

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness (SBCEH) General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Los Angeles Police Department
2174 John S Gibson Blvd, San Pedro, CA

Attendees: Guest Speakers: Ricardo Rosales & Ryan Navales (Midnight Mission); Co-Chair Mark Silverbush, Crisalia Aranibar (LAUSD), Mary Bautista (Congresswoman Hahn), Cheryl Castillo (Alliance for Housing and Healing (AHH)), Karen Ceaser (San Pedro Central Neighborhood Council), Helena Cummings (TorranceUSD), Gabriel De La Mora (AHH), Rev. Johan Dodge (SPUMCH), Elizabeth Eastlund (Rainbow), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Carolina Esquivias (TorranceUSD), Nyscelle Garcia (Safe Families for Children), Yolanda Gomez (AHH), Latasha Gooch (Divinity Prophet), Major Alicia Guerrero (Salvation Army), Tahia Hayslet (Harbor Interfaith Services (HIS)), Stephanie Inyama (LAHSA), Rosalyn Kemp (DMH-SPMHC), Zhen McCullom (DMH), Annette McDonald (Community Activist), Peter Min (Love INC), Jessy Needham (CPAF), Gloria Padilla-Gallardo (Toberman), Yolanda Polony (DPSS), Nick Rasmussen (Family Promise), Ana Reoyo (DPSS), Dalores Riley (Salvation Army), Jeremy Sidell (PATH), Paul Stansbury (NAMI), Maria Salas (DMH-SPMHC), Sharon Stewart (HIS), Shari Weaver (HIS), Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By The Sea), Tammy Wood (LAUSD).

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mark Silverbush opened the meeting at 9:40 am and gave an overview of the Coalition. This followed by a round of introductions of the attendees.
2. **Minutes Review and Approval.** The minutes for the March and April 2015 meetings were approved. Nancy Wilcox announced Carrie Bach is no longer able to be our Secretary since being assigned to work a Skid Row project that meets Wednesdays. Anyone interested in this position should contact Nancy.
3. **Homeless Count 2015 (HC15).** Mark gave a summary of the recently released LA County and SPA aggregate HC15 numbers, and reviewed the SPA 8 analysis comparison from the previous Homeless Count conducted in 2013.
 - a. The number of people homeless rose by 12% in LA County, 16% in LA's Continuum of Care (CoC), and 39% in SPA 8/South Bay.
 - b. With 100% of SPA 8's tracts covered, we have great visibility into each individual city's homelessness.
 - c. The number of "chronic" homeless rose, which was a surprise given all the resources targeted for this population. Some factors that may have contributed to this rise include an influx into the county; the system is challenged to address the needs of the disabilities these people have; and lack of affordable housing. He pointed out there would be an even higher number if not for our collected efforts.

The following questions were raised:

- How were the chronic homeless numbers calculated? Demographic surveys were conducted throughout the LA CoC (~3,200 and 94 in SPA 8). These, along with HMIS information from those staying in shelters, were used to extrapolate the number.
- What accounted for the rise in Domestic Violence? The questions on the demographic survey were different – with more broad definitions and occurring anytime in one’s life.
- Will the SPA 8’s large increase bring more resources to our area? HUD will not, in all likelihood, increase the amount LA CoC receives, but LAHSA does factor that in with its proposals, giving underserved areas 5 more points as part of its evaluation criteria.

Our Coalition is holding a community meeting to discuss the HC15 numbers at the city level. It will be held on 7 July in Carson.

4. Featured Speakers: Ricardo Rosales (213-624-9258 x2100) and Ryan Navales from Midnight Mission gave an overview of their programs:

- a. Downtown LA’s Midnight Mission is celebrating its 100-year anniversary. It provides emergency housing, 80,000 meals a month, and recovery program for 270 men. It is 100% privately funded.
- b. Its “Homelight” program offers free-of-rent housing for 11 families at a time. Referrals into this program can be made by anyone (see attached referral form). Because of the trauma families have suffered, psychologists assist with the intake process; DV is often a common characteristic of those seeking help. Homelight offers classes in life-skills including financial literacy. Mental health services are key, including for the children who often need therapy. Homelight boasts a 85% retention rate of families that have moved into permanent housing once leaving its program. Its “Alumni” program encourages families to stay connected with Homelife and provides a resource when they find themselves in crisis. It has a summer camp program for children.

