



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

**March 8, 2022**

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Meeting via Zoom

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Name	Organization	Present
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

- A. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting began at approximately 3:03 p.m. All attendees introduced themselves.
- B. **Agenda Additions/Changes:** There was no changes to the Agenda.
- C. **Approval of February 8, 2022 Minutes:** The group moved to approve the minutes.
- D. **Review of Outstanding Action Items:** It was presented that Emmanuel Sanchez had reached out to San Diego Regional Medical Center, unfortunately due to prior commitments they were unable to make the meeting today. We have also reached out to Federico Garcia of Imperial County Veterans Service Office and invited him to participate in the committee.
- E. **Is there additional agencies we should reach out to? Who else should be part of this committee?** No comments were provided.
- F. **Review of Point in Time Data for 2019 & 2020:** Emmanuel presented the data collected during the point in time 2019 & 2020 surveys. The group went over the demographics summary, gender, and specific populations who are experiencing severe mental illness, substance abuse, veteran homelessness, domestic violence and others. As explained the data from 2019 to 2020 is very similar. It was noted that this data only reflects the information collected from those individuals and families who identified as homeless and does not represent the population who might be at-risk of homelessness and who are being served thru services by different agencies and organizations. During the next meeting we will attempt to have a report from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which provides a better representation of those who are being assisted by collaborative agencies in an attempt to prevent clients from becoming homeless.

G. **Discuss proposed tasks/goals for 2022**-We will attempt to discuss this further during our next meeting with our Executive Board liaison.

H. **Chair and Vice-Chair Positions:** The committee members decided it is best to wait on assigning a Chair and Vice-chair until we have more members join the committee.

I. **Roundtable Discussion:** Patricia Arevalo indicated that I.C. Behavioral Health continues to provide mental health services throughout the county. The department is also getting close to opening a new clinic in the Salton Sea area to better assist those clients that live in the north end. Mrs. Arevalo mentioned that any individual who is in need of mental health services can call their main phone line which is open 24 hours a day. Ms. Arevalo also gave an overview of the Community Engagement Supportive Services (CESS) Program, the program addresses the needs of each individual to increase their support program and willingness to seek mental health assistance.

J. **Action Items:** Download data from HMIS and share information with the group prior to the meeting.

- 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.