

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date: September 12, 2014**

**Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Location: 1350 Galindo St., Concord, CA  
(Concord Police Department, 3rd floor training room)**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. Call to order by Teri House
- b. Introduction of Gary Kingsbury, AOD Advisory Board Liaison to CCICH

### **2. Contra Costa County Homeless Awareness Toolkit**

- a. During the months of October and November, Contra Costa will join other national efforts to increase awareness and promote solutions to ending homelessness
- b. Toolkit to be posted on CCICH website to promote education, advocacy, and service to end homelessness in our community
- c. Three ways to get involved:
  - i. Educate (Teach and Inspire your community)
    1. Know the statistics of homeless in your community
    2. Learn about the work underway to end homelessness
    3. Take a tour of a homeless service provider in your area
  - ii. Advocate (Become active and helps us spread the word to end homelessness)
    1. Attend your local county or city council meeting
    2. Encourage others to get involved in their local community
    3. Forward/Repost this toolkit to others who may be interested
  - iii. Service (Get involved by donating your time, skills, and/or help by raising funds)
    1. Volunteer with your local church or service provider
    2. Donate to your local homeless provider
- d. To be added to the calendar, contact Lavonna Martin

### **3. Ensuring Opportunity: Addressing Poverty in Contra Costa County**

- a. Presentation by Erwin Reeves, Richmond Community Foundation, to present information from the Ensuring Opportunity Report Card Committee on housing security, food security, and economic security in Contra Costa County

### **4. Homelessness and Homeless Services in Contra Costa County**

- a. Presentation by Lavonna Martin, Homeless Program, to present data and information on homelessness and homeless services in Contra Costa County

- b. What we know about our population
  - i. Many youth in the system
  - ii. Mental health and substance use affects a significant portion of the population
  - iii. Number of newly homeless and families decreasing over time
  - iv. Migration of encampments from West to East county
  - v. Still a shortage of shelter beds and permanent housing
- c. Solutions: Prevention and Permanent Housing
- d. Framework
  - i. Housing First
  - ii. Expanded network of partners and resources
  - iii. Coordinated assessment
  - iv. Data-driven and evidence-based strategies

## **5. Strategic Plan Update**

- a. August Progress Report on Strategic Plan Update Process
  - i. Title: Forging Ahead Towards Preventing and Ending Homelessness: An Update to Contra Costa's 2004 Strategic Plan
  - ii. Guiding Principle: Homelessness is first a housing issue, and our system must be nimble and flexible enough to respond through the shared responsibility, accountability, and transparency of the community.
  - iii. Two goals:
    - 1. Permanent Housing
    - 2. Prevention
  - iv. Three strategies:
    - 1. Coordinated assessment
    - 2. Performance standards
    - 3. Communication
  - v. Outreach efforts:
    - 1. Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee
    - 2. Focus Groups (including consumers)
    - 3. Key Stakeholder Interviews
    - 4. Con Plan Survey
  - vi. Review of Consumer feedback
  - vii. Next Steps
    - 1. Draft input from Executive Committee/stakeholders in September
    - 2. Release plan in October 2014
    - 3. Endorsements of Board of Supervisors, City Councils in Fall 2014
    - 4. CCICH Executive Committee advocacy efforts in Fall 2014
    - 5. Develop 2015 Benchmarks for release by January

## **6. Nuts & Bolts**

- a. No updates

**7. Pin It**

- a. The **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting is cancelled** to accommodate the Executive Committee Orientation & CoC Governance Retreat on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The next **CCICH Full Membership Meeting** is Friday, December 12th, 10 am – noon, Concord Police Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor training room, 1350 Galindo St., Concord, CA.