Families typically stay in this program for 1 year, but they can stay up to 18 months. There is a 3-month probation period; after this, extensions are granted. Family reunification is a priority. The definition of “Family” who can stay at their transitional program is broad and can be a single mom or dad, married couples, grandparents, etc. They unfortunately do not take pets at this time.

Volunteer opportunities at this program include: tutoring; teaching financial literacy classes; beautification projects.

5. SPA 8 Coordinated Assessment Program Update. Harbor Interfaith Services (HIS) is the lead organization for both collaboratives serving homeless individuals (Coordinated Entry System (CES)) and families (Homeless Families Solutions System (HFSS)). – Shari Weaver, CES lead, reported on key targets with two months remaining in the current contract year: the target

number of people to assess is 680 and to date, 829 have been completed; 136 housing placements have been made (target 140) with a 96% retention rate. Sharon Stewart, HFSS lead, said their target was to place 100 families into housing and they have helped 105. – Nancy commented these achievements are noteworthy because each program was new to SPA 8 and thus experienced “start up” challenges they successfully overcame.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Advocacy:** Committee Chair Paul Stansbury reported his committee is developing “Guiding Principles” that can be used to determine how we as a coalition respond to endorsement requests. We want to make connections with our local cities, attend city council meetings, etc. If you have any personal connection to any elected official, please contact Paul at PStans5@aol.com. His committee will be meeting via conference calls to make it more convenient to participate.
- b. **Governance:** Nancy said an *ad hoc* committee will be formed to address our initial Board creation, with Mary Agnes Erlandson heading up this effort. All are encouraged to participate and can contact Nancy if interested.

7. Co-Chairs’ Report. Nancy reported on the following:

- a. She reviewed the spending on the Kaiser grant (see attached), and announced there were still opportunities for Coalition members to take advantage of the training reimbursement portion of this grant.
- b. Harbor Interfaith will be the Coalition’s fiscal sponsor beginning this summer. Nancy thanked PATH for providing this financial structure since 2012.
- c. She recently attended the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) “Summit” in Chicago.

8. Member Agency Announcements. The following announcements were made:

- a. Rev. Johan Dodge said this would be his last meeting as he is being transferred to another congregation; Lisa Williams from Rolling Hills United Methodist will be providing the leadership at San Pedro United Methodist Church. Nancy thanked him for his steadfast efforts to help the homeless in San Pedro, and for his enthusiastic participation with the Coalition.
- b. Maria Salas announced the San Pedro Mental Health Clinic’s Resource Fair being held on May 28th. There will be medical services and DPSS rep’s on hand for CalFresh signups.
- c. Latasha Gooch invited everyone to Divinity Prophet’s Open House on June 4th. It is providing transitional housing for transitional aged youth who have “aged out” of the foster care system.
- d. Cheryl Castillo described of Alliance for Housing and Healing’s 18-unit PSH for those with HIV.

- e. Jeremy Sidell announced PATH's new 78-unit complex to house chronically homeless seniors and Veterans.
- f. Peter Min of Love INC gave an overview of its organization. It mobilizes local churches who provide donations and assistance to those in need.
- g. Shari Weaver encouraged property owners to rent to those with housing vouchers. The "Homes for Heroes" event sponsored by United Way will bring visibility to these opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.

Homeless Count Results



12,226 (30%) Sheltered

The 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count took place on January 27-29th, 2015; it is the largest homeless census in the country.

These results cover the Greater Los Angeles Continuum of Care, which includes all of LA County except the cities of Long Beach, Pasadena, and Glendale.

