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

July 12, 2022

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Meeting via Zoom

Name	Organization	Present
Emmanuel Sanchez	Imperial County Dept. Social Services	X
Gilbert Grijalva	Sure Help Line	X
Wendy Betancourt	Imperial County Probation Department	
Diana Rosas	Imperial County Dept. Social Services	
Miguel Villalpando	National Community Health Partners	X
Dr. Kathleen Lang	IVCCC Executive Board	X
Jacob Bermudez	Imperial County Dept. Social Services	X
Sandra Alvarez	I.C. Department of Social Services - Adult	
Jose Lepe	Imperial County Behavioral Health Services	
Leticia Plancarte	IVCCC Executive Board	
Joab Gonzalez	San Diego Regional Medical Center	X
Ana Norris	Adjoin	
Judith Pritchard	WomanHaven	X
Esperanza Colio	City of Calexico	
Araceli Lopez	Imperial County Dept. Social Services	X
Mersedes Martinez	El Centro Regional Medical Center	
Anna Garcia	City of El Centro	X
Patricia Arevalo Caro	Imperial County Behavioral Health	X
Jessica Means-Cruz	San Diego Regional Medical Center	X

- A. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting began at approximately 3:00 p.m. All attendees introduced themselves.
- B. **Agenda Additions/Changes:** No changes to the Agenda. The group moved to approve the agenda.
- C. **Approval of May 2022 Minutes:** No changes to the Minutes. The group moved to approve the minutes.
- D. **Review of Outstanding Action Items:** Discussed under Section E.
- E. **Review and Discussion of Mission Statements, and Proposed Goals Received by Committee Members.** Emmanuel Sanchez presented the groups proposed mission statements and goals:

Esperanza Colio: In the previous meeting, Ms. Colio proposed that we develop some guidelines or a program where all the agencies are able to assist through an emergency, or any type of unforeseen circumstance.

Kathleen Lang: The mission of the committee is to develop a trusted local network of agencies providing outreach to populations impacted by homelessness, identifying relevant social needs and feasible solutions through collective effort.

Jacob Bermudez - Mission Statement: Administer services to our community especially those who are most vulnerable to homelessness or at risk of homelessness. *Goals:* To educate ourselves on services that are provided by each agency. This will help us properly guide clients to the proper agency to reach services depending on their needs. Who is our most vulnerable population and how can we better assist them?

Leticia Plancarte - Mission Statement: Involve community organizations and individuals representative of vulnerable populations in the establishment of a collaborative network that will provide individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness the resources and services they need to transition into permanent homes. *Goals:* develop and disseminate information and trainings on homelessness to community agencies that may encounter individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Recruit agency representatives to establish outreach teams that will be composed of members of recommended key agencies.

Jose Lepe - Mission Statement: Establish collaborative networks to provide quality services to people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of being homeless and assist them in transitioning to stable housing. *Goals:* Establish a centralized referral system and establish outreach teams made up of representatives from various agencies.

Wendy Betancourt - Goal: provide services in our community for individuals who are experiencing hardships with the following; housing, mental health, substance use issues and unemployment.

Committee members decided to create a mission statement and goals by incorporating the language from the different proposals.

F. **Action Items for Next Meeting:** Share the previously shared street outreach documents for review. Collect suggestions from agencies to compare what Outreach efforts have worked and in the past.

G. **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.