

Shelter Provider Network

5/10/06 Minutes

Attendees:

Nancy Noel, Alpha Omega, CSA Mountain View; Alison Dougherty, Santa Clara Adult Education; Linda Jones, EHC LifeBuilders; Charlotte Pizzo, InnVision; Arlette Musallam, Norma Orozco, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center; Lynn Morrison, Bill Wilson Center; Nadine Hutchinson, Cupertino Community Services; Michelle Ogburn, Community Technology Alliance; Courtney Bober, Saint Joseph Cathedral Foundation; Cedric Anderson, Unity Care

Introductions

Ginny Pflugler – Manager of In Kind donations for EHC LifeBuilders. Small Mall is an available resource. Next week is open for picking up items. Available to other providers. 5/17/06, 10:00-2:00.

Alison, SCAE – next term is beginning 5/22. Time left to register clients for classes. There has been a change in policy for issuing bus passes. When clients return for additional passes, they are requiring evidence of job search.

Linda Jones, EHC LifeBuilders- Amories – officially shut down last week (for the third time). Still had 90+ at the winter shelters, even into May. EHC has job opening for shelter manager, immediately. Linda will be on maternity leave by end of May (3 months). Peter Weiss will cover for Linda during leave. 294-2900 ext. 256.

Courtney, St. Joseph Worker House for women – have an opening. 283-8100 ext. 2224.

Charlotte, InnVision – There are openings in both emergency shelter and transitional for single women or women with children. Job opening for care giver/teacher, requires 12 ECE units. Summer camp begins week after school ends (SJUSD). Free! 9-3 daily, field trips. Ages 5-12. Ends the week before school begins. 453-3124

Norma, SVILC – Voter workshop, 5/16 at Gilroy one-stop, 1:30 – 3:00. 5/17 at Zanker 1:30 – 3:00.

Lynn, BWC – Openings in Transitional for single and parenting young adults 18-22.

Unity Care – Three counselor openings. Also openings for Transitional housing. 971-9822. 18-21, aged out of foster care.

Old Business

Training update –

- June is CPR. Children and Adult, sign up with Leah.
- Will schedule another Time Management session. Turned away 20 people. Seeptember?
- Need suggestions for future trainings. Talk with staff about suggestions.

- The question was raised about how to handle physical conflicts between clients? Damned if you do damned if you don't. The book Verbal Judo was recommended. Although it is clearly from a law enforcement perspective. Possible future training topic.

HMIS Update –

- Community Technology Alliance is working to install the new ART (Advanced Reporting Tool) which will greatly improve our ability to do customized reports from the ServicePoint software. In addition, the exception reports will resume when this tool is implemented.
- The customizations for Sacred Heart Community Service should be complete by the first week of June. We are targeting to have SHCS fully implemented by 7/1/06
- Working with St. Justin's Community Service and Homeless Care Force to implement HMIS. Homeless Care Force will be a remote implementation which offers some new challenges for HMIS. All of which are doable.

Available Resources

Housing Services Partnership has a little extra money this month for Rental Assistance, or Deposit assistance. San Jose residence only. Contact Georgia Travis Center.

Emergency Assistance Network – Zip Codes 95112, 95116, 95113. Have some money left. Contact Georgia Travis Center See HelpSCC for other agencies and zip codes.

Shelter Review Committee –

Sometime between June and September will be EHC, one of the family programs.

Finance report –

Some money still available for video taping. Will likely tape next time management session.

Project Homeless Connect –

- Low turnout. Weather, location possible causes. No housing vouchers were offered this time.
A note of clarification from the Housing Authority:
Regarding the Homeless Connect Fair - it says there were no housing vouchers offered this time. But the Section 8 wait list was open during the week that the homeless connect event was happening and people could sign up on-line or by mail in and everyone who signs up will have an opportunity to actually apply for a voucher.
It was similar to the first Homeless Connect where we opened the wait list, but at that

time it was just for homeless and they could only register by mail and there were only 25 vouchers to be given and then the list would be deleted.

- Need more agency presence.
- Medical vans filled up by before noon.
- Does this model work for San Jose.
- Did not offer what the attendees needed: Employment and Permanent Housing. These are often limited by criminal records, credit records of applicants

Discussed the challenges of getting clients jobs with history that employers don't want to take a chance on.

- Opportunity for collaboration. Employment Connection, CalWORKS professional job developers. Lost some funding.
- Income, Benefits and Treatment committee. Need to take next step for implementation.
- Idea for starting a business to employ difficult to employ clients. In the model of Hope Rehabilitation.
- Need specialists to use collaboratively in addition to generalist case managers.

Section 8 –

SVILC workshops had about 50 at each of two workshops. Steady flow at other providers especially during first two days. List should be ready in August.

New Business

Affordable Housing Week –

- May 13th through 20th.
- Saturday and Sunday, Affordable Housing Fair at Flea Market, 12-5.
- There will be workshops on First Time Home Buying, negotiating.
- Needs volunteers to staff tables at City Hall during the week. Post cards to Governor. 2.25 hour shifts.

Clarification from the Housing Authority

Regarding Affordable Housing Week - it says people are needed to man the exhibit at City Hall, but the main, larger exhibit is at the County Building (70 W. Hedding) in the breezeway and THAT is where we were trying to get people to "man" the exhibit and table of information. We still have time slots open if anyone is willing to come.

Reminder for Monthly Collab Steering Committee.

5/18. Rank and Review due today. A new project has been funded.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 14th

9:30 – 11:00 AM

CSA, 204 Stierlin Road

Mountain View