Homeless persons enumerated in 2015 are twice as likely to be unsheltered

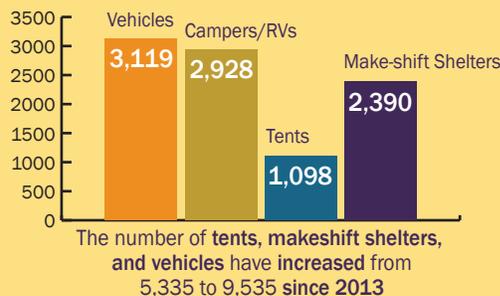


28,948 (70%) Unsheltered

41,174 total # of homeless persons

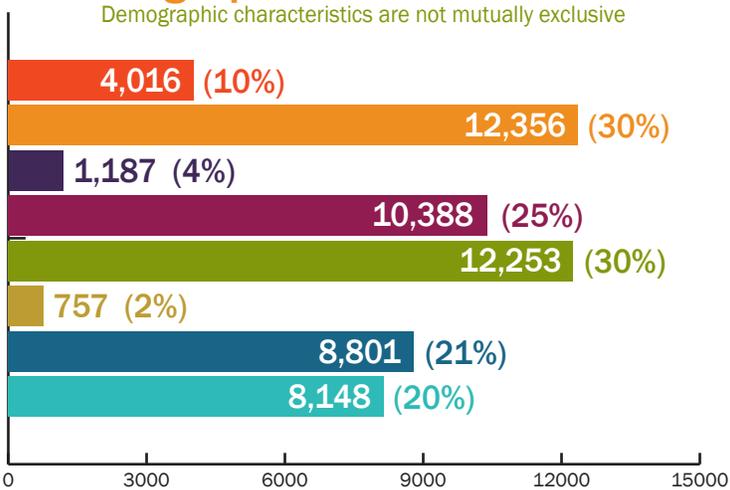
Homelessness has increased by 16% since 2013

Homelessness by Household Type

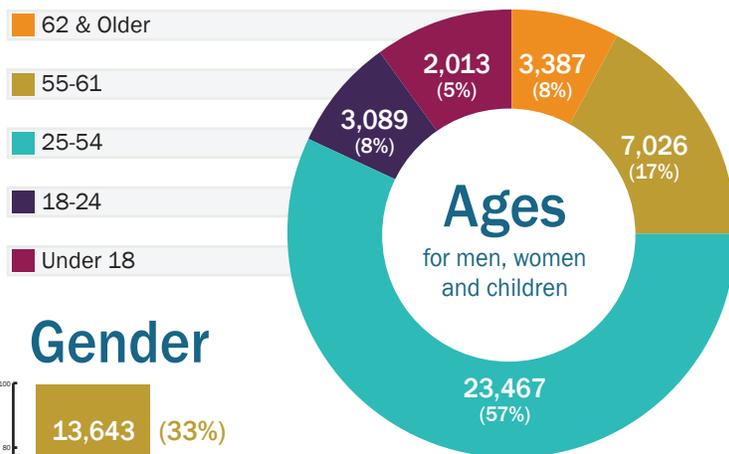


Demographics of Homelessness

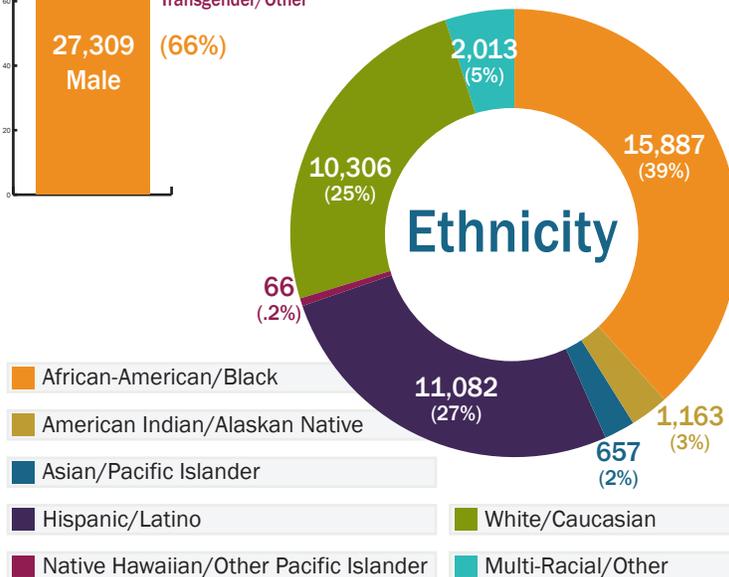
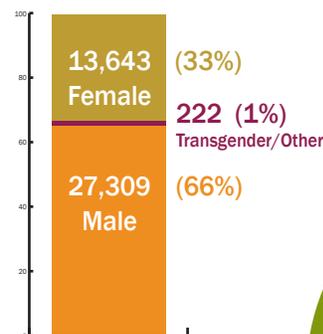
Demographic characteristics are not mutually exclusive



