

## **TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS**

Thursday, February 12, 2015, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall Community Room  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Statements/Comments  
This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Task Force on Homelessness. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
5. Informational Presentations
  - a. Update and Overview of the City's Affordable Housing Program
  - b. Status Update of the Homeless Encampment Abatement Program
6. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Improvements to the Directory of Social Services
7. Task Force Member Comments  
This is the time allotted for Task Force member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Task Force on Homelessness, to request a future agenda item, or to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.
8. Task Force on Homelessness Coordinator's Report
9. Adjournment: Thursday, May 14, 2015, 3:30 p.m.

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Sommer Barwick  
Director of Community Services

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Council Member Keith Mashburn called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Jennifer Santos noted that a quorum was present. The attendance detail is available on the last page of the minutes.

2. Agenda Review: The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the February 13, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Doug Tapping and seconded by Toni Freeland. The motion passed. The May 29, 2014 meeting notes were provided for information only.

4. Public Statements/Comments: None

5. Informational Presentations

a. Update on the Proactive Homeless Encampment Abatement Program

Commander Stephanie Shannon introduced Sergeant Steve Shorts, who provided an overview of the Simi Valley Police Department's Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Program and an update on the abatement of the homeless encampments. Three Community Liaison Police Officers are assigned to different sections within the City to increase and improve the quality of life issues within the community. They are assigned to manage both short and long term issues to target and resolve ongoing, nuisance abatement (such as alcohol/narcotic issues, noise, parties, gangs, abandoned residences, buildings, vehicles, etc.). The CLOs are able to work in and out of uniform to adapt to different tactics of a situation, such as bike patrol, homeless street outreach, and the use of unmarked cars. The team works closely with the Division's School Resource Officers, Crime Prevention Specialists, and staff to communicate and facilitate plans to prevent and reduce crime in parks, schools, neighborhoods, businesses, homes, and vehicles.

The CLOs partnered with case workers from the Samaritan Center and Lutheran Social Services in September to initiate street outreach to inform homeless individuals about the planned homeless encampment abatement schedule and process. The officers conduct their street outreach with the case workers one to two times a week to build relations and encourage

homeless individuals to connect them with appropriate services. The encampment breakdown will begin this month with the utilization of the Public Action to Deliver Shelter (P.A.D.S.) sites.

On rare occasions, when the Samaritan Center is closed, the CLOs have assisted individuals requesting relocation to different communities when they do not have a connection to Simi Valley. When this has occurred, the officers have ensured that the citizen will be connected to the appropriate services within the designated community. However, due to the officers' personal expense of reconnecting individuals to other communities, additional funding is needed for train and bus tickets, gas cards, food, and hotel vouchers. The Police Department currently does not have a voucher program in place to reunify individuals and inquired about assistance and community support.

b. Overview of Services available from Health Care for Homeless

Michele Surber, HCH Coordinator, provided an overview on Ventura County's Healthcare for the Homeless Program (VCHCH). The program provides free primary health and support services to homeless and those at risk of homelessness throughout Ventura County. There are 19 sites throughout the County and four One-Stop Clinics that are located in Oxnard, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Ventura. Services include primary and preventive health care, and referrals for mental health, substance abuse, social services, entitlement eligibility, TB/STD clinics, and HIV testing. Patients are able to get prescribed medication filled for free by using a medication card at Target stores. Individuals are also able to walk-in to any of the One-Stop Clinics to gain access to needed and qualified medical services.

6. New Business

a. Review of a request from Many Mansions to join the Task Force on Homelessness

Alexander Russell, Executive Vice President of Many Mansions, requested that Many Mansions become a member of the Task Force on Homelessness. For several years, Many Mansions has been an active participant at the Task Force on Homelessness meetings. The organization owns and operates three supportive housing projects in Simi Valley. Their newest property, the Peppertree Apartments, includes 12 units for individuals and families who were chronically homeless and have a mental disability.

A motion to include Many Mansions as a representative for the Task Force on Homelessness was made by Betty Eskey and seconded by June Marie von Osinski. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Task Force Member Comments

Commander Stephanie Shannon thanked everyone who was in attendance. She stated that the CLOs are taking a non-traditional approach to interact and form relationships with homeless individuals. The officers are well trained and work closely with case workers to connect people with the appropriate services. If arrests are made, the officers continue to work with the person throughout the process to connect them with services.

8. Task Force Coordinator's Report

Jennifer Santos, Management Analyst announced that Chrissy Bowden's term will be expiring on February 27, 2015, and recruitment will commence for a new Homeless Representative for the two year term beginning March 1, 2015.

9. Adjournment: Thursday, February 12, 2015

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Attendance P = Present; A = Absent</b>
Area Housing Authority	Doug Tapking	P
Chamber of Commerce	John Tolson	P
City Council	Council Member Mike Judge	P
City Council	Council Member Keith Mashburn	P
Council On Aging	June Marie von Osinski	P
County of Ventura Behavioral Health Department	Bob Gross	P
County of Ventura Homeless Services	Karol Schulkin	P
County of Ventura Human Services Agency	Latrell Herbert	A
County of Ventura Public Health Department	Michele Surber	P
County of Ventura Supervisor Peter Foy's Office	Brian Miller	P
Dinner Site	Toni Freeland	P
Faith Community	Kurt Fredrickson	P
Faith Community	Andy Mattick	P
Free Clinic of Simi Valley	Fred Bauermeister	P
Lutheran Social Services	Amanda Brian	P
Neighborhood Council # 1	Debbie Thomas	P
Neighborhood Council # 2	Peter Carrube	A
Neighborhood Council # 3	Devin Brady	A
Neighborhood Council # 4	Mark May	P
PADS	Reneé Frumkin	P
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	Theresa Pennington	P
Representative who has Experienced Homelessness	Chrissy Bowden	P
Rotary Club of Simi Valley	Joe Lansden	A
Salvation Army	Mary Flandez	P
Samaritan Center	Betty Eskey	P
Simi Valley Hospital	Michael Brisch	P
Simi Valley Police Department	Joseph May	P
Simi Valley Unified School District	Trustee Dan White	A
State Senator or Assemblyman	Marie Lakin	P
Youth Council	Nick Steinwender	P