



Minutes - Draft

2019 Homelessness Resources Committee

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Wednesday, August 21, 2019

3:00 PM

City Hall, Multi-purpose Room

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**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jim Steiner at 3:03 p.m. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Mitch Lansdell, Acting City Manager  
John Lopez, Corona Police Officer II  
Angela Nieto, Sr. Management Svcs. Asst.  
Karen Roper, Volunteer

**Other Present:**

Dr. Pablo Sanchez, CNUSD  
Cassandra Willis, CNUSD  
Armida Gutierrez, CNUSD  
Brad Fieldhouse, City Net  
Tyler Ahtonen, City Net

**2. Public Comments**

Vice Mayor Jim Steiner welcomed and thanked attendees and presenters for attending the meeting. Residents inquired about the current homeless shelter and housing complex in Corona. Vice Mayor Steiner stated that staff is currently working with the shelter staff and will be providing a report at the future committee meeting.

**3. Agenda Items**

- A. [19-0738](#) Introductions and Program Overview - Dr. Pablo Sanchez, CNUSD, Director of Student Services Homeless and Foster Youth Liaison.  
(Action: Information & Discussion)

**Attachments:** [Homeless Presentation - City Task Force](#)

Karen Roper, Homeless Volunteer provided the Committee with a brief introduction of Dr. Pablo Sanchez Director of Student Services and Foster youth Liaison from the Corona-Norco Unified School District. Dr. Sanchez

introduced Mrs. Armida Gutierrez, Community Liason and Mrs. Cassandra Willis, Director of Student-Family Support from the Corona-Norco Unified School and presented the Committee with a presentation of the Corona-Norco Unified School Districts Homeless Youth & McKinney-Vento Act.

Dr. Pablo Sanchez gave an overview of what the McKinney-Vento Act is and how the students are covered and provided a copy of the student registration questionnaire to determine eligibility. He provided an overview of the programs guidelines and trainings and noted that the Corona-Norco Unified School District is aware of the students that are homeless.

Dr. Sanchez discussed the Assembly Bills 216 & 1806 and how McKinney-Vento Act students are entitled to remain at their school of origin as long as it is in the best interest of the student. He explained how students can still get credit for partial attendance in their classes and their goal of focusing on the student to graduate whether it is 4 or 5 years. He showed an overview of the Homeless Count by grade levels and stated by law they are required to report these numbers to the State of California every April of every year. Dr. Sanchez also showed an overview of a three-year mark of a homeless count of students between the entire Corona-Norco Unified School District and the City of Corona homeless students.

Attendees inquired about how the parents would know about the program, Dr. Sanchez explained that when the parents enroll their children every new school year, the information they provide will trigger and send an alert to the Community Liason and how they move forward from there.

Dr. Sanchez introduced Mrs. Cassandra Willis, Director of Student/Family Support of the Family School Community Parent Center. Mrs. Willis thanked the Committee for allowing her to speak. She gave an overview of how the Student/Family Support of the Family School Community Parent Center works with the homeless students. Their goals are to help the students and their families as well as the entire community with their needs and provide free resources. The parent center has its focus on getting services for the students social and emotionally needs as well academic support.

Mrs. Willis gave a brief overview of other services of the Parents Center for the students and their families of the homeless. They work closely with "Care Portal" which is a group of churches that come together when they have a family in need of beds, transportation etc. United Way works closely with them as well. She advised everyone to stop by their center and see what they are about.

- B. [19-0740](#) Continuum of Care Activities and Update.  
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Vice Mayor Jim Steiner introduced Karen Roper, Homeless Volunteer. Ms. Roper discussed the 2019 PIT Count Debrief & 2020 PIT Count Kickoff on July 30, 2019 hosted by Riverside County. She first discussed the background of the Point in Time that the City of Corona participated in to identify the homeless and see what their greatest needs are. The 2019 PIT count had twenty-eight cities participating with 745 volunteers. She gave the counties increase and decrease percentage of homeless since 2018 which grew from 2316 to 2,811 homeless, which was definitely an increase in homeless in the Riverside County. She discussed the County debrief feedback that was suggested with the cities and provided the next steps with the 2020 count.

- C. [19-0741](#) City Net Update.  
(Action: Information & Discussion)

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

Mr. Brad Fieldhouse, City Net, provided the Committee with an update of the July 2019 Homeless Services, City Net Homeless Services Dashboard Report. Mr. Fieldhouse discussed the provided the number of outreached contacts that have fallen off their count for numerous reasons.

#### 4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.