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**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Commission on Homelessness
Monday, December 10, 2012 - 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Oxnard Public Library
Conference Room B
251 South "A" Street, Oxnard, CA 93030**

A. ROLL CALL

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 5, 2012**

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A person may address the Commission only on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes each. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments that is not on the agenda. Such item may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

D. HOMELESS SERVICES UPDATE

1. Public comment on Homeless Services Update: members of the public may comment on items listed under Homeless Services Update. Comments shall be limited to three minutes each.
2. Disaster evacuation report: Commander Marty Meyer and Deborah O'Malley
3. 2013 Point In Time Count of Homeless Persons: Will Reed
4. 2012 Continuum of Care Grant Application Review and Public Hearing: Will Reed

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Public comment on Old Business: members of the public may comment on items listed under Old Business. Comments shall be limited to three minutes each.
2. Discussion of revised County 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness & decision to recommend to Mayor and City Council for revised implementation - Commissioners

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Commissioners may relate recent experiences or request that matters be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the Commission on Homelessness will be January 8, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA, 93030.

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City of Oxnard
Commission on Homelessness
Business Meeting
November 5, 2012
3:30PM

Commissioner Rivera called to order the business meeting of the Commission on Homelessness at 3:34 PM on October 1, 2012 in the City Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

A. ROLL CALL

Will Reed conducts roll call. The following persons were present:

Commissioner Rivera
Commissioner Courtland
Commissioner Castanon
Commissioner Jones
Commissioner Perez
Commissioner Tracy
Commissioner Stern
Commissioner Couey
Commissioner Gonzalez

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Tracy made the motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Courtland. Accepted by (All).

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Timothy Hockett, new Executive Director for Community Action formally introduced himself to the commission.
2. Cathy Brudnicki noticed that the next Commission on Homelessness meeting is on December 3rd, and she just wanted to make all of the commissioners aware and encourage all commissioners would participate in the Public Hearing for the Ten Year Strategy.

D. HOMELESS SERVICES UPDATE

1. Kingdom Center Update- As of November 1st on the transitional living side they have three mothers and three kids that are all from Oxnard. On the emergency shelter they have one single woman that is from Oxnard, one mother with four children who are from Oxnard, two additional mothers from Ojai, a single mother with 3 kids from Oxnard and one mother with one child who is from the Thousand Oaks area. A total of twenty-three people, they have six beds are transitional living and ten for emergency shelter. Operations are being transferred to another staff person.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Comment-*None*
 1. Eileen McCarthy-Expressed a concern for organizations such as the Rescue Mission who have a nonconforming use provisions. If it's in violation, City Council will have to make a decision depending on the case.
 2. Steve Nash- Wanted to remind everyone that some SB-2 revisions would trigger changes to the 2030 General Plan and there are only three amendments allowed per year.
2. Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Black and White Dinner Dance results: About \$15,000 dollars were raised for the Winter Warming Shelter. The shelter manager of the Winter Warming Shelter is Erick Pezel.
3. Senate Bill 2 Compliance-Steve Fischer, Stephanie Diaz and Sue Martin presented proposed zoning for shelters, supportive, and transitional housing sites. There was discussion for felony allowances, and standards for running the shelters

were revised with input from commissioners and shelter operators. They have not set a date to take back to City Council.

4. Homeless Shelter Discussion-most topics were covered in the previous topic.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Comment-*None*
2. Emergency Winter Warming Shelter Plans: Opening the first of December and it will be located in Oxnard. Donation of socks and volunteers will be needed.
3. 2012 Continuum of Care Grant Update and Review Panel Selection- NOFA has not been released. Two members are needed to serve on the panel to review the renewing and new applications. Commissioner Jones moved to nominate Commissioners Castanon and Tracy, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion passed.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Rivera would like consideration for the Commissioner Retreat to be moved to mid-December.
2. Commissioner Tracy would like to have Marty Meyer come in to talk about the several homeless programs.
3. Applications for Commissioners as incumbents should be submitted in early December.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rivera adjourned the meeting at 4:57 P.M.

2013 Homeless Persons Count

Tuesday
Jan. 29,
2013

Help us find out how many men, women and children are homeless in Ventura County. By volunteering for a morning, afternoon or evening shift you help us access federal funds for housing.

