



Minutes - Draft

2019 Homelessness Resources Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

3:00 PM

City Hall, Multi-purpose Room

****LOCATION OF MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE
CORONA CITY HALL, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.****

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jim Steiner at 3:05 p.m. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Mitch Lansdell, Acting City Manager
Lt. Jim Auck, Corona Police Dep

Michele Nissen, Asst. City Manager
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst.

Other Present:

Tyler Ahtonen, City Net
Raushanah Walker, U.S. Vets Inc.
Rainbow Marler, Operation Safe House
Vonya Quarles, Starting Over Inc.
Fauzia Rizvi, Islamic Society of Corona/ Norco
Virginia Coriddi, Saint Edwards Food Pantry
Sally Carlson, Corona/ Norco Settlement House

2. Public Comments

Mr. Don Fuller, Resident, commended the Committee and staff on their efforts and willingness to address the issue of homelessness in the City.

3. Agenda Items

A. [19-0604](#)

Continuum of Care Update.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Ms. Michele Nissen, Assistant City Manager, provided the Committee with a Continuum of Care (CoC) update. Ms. Nissen noted that the Committee has appointed her to attend and represent the City of Corona at the Continuum of Care Meetings. She noted that the City of Corona will have voting rights at the CoC after attending the July meeting. Ms. Nissen commented that the CoC Board of Governance will have vacancies and Vice Mayor Jim Steiner has been nominated to sit on the Board.

- B. [19-0605](#) City Net Update.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Attachments: [City Net Homeless Services Dashboard Report - May 2019](#)

Mr. Tyler Ahtonen, City Net, provided the Committee with the monthly City Net update. He noted a few changes have been made to the dashboard to better communicate their efforts. Mr. Ahtonen also presented the list of “key terms” commonly used in the City Net monthly update to help clarify any questions. Staff reminded attendees that City Net monthly reports are available on the City’s website.

Residents inquired about the number of street exits reported. Staff provided residents with background information on the numbers being presented. Residents also inquired about the census that was conducted by City Net. Staff noted that City Net conducted a survey aside from the Point and Time Count. They commented that the survey was to identify and establish relationships with individuals. Due to HIPPA laws, the survey is not available for public view, but they were able to provide that a total number of 200 names were collected.

- C. [19-0607](#) Introductions and Program Overview - Various Community Service Providers.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Ms. Nissen welcomed and thanked the various Community Service Providers for their time to introduce themselves and provide background on their organizations.

Lieutenant Jim Auck provided a brief update on the homeless encampment at City Park.

Starting Monday, June 17, 2019, the City of Corona began enforcing the anti-camping ordinance. He noted that with the help of the 2019 Homelessness Resources Committee and the Legal team the City of Corona was able to contract with Path of Life and receive designated beds. Everyone that was at City Park was offered to be relocated to Path of Life shelter. The Committee provided background on the contract with Path of Life, stating they have five beds designated for the City of Corona to use. Beds are available by referral only from the Corona Police Department and City Net staff.

Attendees inquired about the Path of Life shelter contract and admissions process. The Committee noted that the contract is for five bed to be made accessible to the City of Corona. The Path of Life shelter will conduct their own application process once a person has been referred. The Committee

noted that the shelter has their own requirements and application process that ensure the safety and cleanliness of the facility. Attendees also inquired about personal possessions at City Park and what is permissible. Lt. Auck noted that the CMC does not state a certain amount however, storing items on the sidewalk is not permissible.

Attendees inquired about wrap-around services and if they are available for those who need/ request them. Council Member Yolanda Carrillo stated that City Net provides case management services and connects them to the proper resources/ services needed or requested. Staff provided background on City Net, the services and outreach that are being provided.

Ms. Raushanah Walker with United States Veterans Initiative provided background on the organization and the services that are offered to United States Veterans. Ms. Walker noted there are several locations throughout the Inland Empire that provided multiple wrap around services for homeless or at risk veterans.

Ms. Rainbow Marler with Operation Safe House provided background on the organization, that provide essential services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth and their families in Riverside County. Ms. Marler noted that they have partnerships with various organizations throughout Riverside County and the RTA will offer a ride to any authorized SafePlace location at no cost.

Ms. Vonya Quarles with Starting Over Inc. provided background on the organization and provided a brief description of the services and programs offered. Ms. Quarles noted that they specialize in: transitional housing, community services, community health services, post-conviction relief, community living services, and more.

Ms. Fauzia Rizvi with the Islamic Society of Corona/ Norco provided the Committee and attendees with background on the services available.

Ms. Virginia Coriddi from Saint Edwards Food Pantry provided background on the organization. Ms. Coriddi noted that the Saint Edwards Food Pantry provided food services, emergency aid and operate a thrift store. She provided a description of each service and eligibility requirements.

Ms. Sally Carlson with the Corona/ Norco Settlement House provided background and mission on the Settlement House. She noted they provide for the temporary emergency needs of the low-income families and individuals in the communities of Corona and Norco.

The committee thanked all the presenters and organizations for the work they are doing in the community and for those that are in need of assistance.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m