

**MERCED CONTINUUM OF CARE
GENERAL COLLABORATIVE MEETING
Merced County Association of Governments
369 West 18th Street, Merced
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
2:00 p.m.**

- 1. Welcome**
- 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 it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or placed on the next agenda.
- 3. Minutes of the October 21, 2009 General Collaborative Meeting**
For information only.
- 4. City of Merced Homeless Plan Update**
Mike Conway
- 5. Quarterly Reports**
 - *Grantee – Project Home Start*
 - *Grantee – HMIS*
 - *HMIS Data*
- 6. HMIS Web Tour**
- 7. Street Count – Committee and Volunteer Sign-ups. Recommended Timeline:**
 - *First meeting – 12/2/10, Concept; assign roles*
 - *Second meeting – 12/16/10, status of tasks*
 - *Third meeting – 01/06/10, status of tasks*
 - *Training for volunteers – 01/27/10*
 - *Street Count – 01/29/10*
- 8. Informational Items**
 - *Grant Opportunities*
 - *News Articles*
 - *Coordinator announcements*
- 9. Announcements from group?**
- 10. Adjourn**

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Bunnell, Human Services Agency Adult Services
Kathleen Cadden, Human Services Agency
Mike Conway, City of Merced
Stacie Dabbs, Congressman Cardoza
Vicky Deltoro, Merced Union High School District
Collette Farris, OLWJ Outreach Center
Liz Freitas, Mental Health
Carl Joachim, Merced Parole
Kathy Hassett, Human Services Agency
Brenda Kong, Yosemite Church
Christina Kraushar, Mental Health
Roberta Medina, City of Merced Code Enforcement
Renee Mounce, Community Action Agency
Emerald Mouton, Christian Life Center
Steven Nascimento, Congressman Cardoza Office
Lori Newman, Community Social Model Advocates
Saundra Reeves, Turning Point
Fred Risard, Episcopal Church
Nancy Young, Office of Assembly Member Galgiani

STAFF PRESENT

Lori Flanders, Assistant Planner

1. Welcome

Lori Flanders initiated self-introductions.

2. Oral Communications

None.

3. City of Merced Homeless Plan Update

Mike Conway provided an overview of the November 23, 2009 Merced City Council meeting. Highlights included:

- Motel Voucher Program was approved. Vouchers will be provided for those that need shelter if all emergency shelter beds are at capacity and the temperature is at 32 degrees or below. Maximum program dollars are \$8,400.
- Approximately 14 individuals spoke at the Council to recommend the Tyler/Mission Road location not be utilized for an encampment.

- Council will review the encampment item at their next meeting on December 7, 2009.

Mike asked the CoC on any guidelines they may recommend be implemented for the Motel Voucher Program. Recommendations included:

- Lori Newman - Need a plan if clients damage a motel room – who would be responsible?
- Kathy Hassett – Human Services Agency (HSA) has a MOU with motel. Be sure to provide voucher directly to the motel and not to client.
- Liz – What if the individual cannot sleep on a top bunk or has a religious preference that prevents them from staying at the Rescue Mission? Will they be denied a voucher?
- Christina Kraushar – recommended providing vouchers one night at a time and ensure clients are out by 9am.
- Renee Mounce – will not know until 8pm each night if the shelter is full.

HSA, Mental Health, and the D Street Shelter offered to meet with the City to discuss their current practices and procedures to help with the city's plan.

4. Quarterly Reports

- *Grantee – Project Home Start*
- *Grantee – HMIS*
- *HMIS Data*

Lori Flanders explained that she is working with HMIS staff to provide a system-wide report, not just a report on the D Street Shelter.

5. HMIS Web Tour

Renee Mounce provided a live tour of the HMIS system. Participants were provided an overview of the reporting tools, how to enter a client, tracking services used, and case management functions.

Following the presentation, Lori Flanders asked the group what their barriers are to use the system on a daily basis. Comments included:

- Lori Newman with Community Social Model Advocates - Confidentiality concerns (Title 9).
- Kathy Hassett with HSA – already has systems they are required to use. Duplication of work.

Liz recommended contacting Workforce Development to gauge their interest to allow those in work experience courses to enter data for agencies.

6. Street Count – Committee and Volunteer Sign-ups.

Lori Flanders explained the Street Count concept and recommended timeline. She asked that volunteers for the sub-committee and actual count sign up on sheet provided at meeting.

7. Informational Items

- Grant Opportunities
- New Articles

So noted.

- Coordinator announcements
 - Community Action Agency has created a brochure for their Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (copies provided at meeting).
 - Flier was provided for a Homeless Families Workshop on December 6, 2009 at 6pm and Yosemite Church. Brenda Kong provided a detailed overview.

8. Announcements from group?

Liz announced an informational gathering regarding benefits for veterans at the D Street Shelter on November 19th at 1:30.

Vicky Deltoro provided posters to those that were interested announcing the Merced Union High School Districts program to assist homeless families with their children's school enrollment.

9. Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.