

Ventura Social Services Task Force Community Education Committee

Minutes from 08/10/2010 Meeting- 4:00 PM

Attending – John Jones, Sherry Cash, Jill Martinez, Eileen McCarthy, Manuel Rodriguez

I. New Business

A. Jill Martinez - news on housing for emancipated youths

Jill plans for Shelter and Transitional Housing project currently proposed by Community Action of Ventura County. The property is the Goldberg House in downtown Ventura. The three story project includes 14 dwellings with 12 to 16 dormitory beds. some of the points listed for Project Priorities included -

- * The lack of emergency shelters throughout the county is a key gap in countywide homeless Continuum of care
- * There are only 34 year-round emergency shelter beds for women and families (and 35 domestic violence shelter beds)
- * The 10 year Strategy to End Homelessness has identified an immediate need for 150 additional year-round emergency shelter beds, divided proportionally between families and individuals and located in both west and east county.

B. update on plans for November (Homeless and Poverty Awareness Month) – the idea of 600 cardboard cut outs – to represent the count from last winter – was mentioned. The location would a key factor.

II. Next Education Committee meeting:

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14 - from 4:00 – 5:00 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5654 Ralston St., Ventura. (note: we may decide to attend Faith based meeting instead – as focus for moment is on November)

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