Orange County’s Homeless Provider Forum  
June 07, 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  
• Continuum of Care Updates - Jim Wheeler, CoC Manager, Orange County  
  Jim Wheeler from the County of Orange provided an update to the forum. The Agency Administrative Review for HUD funded CoC application renewals was released on May 31, 2018 and is due on June 15, 2018 by 3:00pm. The Agency Administrative Review was formerly the LOI Part/I. Please contact Jocelyn Gaspar (jgaspar@211oc.org) for more information. The Request for Qualifications is tentatively set to be released on June 11, 2018. Jim Wheeler also stated that Susan Price, Director of Care Coordination, is interested sharing her vision with the Homeless Provider Forum and is recommending speaking at the August Homeless Provider Forum.  
• Coordinated Entry System Update – Patti Long, Mercy House  
  Patti Long from Mercy House provided an update to the Homeless Provider Forum. The CES Manual is currently in the daft stage and will be presented to the CoC Board for approval. The CES Steering committee is also drafting prioritization for CES. A draft will be shared in the upcoming months for feedback. CES Steering Committee members were nominated at the last Homeless Provider’s Forum. The CES Steering Committee nomination list was shared with the forum. The Steering Committee prefers to keep the committee at 20 members. The Steering Committee will meet monthly.  
• City of Santa Ana - Homelessness– Hafsa Kaka, Homeless Services Manager  
  Hafsa Kaka from the City of Santa Ana provided an update to the forum regarding Santa Ana’s efforts on homelessness. Current city efforts to combat homelessness include: A new Homeless Services Manager, hired in February 2018; dedicated a full-time Santa Ana Police Department Officer to act as a Homeless Coordinator for services within the Police Department’s activities, created a Quality of Life Team (QOLT) in January 2018 consisting of members of various city departments to implement a coordinated
response to requests for services by the community due to impacts of homelessness, annual award of approximately $450,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to nonprofit homeless service providers for Street Outreach, Rapid Rehousing, and Homeless Prevention Services. For more information please visit: http://www.santa-ana.org/homelessness/

• **Restaurant Meals Program Update** – Kenny Rodriguez, Social Services Agency
Kenny Rodriguez from the Social Services Agency provided an update about the recently implemented Restaurant Meals Program. The Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) allows elderly, disabled, and homeless CalFresh recipients to use their EBT card to purchase prepared meals from participating restaurants. Currently 32 restaurants are participating in the program. For more information please visit the RPM website at [http://ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/calfresh/rmp](http://ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/calfresh/rmp)

Deborah Kopit, the CEO from H.E.A.R.T. shared with the Forum the services provided by her agency and the organization’s mission. HEART, also known as Hearts4pets provides free and low-cost veterinary care, pet socialization and behavioral rehabilitation, domestic & wild animal rescue, adoption assistance, and emergency disaster relief. Hearts4Pets depends on the support of individual donors to help put an end to needless suffering and make a positive difference in the lives of so many pets and their families. Please visit [http://www.heart4pets.org/](http://www.heart4pets.org/) for more information.

• **Questions and Answers / Closing Remarks**
Dianne stated that her volunteer group creates sleeping mats for people experience homelessness.
The sleeping mats are created out of grocery bags and mats are available to any agency/individual that needs them. Contact ccnoc@covp.org for more information.

The next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for:
August 2nd, from 9:00-11:00 am
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