

Faith Community Committee Meeting

MINUTES

May 16, 2017

In Attendance

Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena; Colton Curry, Grace Pasadena; Connie O'Donnell, St. Elizabeth SVDP; Dan Davidson, Rose City Church; Gary Talbert, Salvation Army; Gene Terpstra, Pasadena Presbyterian; Jen Argue, Grace Pasadena; Jhoana Hirasuna, Salvation Army; Joe Colletti, Urban Initiatives; Joshua Levine Garter, Friends in Deed; Lauren Furutani, New Abbey; Maria Mascoli Tornek, Pasadena Jewish Temple; Myra Booker, Human Services Commission; Patrick Koppula, Innovating LA; Terry Bright, Elizabeth House; Than Veltman, Lake Avenue Church.

Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Members of the committee introduced themselves and the minutes from the March Faith Community meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ann Lansing and the motion was seconded by Sofia Herrera.

Review of FCC Mission Statement & Success Stories Presenter: Dan Davidson

- Mission statement was reviewed in order to remind us what the mission of the FCC is
- The FCC remains committed to learn about and support evidence-based and best practices to prevent and end homelessness in Pasadena
- 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
- Success stories shared by Salvation Army, Grace Pasadena, Rose City Church, and Elizabeth House
- Sofia Herrera informed us of the new task force No Homeless Women, which is currently comprised of about 20 members from the community

Report from Joe Colletti Presenter: Joe Colletti

- A breakdown of the 575 homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless in Pasadena was provided: Group A: Non-Chronically Homeless, Group B: Chronically Homeless, Group C: At-risk of Becoming Homeless
- Faith based organizations can assist at-risk of becoming homeless households by providing utility, rental, and food assistance to help them stay housed and prevent homelessness in the first place
- Faith based organizations should focus on helping those from Group A & C
- Faith based organizations should leave Group B to get help from the professionals "When Helping Hurts"
- Congregations should meet with service providers to partner and fill gaps in resources (i.e. Funding, housing, etc.)

Action Items:

Help Faith Based Organizations shift behavior from helping Group B to helping Group A & C

Person Responsible

FCC Committee

Door of Hope Update Presenter: Griffin

- Tim Peters has left Door of Hope and Keith Buck is the interim Executive Director
- Andrew Fike has moved on and Hema Chau is now the new Program Manager
- Case managers have remained the same (Melissa and Kerry Ann)
- Door of Hope is currently full

Update of Pasadenahelp.org

Presenter: Sofia Herrera

- Pasadenahelp.org is an interactive online resource directory connecting community members to services and nonprofits in the greater San Gabriel Valley
- Pasadenahelp.org was launched on Thursday May 11, 2017 and created in partnership with Fuller Theological Seminary, Junior League of Pasadena, Inc., and Leadership Pasadena
- Junior League Pasadena will manage and maintain the website
- All agencies that provide social services will be listed on the website
- The success of the website will depend on the timely update of changes in services provided by agencies

Update on Organizational Chart & Health Committee

Presenter: Joe Colletti

- Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness: Organizational Chart was reviewed
- New Healthy Committee is coming soon, which will be one of six Continuum of Care Representatives

Update on Strategies to Share the Toolkit

Presenter: Than Veltman

- Changes will be made to the Toolkit to keep it accurate and up to date
- A welcome packet is being created to be given out to new and potential members
- An organization list will be created to document which organizations have been contacted and avoid duplications
- Working on a script that can be utilized to outreach, inform, and share the Toolkit with the faith organizations
- A script will be created that can be utilized to outreach and engage with homeless individuals
- Please review the Toolkit and inform the subcommittee of anything missing or needing to be updated

Action Items:	Person Responsible
Bring 211 back to FCC	Dan Davidson

Update on Homeless to Housed Bus Tour

Presenter: Than Veltman

- Tour will take place on June 12, 2017
- Invitations have been sent out
- \$1,200 have been raised to cover the cost for the tour
- There are 56 seats on the Bus Tour
- There will be 6 stops: Union Station Homeless Services, Lake Avenue, Marv's Place, Door of Hope, Friends in Deed, and Navarro House
- Registration will take place at Pas Naz from 8:30am to 9:00am
- Lunch will be at Pas Naz at noon with a discussion of the tour

Announcements & Other Items

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 20 at 9:00 am