- Veterans
 - Domestic Violence Experience
 - Chronically Homeless Individuals
 - Physical Disability
 - Chronically Homeless Family Members
 - Substance Abuse
 - Mental Illness
 - Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Despite the increase in the overall population, homelessness among veterans has remained relatively flat since 2013



Gender



| Region Name | Total | Sheltered | Unsheltered |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Service Planning Area 8 | 3,006 | 660 | 2,346 |

Choose a Year

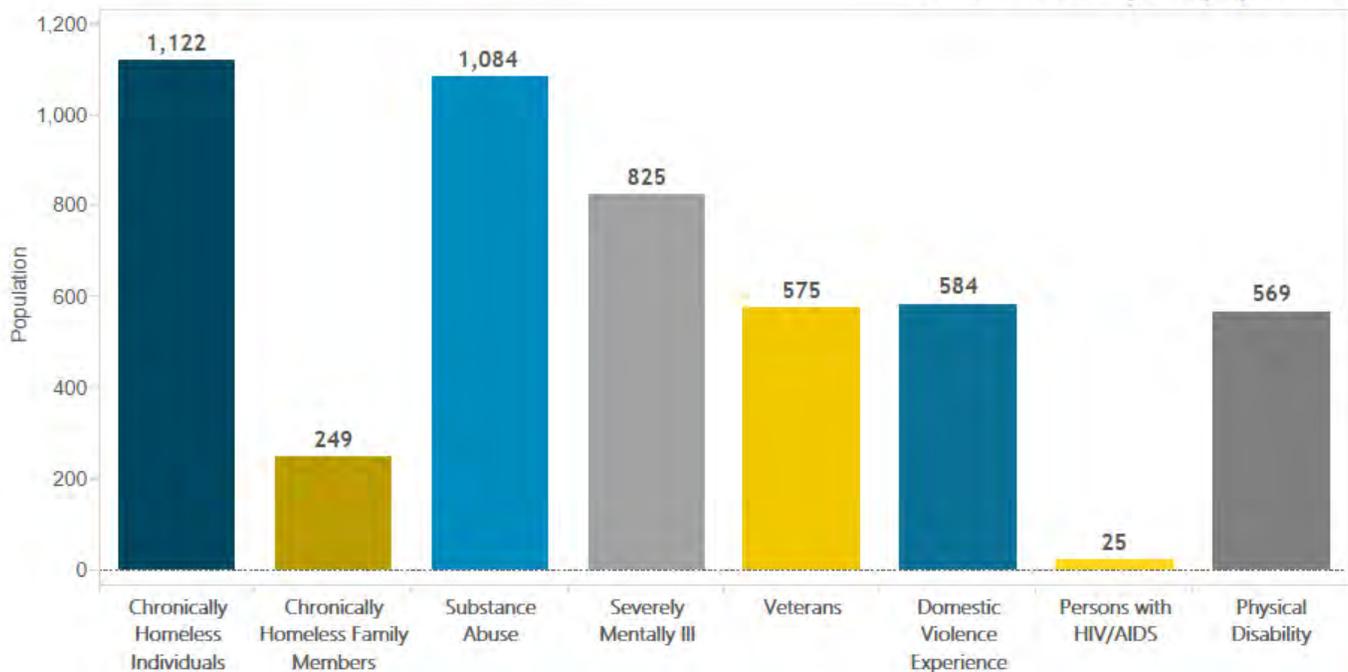


| Individuals | Family Members | Unaccompanied Children |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 2,456 | 537 | 13 |

Individuals includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults over the age of 18.
Family Members includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults.
Unaccompanied Youth includes persons under age 18, including children in one-child households, adolescent parents and their children, adolescent siblings, or other household configurations composed only of children.

