

**TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS**  
Thursday, May 29, 2014, 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. Overview of the 2014 Homeless Persons Count Results
6. New Business
  - a. Review of the Task Force on Homelessness Subcommittee on Crime Reduction and Prevention recommendations
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, August 14, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sommer Barwick  
Director of Community Services

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TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS  
DRAFT MINUTES

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

Council Member Mike Judge called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Mara Malch confirmed that a quorum was present. Attendance detail is available on the last page of the minutes.

2. Agenda Review

By consensus of the Task Force, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the November 14, 2013 minutes as presented was made by June-Marie von Osinski and seconded by Toni Freeland. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Statements/Comments

Mark Trinidad from Many Mansions provided an update on its Peppertree Apartments, which are one of the newest additions to Many Mansions' housing communities. On behalf of Many Mansions, he thanked the City Council, Samaritan Center, and City staff for the support of the project. Clients are currently being referred from Ventura County Behavioral Health and the property receives Mental Health Services Act funding.

A homeless individual expressed concerns regarding the lack of support to veterans and the unavailability of Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers within the Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura.

A homeless individual stated that the Samaritan Center deserves additional community support and that he would not be here without it. He stated that the United States Department of Veteran Affairs is not providing support to veterans and would like to have some intervention on behalf of the homeless veterans.

A homeless individual stated that other communities utilize vacant warehouse space and charge a nominal fee to provide alternative housing options. He inquired why that model could not be attempted in Simi Valley.

5. Informational Presentations

a. Overview of the Task Force on Homelessness Milestones

Sommer Barwick, Director of Community Services provided an overview of the Task Force on Homelessness activities from 1999 to present. Accomplishments were achieved in the areas of resource coordination, affordable housing, health care, case management services, and coordination of services.

b. Overview of the Simi Valley Alliance to House the Homeless and Update on 2013 Case Management Results

Reneé Frumkin, Samaritan Center case manager, provided an update on the Simi Valley Alliance to House the Homeless activities in 2013 and shared some case management successes. The Alliance has successfully housed over 430 individuals since 2008. In 2013, case management services were provided to 436 homeless people including 339 households, 245 men, 128 women, and 63 children. Due to the Alliance's efforts, 118 people were housed at some point during the year with 73 being successfully housed for six months or more. She also informed the Task Force that the Alliance would be utilizing the County's Homeless Management Information System for future data analysis.

c. Update on the County of Ventura's Continuum of Care Funding Allocations

Mara Malch, Senior Management Analyst, updated the Task Force on the recent merger of the Oxnard and County of Ventura's Continuums of Care (CoC). She provided a listing of seated CoC Board Members and the CoC Board's project list submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

6. New Business

a. Update on the Task Force on Homelessness Community Leaders for Adopted Goals related to the County of Ventura's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Mara Malch, Senior Management Analyst reviewed the Task Force's adopted goals along with their current status and identified community leaders. She requested that the Task Force identify any gaps or additional focus areas that needed to be included with the goals. The Task Force also provided consensus on moving forward with assigning community leaders based upon the fit with the various opportunities.

Council Members Judge and Mashburn requested a subcommittee be formed to address crime prevention and reduction among the homeless. By consensus of the Task Force, the subcommittee was formed to include Council Members Judge and Mashburn, Betty Eskey, Peter Carrube, Toni Freeland, Theresa Pennington, June-Marie von Osinski, Randy Nemecek,

Nick Steinweinder, Lisa Murphy, Leigh Nixon, Jim Visage, Rick Kimes, Ellen Cresswell, and Kurt Fredrickson.

7. Task Force Member Comments

Reneé Frumkin announced that the winter sleep site program had a lower overall attendance than in prior years, which she attributed to zero tolerance policies implemented this season. The season's highest night to date was 28 individuals.

Karol Schulkin informed the Task Force that Human Services Agency staff was able to assist 14 households with receiving rental assistance. She provided updated income thresholds and other parameters for the rapid re-housing program.

Theresa Pennington reminded everyone of the upcoming free Mental Health First Aid classes. She also informed the Task Force that Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District offers free or reduced after school care based upon need.

Mary Flandez announced that the Salvation Army recently helped four families through its homeless prevention efforts and is currently working with two veterans.

June-Marie von Osinski stated she sees the need for the City to advocate for affordable senior housing.

Peter Carrube stated that he highly recommends attending the Mental Health First Aid class.

Bob Gross announced that the Behavioral Health Department provides a case manager at the Samaritan Center twice a week.

Council Member Mashburn stated that the goal is to help those who want to help themselves. He stated that he recognizes ending homelessness is a monumental task but we can strive to make things better.

Council Member Judge stated that affordable housing remains a difficult task. He noted that the City can only incentivize affordable units by increasing the density of a project and that is often met with resistance throughout the community.

8. Task Force Coordinator's Report

Mara Malch, Senior Management Analyst announced that the remaining 2014 Task Force meetings were scheduled for May 29, August 14, and November 13, 2014. She also reminded the Task Force that agenda packets would be distributed using the City's e-notification system.

9. Adjournment to Thursday, May 29, 2014

By consensus of the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Attendance P = Present; A = Absent</b>
Area Housing Authority	Doug Tapking	P
Chamber of Commerce	Leigh Nixon	A
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	A
County of Ventura Supervisor Peter Foy's Office	Chad Ball	A
Dinner Site	Toni Freeland	P
Faith Community	Kurt Fredrickson	P
Faith Community	Andy Mattick	A
Free Clinic of Simi Valley	Fred Bauermeister	P
Lutheran Social Services	Leslie Orth	A
Neighborhood Council # 1	Shelley McGee	P
Neighborhood Council # 2	Peter Carrube	P
Neighborhood Council # 3	Leroy Leyba	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	P*
Salvation Army	Mary Flandez	P*
Samaritan Center	Betty Eskey	A
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

*\*arrived after approval of the minutes*