

Minutes of Homeless Steering Committee Meeting 2-27-20

1. Public Comment

- Tyx Pulskamp asked about the status of the new showers that were being built at the Food Bank. In particular, he was concerned about the showers not being available during the construction period. I said I would contact IFB and see where things are.

2. Status of Homeless Plan

An update of where we are in the process was given by Stephanie Hess

3. Update of El Dorado County's HOT Program

Undersheriff Gary Redman described El Dorado County's Homeless Outreach program (HOT) that is operated through the El Dorado County Sheriff's office. Undersheriff Redman described the important lessons learned by this program and its success when targeting those persons who actually want help.

Lessons Learned & Comments:

- Intel gathering is needed or can be done categories: gender, age, veteran status, children, families, photograph individuals
- Collaborative issue
- There are 20% of the homeless that are hard core that do not want resources
- ACSO has no full time person. They hope to partner with the cities and perform intel gathering.
- Transitional housing is important, low barrier failed. Low barrier failed because there were no rules, counseling, and drug & alcohol treatment.

4. Update of HHAP Funding Plan

HHS Director Jim Foley gave the description and status of two program funding streams from Whole Person Care and here in Amador County were described.

- Whole Person Care
 - Targeting people that are high utilizers of ER, law enforcement resources, etc.
 - Grant of \$431,000
 - The grant will pay for staff time and a vehicle to assess needs of high utilizers
- Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program
 - Grant of \$482,000 (75%)
 - ATCAA is running CoC and the CoC has submitted request

5. Outreach Updates

- Officer Jose Arevalos of the Jackson Police Department showed before and after pictures of a Homeless Camp Cleanup at Detert park in Jackson
- Tyx Pulskamp gave a brief update on the Homeless resources Fair which is scheduled for May 17th & 18th
- Carla Fry briefly described project HOPE being operated at the Upcountry Center in Pine Grove by Nexus. She agreed to give a presentation at the next task Force meeting.

6. Announcements

None

7. Actions

None

8. Future Agenda Items

- Carla Fry, from Nexus, will discuss project HOPE (Homeless Outreach and Peer Engagement) which is run by Nexus at the Upcountry Center in Pine Grove
- Details of the next Homeless Resources Fair will be given at the March meeting