Select A Region
Service Planning Area 8

Homelessness by Subpopulation

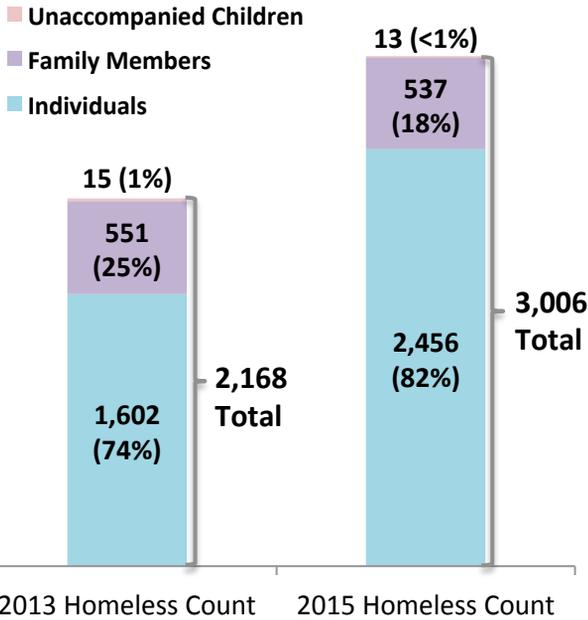


| | Total | Sheltered | Unsheltered | Individuals | Family Memb.. | Unaccompani.. |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Service Planning Area 4 | 11,681 | 4,001 | 7,680 | 9,958 | 1,650 | 73 |
| Service Planning Area 6 | 7,513 | 2,189 | 5,324 | 5,826 | 1,592 | 95 |
| Service Planning Area 2 | 5,216 | 1,387 | 3,829 | 4,081 | 1,095 | 40 |
| Service Planning Area 3 | 3,093 | 1,359 | 1,734 | 2,505 | 577 | 11 |
| Service Planning Area 5 | 4,276 | 1,274 | 3,002 | 3,561 | 711 | 4 |
| Service Planning Area 7 | 3,571 | 907 | 2,664 | 2,833 | 723 | 15 |
| Service Planning Area 8 | 3,006 | 660 | 2,346 | 2,456 | 537 | 13 |
| Service Planning Area 1 | 2,818 | 449 | 2,369 | 2,169 | 620 | 29 |

