

Ventura Homeless Prevention Subcommittee
Minutes for May 28, 2008
4:00 p.m. Supervisor Bennett's Offices

In Attendance: Debora Schrieber, Karl Keller, Doddy Cameron, Jack Broms, Les Goldberg, Jill Forman, Cindy Cattle

Prevention Fund Update from United Way

Waiting for report from United Way. Here's what we know.

May 1 Balance`	\$	1,155.00
Approx. Allocations during May	\$	100.00
		750.00
Grants given during May	\$	<u>400.00</u>
Approx. VHPF Balance	\$	<u>105.00</u>

Fundraising

Efforts and outreach continue.

Application to VCCF SUN FUND this week for emergency funding while donations are sought.

New Business

United Way Change in Policy

Per Susan Englund, United Way will no longer write checks once a week. They will now write them every other week.

Discussed:

What impacts will this have on program? *It will make it more difficult to work with landlords and others as they may have to wait up to two weeks for payment.*

What are some ways to mitigate those impacts? *Talk with people and let them know in advance of situation and set appropriate expectations.*

Should we consider forming our own 501c3? *Karl is looking into this and Jack Broms has some info coming about another possible avenue to look into.*

What would be the advantages? For instance, we would be able to be listed on the public employees donation list for payroll deductions.

What would be the disadvantages? *Our own 501c3 would allow us to receive direct deposit donations, etc. We could have more direct access to funds rather than wait for UW and also we could have more timely access to financial reports.*

We'd have to form a "corporation" and all that entails for organizational structure, expense of application and reporting, etc.

Is there another organization that might serve as fiscal agent? *Would another entity consider acting as our fiscal agent? Perhaps an organization located in the city of Ventura? Might the Ventura Housing Authority be able to act as fiscal agent?*

Website

Staying in communication with Chair, Karl Keller on what info needed next.

New Chair/Vice Chair?

Judy Alexandre willing to Chair; however, she is unable to attend monthly VSSTF meetings, and committee meetings will need to move to evenings. Committee decided that it is important for a representative of committee to attend VSSTF meetings. Evening meetings are not convenient for the majority of committee members. Cindy will get back to Judy on these matters.

No one else expressed interest in chairing the committee at this time. Cindy will continue in that role for now.

Other

In order to prevent “double dipping”, a list of all VHPF recipients was provided to the partner agencies – Project Understanding, Catholic Charities and Salvation Army.

~Listing has been provided to Doddy Cameron; however, Cindy needs email contact info for Regina and new Catholic Charities case manager.

Next Meeting Date

June 25th, **4:00 p.m.** at Supervisor Bennett’s office. (4th Wednesday)