

Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness Faith Community Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16th

1. **Welcome and introductions**
2. **Approval of minutes - June 21st - Joint Faith Committee and Planning and Research Committee Meeting**
 1. COC-Wide Systems Performance Measures - Joe Colletti
 2. Review of FCC Purpose Statement - Dan Davidson
 3. Review of FCC 2016 Road Map - Dan Davidson
 4. Update of Landlord Outreach - Anne Lansing
 5. Motion to approve minutes - Anne Lansing
 6. Seconded - Jhoana Hirasuna
 7. Approved!
3. **Check in on FCC 201 Road Map**
 1. Affordable Housing Organizing
 1. Interviewing Businesses - helping the homeless get housed, not arrested. Survey for Business Owners - Jill Shook and her Housing Organizing Group is organizing the survey
 1. Survey day August 20th - Meeting at First UMC church at 10am for review of plan (Playhouse District). Follow up and debrief at Blaze Pizza at noon
 1. There are 5 Questions
 2. Still need people to volunteer and any feedback on questions
 2. Is there a business building committee? Add question would you be interested in joining? (Than)
 1. Need a thought out plan on what we will do with them (Anne)
 2. Homeless Count Snapshot Model
 1. Need small group of volunteers from the committee to keep track for a year - Sophia has not been able to get it off the ground yet, waiting on Office of Urban Initiatives to take the lead
 2. What does volunteerism look like among our communities? Should not just rely on Office of Urban Initiatives
 3. Religious Leaders Training
 1. Was set for September 20th at 6pm-8pm at Lake Avenue and was being led by Cori Page whom moved out of state. Now we need a new lead.
 1. New Team, Than, Andrew, Sophia, Cory Marquez
 2. Should we postpone training? We need to began advertising
 1. Should postpone so we can gather trainers and we should get someone from CES there
 2. Should we move it to October? **October 18th or October 25th (6-8pm)** - Than will check to see what day works best

1. Provide a meal - New Abbey will donate
 3. Purpose was to: Draw together religious leaders from faith communities (clergy and administrative staff) and provide them with training on the best response if someone were to walk in the doors. Provide resources to tap into and give them the process we have committed to with CES. Keep them aware of what is going on in the city in regards to homelessness.
 4. We should build an icebreaker for faith members to get to know each other
4. Landlord Outreach

1. Using tenant base rental assistance but solely based on private land owners
 1. Most landlords want to pick people with jobs and stable renting history
 2. Only 10 percent of people with permanent special need housing are able to use them
 3. Than has identified 1 Landlords at Lake Avenue Church
 4. Outreaching to onsite property manager is not the best practice we need to reach property owners instead
 5. UCLA Grad Students are working with Pasadena Housing Department to increase landlords - group of 5 students that have various degrees of experience. They put together a couple of videos on how to present self to landlords and how to get interest from landlords - unfortunately works great for people accepting section 8 not the special needs certificates that are for chronically homeless individuals. Each voucher is \$1200 for a one bedroom. Rent reasonableness - HUD determines the funding. A selling point for landlords is that voucher holders will stay longer than regular tenants.
 1. Videos are on City of Pasadena Housing Website
 2. What is the process of gathering landlords? How to distribute to landlords? Landlord Outreach Meeting? Get the Browns to speak to landlords
 3. Table this conversation for next month - how do we distribute this information. Next meeting we will show videos.

4. Homeless Services and Housing First Landscape

1. Andrew: Families experiencing homelessness in San Gabriel valley - most families are at risk of being homeless and not at the top of the list to be served
 - Families that are staying in cars or in hotels are at top of list.
 1. Go through the Family Solution Center which refers to rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, crisis programs.
 2. Have to go through 211 then led to Family Solution Center
 3. Make sure families are being as truthful as possible and demand to be connected to the FSCs - put into religious training
2. Sophia: Bridging Pasadena
 1. Mapping task force from Fuller and 20 other organizations - creating mobile app that has all resources in Pasadena. provides links to resources
3. Dan - look into youth. Met with Jessica from Youth Moving on and received lists of resources. His team also created a survey to get out to faith communities. Wanting to send to the CCC list serv. Let Dan know the feedback

5. **Service Provider Partnership**

1. Bridge gap between volunteers from Union Station and the Faith Communities we represent. Have volunteers from faith communities that go with Outreach workers. Idea is to help service providers with volunteers
 1. Grace Pasadena Church has spent time building relationships with homeless individuals through meals in the park over weeks and months and years. If possible their members can be a liaison and connect the individuals to Outreach workers at Union Station for the CES process.
 2. How can faith community volunteers help with the entire CES process?
 3. Should We take this on? Incorporate this in the religious leaders training - **This is a high priority - tell Joe yes we are interested**

6. **Reports from Committee Members**

7. **Announcements**

1. Homeless Count is around the corner again. We have commitments! Usually the last Wednesday in January (25th~)

8. **Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, September 20th**

9. **Adjourn**