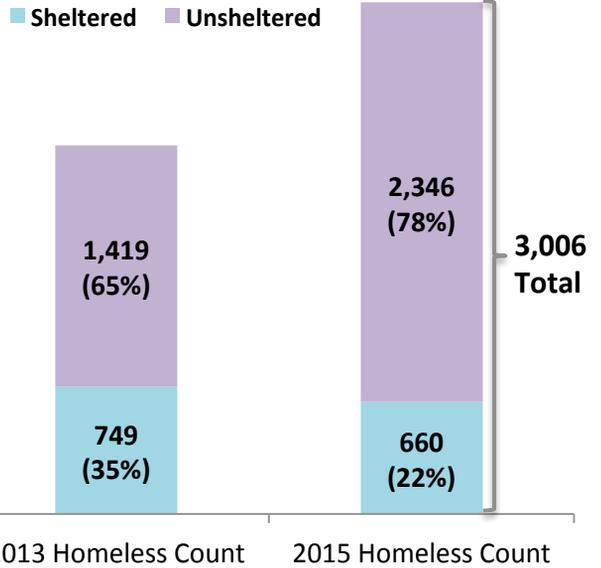


SPA 8/South Bay Homeless Count Yr 2013 to 2015 Comparison

Household Type

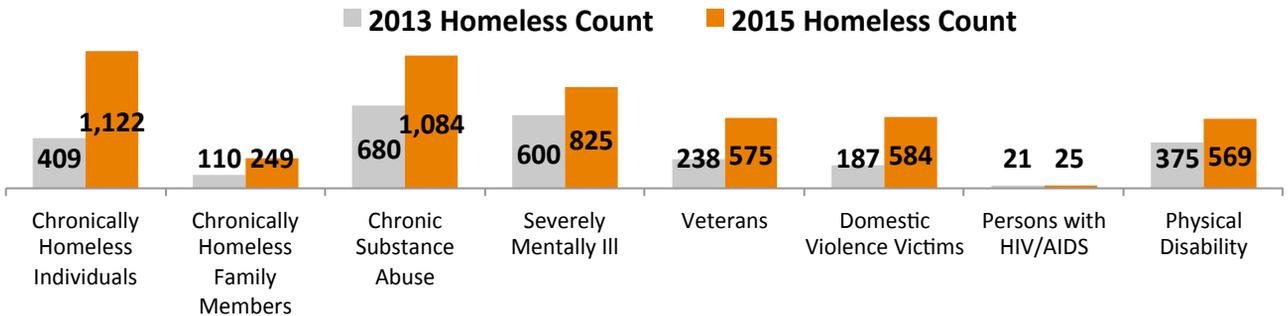


Living Situation

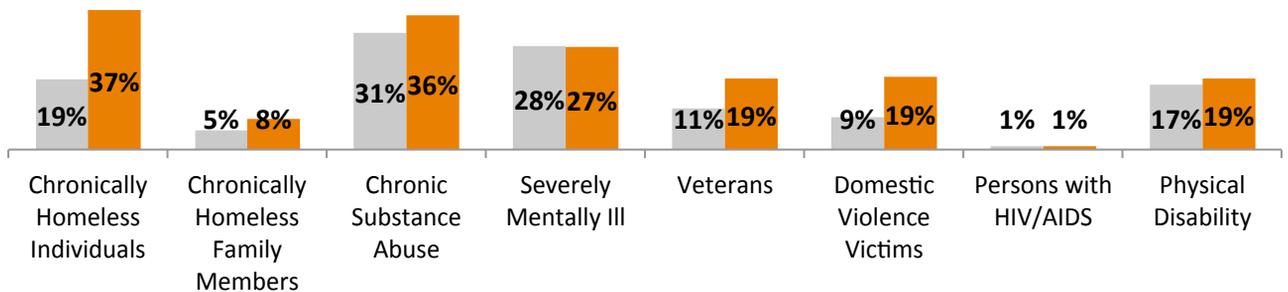


Subpopulations

Raw Number Comparison



Prevalence Comparison





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HomeLight Family Living, a program of The Midnight Mission

We are proud to announce our new name and logo! “HomeLight Family Living, a program of The Midnight Mission” was unveiled to the public on May 10, 2015.

Because of the substantial increase in homeless families, The Midnight Mission established its Family Living program in 1994. Located in a safe residential area in Los Angeles, The HomeLight Family Living Program consists of 11 renovated, fully furnished apartments. Thanks to our generous supporters, HomeLight provides more than just a safe residence for families shattered by abuse, addiction, poverty and hopelessness. It provides a comprehensive path to becoming healthy, happy and self-sufficient. Victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and those dealing with issues of sobriety and other unthinkable circumstances can find solace in knowing that HomeLight is a safe place where families can recuperate and be restored to a self-sufficient life. Families who are accepted into HomeLight typically live with us for one year, providing time to stabilize and plan, moving forward in a structured environment. Family members receive individualized plans for their transition to independent living, which include mental health therapy, job preparedness and family reunification. With a strong emphasis on achieving self-sufficiency through accountability, our families are given the opportunity to live in a clean, safe, learning environment where they can create a new life for themselves and their children.

About HomeLight Family Living, a program of The Midnight Mission: HomeLight Family Living provides the path for families in crisis to reunify, rebuild and restore their lives. We provide education, career preparedness, counseling, and life skills to break the cycle of abuse and poverty to ensure independent, successful living. For additional information, please visit our website at www.midnightmission.org/homelight or contact Ricardo Rosales, Director of Family Living at 310-677-9616 or rrosales@midnightmission.org.



About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers a path to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost everything. Our emergency services, 12-step philosophy, job training, education and work programs offer a compassionate bridge to productive lives. In addition, we have a Family Living Facility, which is located in a residential setting and provides families with childcare, advocacy, parenting classes, tutoring programs and fiscal management. Through our services, we help remove obstacles to self-sufficiency and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to rejoin their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit our website at www.midnightmission.org.



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GUIDELINES FOR REFERRING FAMILIES

Your referrals are important to the Midnight Mission Homelight Family Living Program. In considering a family referral to our program, please note that they should be both physically and mentally healthy and able to function appropriately. **We are not an emergency shelter.** Processing time for each family takes approximately twenty (20) working days to place on the wait list. The following are additional guidelines that we would like for you to consider to ensure a successful placement. **(All questions must be answered or this referral cannot be processed.)**

- ⊞ Have all family members been legal residents in California for at least six (6) months? _____
- ⊞ What are some of the reasons that contributed to their homelessness?

