



**MINUTES**  
**IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**  
**VULNERABLE POPULATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 12, 2022**

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Meeting via Zoom

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>
Emmanuel Sanchez	Imperial County Dept. Social Services	X
Judy Pritchard	Womanhaven – Center for Family Solutions	X
Gilbert Grijalva	Sure Helpline Crisis Center	X
Patricia Arevalo Caro	Imperial County Behavioral Health Services	X
Miguel Villalpando	National Community Health Partners	X
Jacob Bermudez	Area Agency on Aging	X
Rosa Diaz	IVLBGT Center	X
Dan Tewalt	ICOE	X
Sandra Alvarez	I.C. Department of Social Services - Adult	X
Jose Lepe	Imperial County Behavioral Health Services	X
Kathleen Lang	California Health & Wellness	X
Leticia Plancarte	Imperial County Behavioral Health Services	X
Joab Gonzalez	San Diego Regional Medical Center	X
Ana Norris	Adjoin	X
Gerardo Jaramillo	Imperial County Veterans Services	X
Esperanza Colio	Imperial County Executive Office	X

- A. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting began at approximately 3:02 p.m. All attendees introduced themselves.
  
- B. **Agenda Additions/Changes:** No changes to the Agenda.
  
- C. **Approval of February March 8, 2022 Minutes:** The group moved to approve the minutes.
  
- D. **Review of Outstanding Action Items:** Emmanuel Sanchez informed the group that a copy of HMIS 2021 data which provides a summary of the services that had been offered to homeless or at-risk-of homelessness clients had been provided to the group as part of the attachments.
  
- E. **Review of HMIS Data:** Emmanuel Sanchez went over a few data set points that HMIS is able to provide. A brief explanation of what HMIS is and how the data is populated was also provided. It was explained that HMIS is the information that is gathered and provided thru services providers and uploaded into this database. This data provides additional information that might not be capture during the Point-In-Time counts.
  
- F. **Discussion of Proposed Tasks/Goals for 2022:** There was a group discussion on how to develop our goals. Amongst the comments made was the need of a uniform approach the county

and agencies need to take in addressing homelessness. The question is how we develop this network where all agencies can work together and are able to provide outreach to different populations being impacted by homelessness. It was presented that the outreach and services that are provided for one population might not specifically work for another. It was presented that communities have developed trust with regional agencies and are often hesitant to work with government agencies or unknown agencies and therefore we need these agencies input. It is also very important that we identify gaps between the agencies and determine which agencies can provide specific services. We also discussed the lack of affordable housing and the fact that this problem will only worsen. Because housing is few and in between, it is important to understand where people want to live as we have different populations that want to live in specific cities and we need to focus housing in those areas. With the upcoming implementation of CES we should be able to properly refer clients to different agencies based on the services they provide. It is also important to note that many clients who lack transportation and are receiving medical services can access transportation services thru their medical providers, we just need to make them aware these services are available. Another important note to consider is that our approach to different populations will defer depending on the situation. In other words, the approach we would use on someone who is chronically ill is different than our approach to someone that is stable however just lost their house. Another question that came up is what are the factors that are increasing homelessness? Is there a big migration movement taking place? Are we seeing that homelessness is due by personal choice? There is a significant number of individuals who choose to live that type of life without the constant responsibilities of homeownership or rentals.

- G. **Action Items for Next Meeting:** 1) Who is missing from this group that we need to bring to engage with? 2) What re the most significant causes of homelessness? 3) We need to read on available outreach procedures that provide guidance on how to reach out to homeless individuals.
  
- H. **Chair and Vice-Chair Positions:** Dr. Lang has volunteered to be the Chair of the committee and Mrs. Plancarte has agreed to be the Vice Chair.
  
- I. **Roundtable Discussion:** No additional comments.

- Describe the Goal(s)/Purpose of this committee: (1) Develop strategies to identify and serve vulnerable populations that might include veterans, homeless youth, DV victims and LGBTQ community amongst others. (2) Explore funding opportunities for these populations. (3) Identify gaps in services for these populations, evaluate needs, provide recommendations to improve services. (4) Develop awareness of issues related to homeless veterans, homeless youth, homeless LGBT community, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and those attempting to flee.