



AGENDA

CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

A Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mission: To make a recommendation to the City Council on what La Mesa and other agencies should do with respect to homelessness

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE – Bonnie Baranoff**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM November 20, 2019**
3. **BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM ALVARADO PARKWAY INSTITUTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Renee Novo**
4. **BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM YES IN GOD'S BACK YARD (YIGBY) – Megan Dunn**
5. **BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF SAN DIEGO**
6. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT to a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Manager's Conference Room, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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**MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS
5:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

DRAFT MINUTES
November 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:02 p.m.)
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Wayne Anderson	X
Bonnie Baranoff	X
Joanne Cattani	X
Megan Dunn	X
Jack Major	X
Mary Kate Miller	X
Stephanie Murphy	X

Others present: Greg Humora, Assistant City Manager; Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Matt Nicholass, La Mesa Police Department; Matthew Stephens, Sharp Grossmont Hospital; Kathleen Black, Sharp Grossmont Hospital; Michelle Olive, Sharp Grossmont Hospital; Dan Monammara, Sharp Grossmont Hospital; Alma Porley, East County Mental Health; Michelle Raby, East County Mental Health; Lucky Michael, Alpha Project; Mike Judd, PATH

Public: Brian Plunkett

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Action: Motioned by Stephanie Murphy and seconded by Joanne Cattani to approve the minutes from the October 16th meeting.

Vote: 7-0

Yes: Wayne Anderson, Bonnie Baranoff, Joanne Cattani, Mary Kate Miller, Stephanie Murphy, Jack Major, Megan Dunn

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

6. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM SHARP GROSSMONT HOSPITAL

Matthew Stephens from Sharp Grossmont Hospital gave a PowerPoint presentation on the homeless services and healthcare procedures at Sharp Grossmont Hospital.

Greg Humora asked what foundation funded the \$215,000 mentioned in the presentation.

Matthew Stephens stated that the Grossmont Hospital Foundation provided the \$215,000.

Stephanie Murphy stated that a study was conducted to determine how many residential complexes in the region accept Section 8 and they discovered that landlords do not want to disclose that they accept Section 8 because they would be inundated with inquiries.

Matt Nicholass asked what procedure is followed if transportation attempts to get the homeless patient to their destination fail.

Joanne Cattani asked if the homeless patient being transported to services require family or friends to be at the destination.

Matthew Stephens stated that family and friends do not need to be there but it does help with discharge planning.

Matt Nicholass asked what happens if the homeless patient refuses services.

Matthew Stephens stated that Sharp makes every effort to advise the patient to accept services but sometimes some patients do not want to make the effort to resolve or treat their issues. It was noted by Matthew that to patient "through put" moving forward, at some point they need to move on to patients that need immediate medical care and will accept the care.

Wayne Anderson asked if psychotropic medications are used at Sharp.

Matthew states yes, they are used but not in the emergency room. They are used in the Behavioral Health Division.

7. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BEHAVIORAL DIVISION

Alma Porley and Michelle Raby gave a presentation on homeless services offered by East County Mental Health and its relationship with Sharp Grossmont Hospital.

Mary Kate Miller asked Alma Porley what caseload she has.

Alma Porley stated that she has on average about 25 cases ongoing at a given time. She also stated that she works with the Salvation Army and County Library and others.

8. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM ALPHA PROJECT

Lucky Michael gave a presentation on homeless services offered by the Alpha Project.

Greg Humora asked if Alpha Project partners with Home Start and that the City is interested in working with them.

Lucky stated that Alpha Project does partner with Home Start along with other organizations.

Mike Judd from PATH stated that he is the HEAP program manager and responsible for the expenditure of HEAP funds.

Kathleen Black asked Mike Judd what the retention rate is for rapid rehousing.

Mike Judd stated that it was about 20%.

Alma Porley stated that evictions on a person's rental history are a significant challenge to getting them housed.

The task force and presenters engaged in a discussion on the broad challenges with housing and treatment in the San Diego region such as the lack of case management, rental history, and a lack of available beds.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Humora stated that he attended the November 6th Intergovernmental Coordination Meeting for the Regional Task Force on Homelessness.

Bonnie Baranoff stated that from January 23rd to January 25th WeAllCount 2020 Point in Time Count will be occurring and volunteers interested in participating should meet at the Methodist Church in La Mesa at 4:00 am on those days.

Megan Dunn stated that she moved out of La Mesa and asked if that affects were ability to be on the task force.

Greg Humora stated that unfortunately she'll have to resign but that she could still attend as a member of the public.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Prepared by:

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