols, Department of Rehabilitation  
Masoud Niroumand, City of Merced  
Edward Pisoh, Horizons Unlimited Healthcare  
Terry Raley, Love Inc.  
Fred Risard, Episcopal Church  
Melissa Rogers, Department of Rehabilitation  
Audrey Slocum, Merced County Mental Health  
Robyn Stiles, City of Merced  
Terry Tatum, CoC Executive Council

**MCAG STAFF PRESENT**

Jeanette Garcia, MCAG staff

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Larry Fisher, Former Foster Youth  
Stephen Hinton, IHSS Provider  
David D. Washington-Halfkenny, IHSS Provider

**1. Welcome**

Executive Council Vice Chair Fred Risard called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and began introductions.

**2. Oral Communications**

Matt Hirota of Wheel Solutions provided an update regarding the status of the bicycle project. This program will overlap with One Stop, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the D Street Shelter.

### **3. Executive Council**

The Business Representative vacancy on the Executive Council has not been filled. This position generally requires attendance at two CoC meetings per month.

### **4. 2009 CoC Funding Awards**

Vice Chair Fred Risard announced the 2009 CoC funding awards, which will provide continued funding for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Project Home Start, as well as funding for two new programs, Community Social Model Advocates and Turning Point.

Debbie Dean from Merced County Mental Health presented information about Project Home Start, which provides permanent supportive housing to individuals with severe, chronic mental illness.

Community Social Model Advocates and Turning Point will present program information at the September 15, 2010 General Collaborative meeting.

### **5. 2010/11 Program Year Goal & Focus Area**

Additional changes discussed during the meeting are noted in italics below:

a. Program Year Goal – 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

b. Program Year Focus Areas

- i. Provide housing options (those at encampments, sex offenders, etc.)
- ii. Focus on services and housing for foster youth aging out of the system
- iii. *Assist with the development of* a hospital discharge plan
- iv. Increase HMIS participation
- v. Improve weekly One Stop Shop
- vi. Build public and leadership buy-in regarding homeless services
- vii. *Strengthen homeless prevention efforts*
- viii. Adopt CoC Policies & Procedures

### **6. 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness (10-Year Plan)**

The 10-Year Plan Request for Proposals was released on July 16, 2010 with a closing date of August 9, 2010.

### **7. Preparation for 2010 CoC NOFA & Call for 2010 Prioritization Panel**

The 2010 CoC Notice of Funding Availability has not yet been released. Staff will organize a planning meeting to discuss potential projects.

Applications for the 2010 Prioritization Panel were distributed. If interested, please return applications to Jeanette Garcia, MCAG staff.

**8. Gaps Analysis**

Liz Freitas facilitated a discussion regarding homeless service gaps. A worksheet was distributed identifying current services available and service gaps. Although gaps will be addressed with the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, major concerns include the need for increased homeless prevention efforts and outreach to motivate awareness and interest on the issue of homelessness. The need to strengthen homeless prevention efforts will be added as a Program Year Focus Area.

**9. Opportunities/Announcements**

Vice Chair Fred Risard proposed a change to General Collaborative meetings, from Wednesdays to Fridays each month. It was suggested that an email poll be taken from the General Collaborative. Staff will send out a vote request via email.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.