

Faith Community Committee Meeting

MINUTES

August 15, 2017

In Attendance

Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena; Dan Davidson, Rose City Church; Erich Frey, First United Methodist Church Pasadena; Gene Terpstra, Pasadena Presbyterian; Jen Argue, Grace Pasadena; Jhoana Hirasuna, Salvation Army; Luke Ellison, Support Solutions; Maria Mascoli Tornek, Pasadena Jewish Temple; Mary Lou Langedyke, SVDP-St. Elizabeth Church; Myra Booker, Human Services Commission; Rosalie Niemann, First United Methodist Church Pasadena; Sofia Herrera, Urban Initiatives; Terry Bright, Elizabeth House; Than Veltman, Lake Avenue Church

Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Members of the committee introduced themselves. Minutes from the May Faith Community meeting were not read this time.

Review of FCC Mission Statement & Success Stories	Presenter: Dan Davidson
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mission statement was reviewed in order to remind us what the mission of the FCC is and keep us on track• The FCC remains committed to learn about and support evidence-based and best practices to prevent and end homelessness in Pasadena• Meeting monthly to align with what the City of Pasadena is doing to end homelessness• The role of the faith based communities is to help be part of the solution to end homelessness• We want to recruit other faith based organizations to join our committee, all new members are welcome• Welcome packets with Tool Kit are available and were passed out to new members• Terry Bright from Elizabeth House shared that five women with their children have been housed in the last three months and have remained housed in part due to the wraparound services they have received	
Action Items:	Person Responsible
Copy and provide list of members with contact information for all to have	Dan Davidson
Connect First United Methodist Church with Play House District and Union Station	Sofia Herrera

Support Solutions	Presenter: Luke Ellison
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Solutions is a nonprofit that started November 2016 and is based out of the Monrovia Library• Goal of the program is to help homeless and at-risk people find jobs• San Gabriel Valley focused• Help with resume writing, budgeting, interview practice, and job search support• Will work with misdemeanors and felonies• Eligibility: must have ID, must be homeless or at risk, must be thirty days clean and sober (if applicable), must be able to search for a job and work independently• Additional Services: CA ID cards, work wardrobe, computer literacy, job training, health care referrals, and employment retention	
Action Items:	Person Responsible
Invite All Saints Church to report on their legal aid program	Dan Davidson

Updating the Toolkit

Presenter: Anna Jacobsen

- Acronyms were minimized to eliminate confusion
- Our Approach to Ending Homelessness: types of housing approaches are explained
- Join our Efforts: Help Connect People to Housing, Support Families in Housing, Participate in our Homeless Count, and Join the Faith Community Committee
- Start Here to End Homeless: for single adults, families, and youth
- Resources are listed to help agencies utilize the correct services
- Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, and Transitional Shelter resources are listed
- Changes were made to the Toolkit to ensure resources are accurate and kept up to date
- Contact information will be added to the Toolkit for agencies to reach out if they want to be added or if changes need to be made to agency information

Action Items:	Person Responsible
Advocacy needs to be discussed and added to the Tool Kit	FCC
Add a glossary page of acronyms	Anna Jacobsen

Mid-Term Review of Committee Work

Presenter: Dan Davidson

- Highlights of the accomplishments and changes of the FCC include...
- Toolkit started and updated
- Bus Tour where clergy and religious leaders learned about Housing First
- Added Stories of Success to our FCC meetings
- Pasadenahelp.org website was created
- Welcome packets have been created for new FCC members
- Our FCC website has been updated

Action Items:	Person Responsible

Focus Moving Forward

Presenter: Dan Davidson

- The goal of the FCC moving forward is to focus on working with Group C: people at risk of becoming homeless
- 15.3% of total population of 142,250 live at or below poverty (21,764 people)
- Households at 3 persons per household equal 7,255 households
- 10% of households likely to become homeless (726 households)

Action Items:	Person Responsible
Connect with Tool Kit committee members to hand off lead position	Than Veltman
Create subcommittee of FCC to focus on ending/preventing homelessness	Terry Bright and Than Veltman

Announcements & Other Items

- First United Methodist Church has free legal clinic on second Tuesday of each month
- Elizabeth House has prenatal vitamins available if anyone has someone in need

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9:00 am