Sign up at:

VolunteerVenturaCounty.org

We work only in teams

We count in specific areas

Training is provided

Volunteers must be 18 or older

Reserve your volunteer time and location at:

WWW.VOLUNTEERVENTURACOUNTY.ORG

For more information contact Meg Kimbell-Drewry at hudprograms@ventura.org

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Meeting Date: 02/12/2007

ACTION	TYPE OF ITEM
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Info/Consent
<input type="checkbox"/> Ord. No(s). _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Res. No(s). _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing (Info/consent)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Prepared By: Will Reed x8044 _____ Agenda Item No. _____

Reviewed By: City Manager _____ City Attorney _____ Finance _____ Other (Specify) _____

DATE: January 31, 2008

TO: City Council

FROM: Sal Gonzalez, Director
Housing Department

SUBJECT: 1-Year Action Plan Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the listed five (5) recommendations for the City of Oxnard’s Action Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, extracted from the County’s recommendation of its 10-Year Strategy to End Chronic Homelessness:

1. Develop a dedicated revenue generating source;
2. Create twenty (20) additional units of transitional housing;
3. Create thirty-five (35) shelter beds;
4. Create and implement an educational campaign;
5. Develop and implement additional prevention programs.

SUMMARY

In 2003 the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requested local jurisdictions participating in federally funded homeless programs to develop “local 10-year plans to end chronic homelessness.” The two agencies agreed that chronic homelessness is the most visible form of homelessness, consisting most often of unaccompanied individuals who have been homeless for a year or more, or multiple times over several years; disabled by drug addictions, mental illness, chronic physical illness or disability, or developmental disability, with frequent histories of hospitalization, unstable employment, and incarceration. Because the City is a recipient of federally funded homeless program grant funds, namely the Continuum of Care grant, the City must comply with the ICH and HUD.

At the July 12, 2007 meeting, City Council approved the recommendation sent forth by the City’s Commission on Homelessness to adopt the County of Ventura’s 10-Year Strategy to End Chronic Homelessness.

DISCUSSION

In December of 2005, City Council adopted a resolution supporting the development of a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Oxnard. At the December 11, 2006 meeting, City Council appointed a 16-member ad-hoc committee named the "Homeless Plan Working Group" to guide the development of the 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness.

However, since that time, County Supervisor Kathy Long has requested that the City adopt the County's 10 Year Strategy to End Chronic Homelessness (Strategy). The County's Strategy was adopted by the County in June 2007 and submitted to the ICH. Throughout the remainder of 2007, all ten (10) municipalities within the County adopted the Strategy.

After this request was made, staff consulted with ICH as to how to respond to Supervisor Long's request. Mr. Cabrera of ICH offered two (2) recommendations:

1. The City develop its own plan with a strategy unique to Oxnard, or
2. The City adopt the County's Strategy but develop its own action items and develop more fully the details and benchmarks for each item.

This response was taken to the City's Commission on Homelessness and the Working Plan Group on July 2, 2007 in a Special Meeting. At the meeting both groups voted unanimously to adopt the County's Strategy with the City identifying its own action items and fully developing the benchmarks for each item. The groups then worked vigorously to select five (5) of the twenty-two (22) recommendations listed in the Strategy, and continued to work to produce and present, in concept, the composition of the five (5) items (see attachment #1).

Upon the approval of these recommendations, staff will continue to work with the Commission on Homelessness, service providers, and other community stakeholders to finalize the concepts, and create implementation timelines and benchmarks for each recommendation. This process will be one that will continue to evolve and renew itself as the City continues its work to end chronic homelessness.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

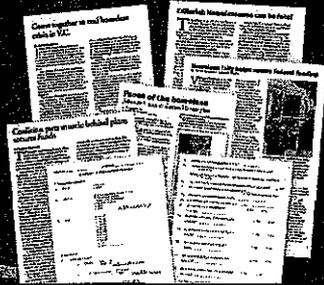
There are no financial impacts for the City in the adoption of these five recommendations. However, as the recommendations are further and fully developed, there may be costs associated with the implementation process.

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Attachment #1 – City of Oxnard Action Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

Recalibrating for Results:

A Five Year Evaluation and Update of the 2007-2017
County of Ventura 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

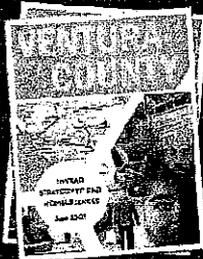


December 2012

Background Information

- Each of the 22 recommendations in the 2007 plan were evaluated by the 10-Year Plan Steering Committee.

