Orange County’s Homeless Provider Forum  
April 5, 2018  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew’s Hall  
1855 Orange Olive Road, Orange 92865

Chairs  
Tiffany Mitchell, Project Hope Alliance  
Tim Houchen, Hope 4 Restoration  
Donald Dermit, The Rock Homeless Ministries

Notes

- **Informal Networking**

- **Welcome and Announcements**


  - The Housing Resources Guides provided by Radiant Health Centers are currently being updated for the year. The availability to make updates for agencies will close soon. The resource guides were also made available to the forum.

- **Continuum of Care Updates - Jim Wheeler, CoC Manager, Orange County**

  - Jim Wheeler provided an update to the Forum. He stated that Judson Brown was elected as Chair, Dawn Price as Co-Chair and Jeanne Awrey as secretary. Jim asked Judson Brown to introduce himself to the forum.

  - Jim Wheeler continued his update and mentioned that May’s Homeless Provider Forum will be a CoC At Large and memberships will be open to sign up to become a CoC Member. Jim Wheeler encouraged all agencies or individuals that have not signed up for CoC Membership status to apply next month and get in touch with Jocelyn Gaspar ([jgaspar@211oc.org](mailto:jgaspar@211oc.org)) for more information.

  - The CoC Board meetings are scheduled every fourth Wednesday of every one month. The locations vary, but visit the [211OC Master Calendar](#) for the location of each meeting.

  - Thursday April 5th is HMIS’s “go live” date with Clarity.

  - The CoC Board elected members of the CoC Board to serve as Chair of the CoC Subcommittees. The Street Outreach Chair is Matt Bates, the Data Subcommittee Chair is Elizabeth Andrade, The CES Subcommittee Chair is Patti Long, the Housing Opportunities Chair is George Searcy, and the Homeless Provider Forum Chair is Pastor Donald Dermit.
• Restaurant Meals Program Update – Maria Hernandez, CalFresh Policy
  ▪ No update, Maria Hernandez was unfortunately unable to make the Homeless Provider Forum.

• Homelessness in Orange County: The Cost to Our Community and United to End Homelessness – Becks Heyhoe, OCUW Housing Manager, Orange County United Way
  ▪ Becks Heyhoe shared key findings and recommendations form the Orange County cost study of Homelessness to the forum. For more information on the Cost Study and full report, Becks provided the forum with the link: https://www.unitedwayoc.org/resources
  ▪ Becks also shared United Way’s United to End Homelessness initiative which launched February 28, 2018. The goals of the United to End Homelessness initiative is to rally the community in support of a permanent supportive housing solution for chronically homeless individuals. Identify homes for our chronically homeless neighbors in need through accessing existing rental units and by working with United Way’s partners to support and champion efforts to develop new units. Work with the County and others to leverage data that can help the community gain detailed insights so that we may enhance the overall system.
  ▪ Becks stated that United Way is looking for stories to share as part of their Public Awareness Campaign. Please send any stories to info@unitedtoendhomelessness.org

• Questions and Answers / Closing Remarks
  ▪ Soledad Rivera, Family Hub Manager from the Family Solutions Collaborative, stated that the Family Solutions Collaborative has recently started to implement their South Service Planning Area Pilot Program Family Hub. Currently, the next step is to hire Family Service Navigators for the South SPA location.

The next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for:
  May 3rd, from 9:00-11:00 am
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