

Ventura Social Services Task Force  
Gateway Committee  
Minutes for June 5, 2009 Meeting

Members Present: Bill Finley, Salvation Army; Karol Schulkin, Human Services Agency; Kate Mills, Healthcare for the Homeless/One Stop; Rick Pearson, Project Understanding; Sam Gallucci, The Harbor; Rose Ann Morrissey, The Harbor; Jeff Argend, The Harbor; Jill Martinez, Sober Station Network; Harold Cartlidge, UU Church; Sherry Cash, Homeless Advocate; Jerry Breiner, Downtown Ventura Organization; Michael Perry, Catholic Charities; Nicholas Deitch, Turning Point Foundation and Clyde Reynolds, Turning Point Foundation

Introductions and Committee Overview:

Nick Deitch provided an update on the history and work of the Committee for new members. He explained that the committee attempted to bring together the different groups and organizations that are addressing homeless needs in the City of Ventura to find common ground and collaborate on the development of a comprehensive plan for the City of Ventura to implement the 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness. He then reviewed the draft plan which has been developed.

Guiding Principles

It was suggested that it would be helpful if the group establish Guiding Principals for our collaboration. The following principals were suggested

1. The freedom to stay within each agencies own calling
2. Work together rather than alone
3. Focus on client coordination
4. Maximize resources of people and services (human, physical and resources)

It was agreed that we would devote time to complete a set of guiding principles.

The Harbor Church and the Kingdom Center:

Sam Gullucci described Operation Embrace which currently operates at the Harbor Church Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. They would like to expand to 3:30 PM. The program welcomes all people and offers breakfast, lunch, showers, laundry, food and case management provided by Rose Ann. They have served over 500 people. Sam also described the Kingdom Center to be located at the City Center Motel through the involvement of churches. There will be 30 units of transitional housing and Operation Embrace will be relocated to this site. They are negotiating with Lutheran Social Services to operate the housing. Churches will adopt a room and a family. They will pay \$5,000 for the remodel of the facility and \$500 per month to support the housing program.

Future tasks of the committee:

1. Educate the Task Force on the Gateway Plan
2. Coordinate Services and implement primary case management model
3. Create a Mission Plan
4. Create Guiding Principles
5. Look for a location for the shelter and the Multi-Agency Resource Center (Rick P and Jerry B)
6. Identify existing Providers who will make up the Multi-Agency group
7. Refine the Gateway model listing existing services within each component (Clyde R)