Orange County’s Homeless Provider Forum
March 1, 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

Agenda

- Informal Networking
- Welcome and Announcements
  - The new chairs Tiffany Mitchell, Tim Houchen, and Donald Dermit provided a brief introductions about themselves.
  - Colette’s Children’s Home is hiring for 1 case manager and 5 housing navigators. Please visit their website for more information.
  - Mercy House – The Armories will be closed March 2nd through March 4th. Clients will be bused to an alternate site during these days. The location is at First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton.
- Continuum of Care Updates - Jim Wheeler, CoC Manager, Orange County
  - Jim Wheeler provided an update to the Forum. He stated that the CoC Board met and had a great meeting on February 21st. Judson Brown is the new Chair, the Co-Chair is Dawn Price, and the Secretary is Jeanne Awrey. There are a total of 15 seats total sitting on the board.
  - The Governance Charter was approved and the board members sit on the board for a total of two to three years.
  - The Coordinated Entry System Grant was recommended to move from 211OC to The County of Orange as the fiscal agent. The recommendation still needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors to finalize.
  - All persons experiencing homelessness have moved out of the flood control channel. Nearly 700 motel vouchers have been provided to the people living in the flood control channel (FCC). Jim Wheeler requested that everyone helps to find ways to keep the people that were in the FCC stable. The CoC only has a sort time to figure out solutions to housing. For now, all individuals will be clinically assessed by the Health Care Agency. All individuals that qualify under the mental health services act will be referred to said program. Anyone willing to move into Transitional Housing will
be move to the program as bridge housing. Other options include detox locations and emergency shelters.

- 211OC and the County of Orange are working on a tracking list to monitor flow of emergency beds available in Orange County. Please expect a phone call from 211OC.

• Panel Presentation – Stabilization and Immediate Move in Options
  
  • Furnishing Hope – Beth Phillip, Executive Director
    - Beth stated the Furnishing Hope assists women, single parents, military veterans, and anyone with mental health. Referrals from agencies are needed to assist with finishing rented spaces.
  
  • His House – Ruth Cho, Outreach Coordinator and Carrie Buck, Executive Director
    - Ruth and Karen stated that their organization provides small household items and some furniture to anyone needing assistance. Their program mostly reaches out to churches, via their Facebook page and via Giving Children Hope.
  
  • Assistance League of Newport-Mesa - Karen Treaccar, President
    - The Assistance League is an all-volunteer program selling donated items from the community. The items are also available to clients needing household items. The Assistance League partners with families and school districts to provide the items. The AL also has Pop-up Shops that allow the community to shop for free items. The last partnership was with Project Hope Alliance for families. The AL also provides low cost dental care for children of low income families enrolled in the Newport Mesa Unified School districts.
  
  • Hope 4 Restoration – Tim Houchen, Executive Director
    - Tim Houchen’s new nonprofit is experimenting with a new home warming party that assists recently housed clients find furniture or donations for furniture. Tim mentioned that when he originally was moved into a housing opportunity, he had no refrigerator and didn’t have one for a short time. The housewarming party experiment was a success and the family received various donations and the city councilman even participated. Tim hopes to continue with this experiment and is open to volunteers wanting to participate.

• Questions and Answers
• Closing Remarks
The next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for:
April 5th, from 9:00-11:00 am
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