Background Information



The County of Ventura and all 10 cities supported the "10-Year Strategy (Plan) to End Homelessness" in 2007.

Progress to Date

- There was a decrease of 12% in local homelessness between 2007 - 2012;
- Homeless families decreased by 37% between 2009 - 2012;

More Progress Needed

- Continue focus on homeless families;
- Readjust focus on chronic homeless persons who continue to make up 50% of our local homeless population.

Next Steps - "Best Practices"

- Several evidence-based and "best practices" were recently incorporated into the 2007 10-year plan.

Achievements

- There have been several significant achievements during the past five years that helped reduce local homelessness.

Next Steps - "Implementing an Innovative Idea"

- Three stages of development for innovative ideas often include:
 - Ridicule;
 - Resistance;
 - Realignment.

Next Steps - 5 "New" Guiding Principles

- Shifting away from providing more and more shelter and transitional beds and towards providing permanent housing as quickly as possible;
- This guiding principle follows the best practice known as "Housing First."

Next Steps - 5 "New" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- Moving away from street outreach that focuses on building relationships with homeless persons over time and moving towards rapid engagement, support, and housing placement;
- This follows the best practice known as "Assertive Community Treatment."

Next Steps - 5 "New" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- Minimizing the length of stay in shelters and transitional housing and aligning resources to help households obtain permanent housing as quickly as possible;
- This guiding principle follows the best practice known as "Rapid Re-Housing."

Next Steps - 5 "New" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- Ensuring that rental and utility assistance is given to households that are most likely to become homeless if not for this assistance;

Next Steps - 5 "New" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- Implement a service plan that helps persons placed in case managed transitional "re-entry beds" obtain permanent housing.

Next Steps - 6 "Original" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- Creating permanent affordable housing units for which a household spends no more than 30% of their monthly income on basic housing needs;

Next Steps - 6 "Original" Guiding Principles

- Providing Permanent Supportive Housing which "ends" a person's homeless experience instead of continuously "managing" their homeless experience with emergency food, clothing, and shelter;

Next Steps - 6 "Original" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- Providing homeless prevention resources is less costly and more effective than helping households obtain housing after they become homeless;

Next Steps - 6 "Original" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- ⊗ Preventing persons from being discharged into homelessness is less costly and more effective than helping them after they become homeless again;

Next Steps - 6 "Original" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- ⊗ Building upon a public and private partnership is necessary to end homelessness.

Next Steps - 6 "Original" Guiding Principles (Cont'd)

- ⊗ Gathering data is necessary to identify and monitor benchmarks and outcomes;

Next Steps - Funding the Plan

- ⊗ Each recommendation is followed by potential sources of revenue and/or in-kind contributions needed to implement the recommendations.

Next Steps - Implementing the Plan

- ® A Continuum of Care Oversight Body for Ventura County will be created to ensure that the recommendations and related activities are coordinated and evaluated.

Recalibrating For Results: A Five-Year Evaluation of the 2007–2017
County Of Ventura 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1 applies to individuals and families who are mired in chronic homelessness; individuals and families who experience temporary homelessness, and individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless.

1: Housing First Model

Recommendations 2 through 5 focus on individuals and families who are mired in chronic homelessness.

2: Community Outreach, Engagement, and Treatment for Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families

3: Shelter Plus Care Certificates

4: Permanent Supportive Housing Beds

5: Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (VASH) Vouchers

Recommendations 6 through 11 also concentrate on individuals and families but those who experience temporary homelessness

6: Rapid Re-Housing Strategy

7: Shelters

8: Transitional Housing

9: Permanent Affordable Housing

10: Housing Trust Fund

11: Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

Recommendations 12 through 14 focus on individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless.

12: Homeless Prevention Resources and Services

13: Community Outreach and Education Campaign

14: Discharge Planning

Recommendations 15 through 20 support each of the other recommendations with additional activities and resources.

15: Mainstream Resources

16: Detoxification Services

17: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

18: Business Community Involvement

19: Faith-Based Organizations

20: Coordinated Assessment and Case Management System

Recommendations 21 through 23 address Implementation of the Plan.

21: Continuum of Care Board

22: Designate Working Groups to Address Key Activities for the Ventura County Continuum of Care

23: Recognize the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) as the local Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County (IACH).