- ⊞ Has the family demonstrated that they want to change? _____ In what way?

- ⊞ While at your program, what actions have they undertaken to demonstrate change and responsibility?

- ⊞ Does the family fully understand that the Midnight Mission Family Housing Program is a structured program with accountability and not a transitional housing placement only? _____
- ⊞ Does the family understand that all families must seek and maintain employment? _____
- ⊞ If not currently employed, when did they last work? _____
- ⊞ What is the total size of the family? Adult(s) _____ Children _____ Ages of all family members and sex. _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
- ⊞ Please note the family's source of income: _____ Employment _____ TANF
CalWORKs _____ Entitlement _____ SSI _____ Other _____
Explain _____
- ⊞ Has the family ever been to another shelter in the past year? Yes _____ No _____. If yes, please list the shelter(s) and reasons for leaving. _____



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☐ Is there a history of drugs _____ alcohol _____ or physical abuse _____?

☐ Are they involved with an AA, CA or any other support group? _____

If not involved with a support group - Why? _____

☐ How long have they been clean/sober? _____

☐ Has the applicant ever had a mental health diagnosis? If so, are they currently on psychotropic medications? _____

Please note the following rules:

Family members must have six (6) months verifiable sobriety before acceptance into the program.

All parents must have legal and physical custody of their children prior to entering our program. All couples must be married.

Drug and alcohol testing will be conducted randomly and before entering the Program.

All families must complete and return all required forms including a recent TB test. Drug testing will be completed at the facility. All participants will be required to be on site by 9:00 p.m. and in their apartments by 10:00 p.m.

Victims of domestic violence and/or former drug users may not contact their abusers or former drug companions while at the Midnight Mission Family Housing Program.

Please review the attached Application Criteria for the Midnight Mission Homelight Family Living Program, if additional information or clarification is needed please contact the staff at (310) 677-9616 or fax information to (310) 677-7168, to the intake/assessment department.

Date Completed _____

Time Faxed: _____

| Name of Family | Address | Telephone |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Referring Agency | Contact Person | Telephone |

Kaiser Community Grant Spending Report

Submitted by Nancy Wilcox

20 May 2015

Background

In Summer 2015, SBCEH was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Kaiser South Bay, covering the period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The grant divides the funds into four categories, each that is tied to one or more of our core components of education, advocacy and coordination:

1. Communications: for color copying costs and supplies for generating our Resource Guides, City “1-Pagers,” briefings, etc., to help with our education and advocacy efforts
2. IT products: for web-based products to more effectively communicate with our membership
3. Training: for seminars, classes, and presentations providing training for individuals or groups at community events, to support our education focus
4. Outreach: for items given to those experiencing homelessness, and for hospitality at SPA-wide outreach events, to aid in coordinating of services through the Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Spend Plan

As of 20 May, the following items have been purchased. The “spend plan” for the remainder of the funds is also shown.

1. Communication – Budget of \$3,000, with \$1,556 spent to date
 - a. Color Repro for League of Women Voters Forum, Providence Little Company of Mary presentation, SBCEH meetings, Homeless Count 2015 (HC15) Community meetings, etc.
 - b. Supplies: color paper for the Pocket Guides, folders and labels for community meetings
 - c. *Remaining funds*: color repro for HC15 SPA-level and City Reports
2. IT Products – Budget of \$600, with \$458 spent to date
 - a. Weebly website (2 years) and Dropbox storage (1 year)
 - b. *Remaining funds*: Constant Contact email product (1 year)
3. Training – Budget of \$2,000, with \$1,467 spent to date
 - a. Classes for three members
 - b. Hospitality for HC15 Community Event (75 people), VA Outreach Training (50 people)
 - c. *Remaining funds*: Training at US Vets (30 people)
4. Outreach – Budget of \$4,400, with \$3,265 spent to date
 - a. Food gift cards, socks, transit tokens, storage bins, shoes, special clothing
 - b. Hospitality for SPA-wide outreach events: LAPD event (Dec '14), monthly VA-CES outreach events (Jan-May '15)
 - c. *Remaining Funds*: Same as above