



MINUTES
IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
VULNERABLE POPULATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 8, 2022

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Meeting via Zoom

| Name | Organization | Present |
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| Emmanuel Sanchez | Imperial County Dept. Social Services | X |
| Kathleen Lang | IVCCC Executive Board | X |
| Leticia Plancarte | IVCCC Executive Board | X |
| Patricia Arevalo Caro | Imperial County Behavioral Health Services | X |
| Esperanza Colio | Imperial County CEO's Office | X |
| Jose Lepe | Imperial County Behavioral Health Services | X |
| Sandra G. Alvarez | Imperial County Department of Social Services | X |
| Jacob Bermudez | Area Agency on Aging | X |
| Rosa Diaz | IVLBGT Center | X |
| Araceli Lopez | Imperial County Dept. Social Services | X |

- A. **Introductions:** Meeting began at approximately 3:03 p.m. All attendees introduced themselves. It was noted that Mrs. Judy Pritchard wouldn't be able to participate in today's meeting due to personal reasons.
- B. **Approval of January 11, 2022 Minutes:** The group moved to approve the minutes.
- C. **Vulnerable Populations Definition Research Review and Discussion:** Emmanuel presented the different definitions found for vulnerable populations under different agencies. It was indicated that vulnerable populations is defined differently amongst organizations and it has a lot to do with the clients/populations that is/are being served. It is important to determine when/how do we disseminate information to people that are considered vulnerable. We can begin looking at the 2020 PIT figures to determine trends for those experiencing homelessness.
- D. **Which other agencies should be in the table? Which agencies should we reach out to, how can we get them involved? What assistance can we offer? Who will assist in this process?**
- We need to include San Diego Regional Medical Center and we can reach out to Joab Gonzalez.
 - We need to reach out to the Veterans Committee – Federico Garcia
 - Mrs. Diaz mentioned that the LGBTQ Resources Center is currently providing outreach at the Slabs which includes support groups for approximately an hour every week. She offered to provide any relevant agencies services/information if needed. Anyone interested can give her the brochures or flyers.

-Mrs. Arevalo also indicated she can assist with distribution of this information as they also provide services in the area.

-Ms. Colio indicated that it is of extreme importance that we find additional affordable housing to increase the available housing stock in the region.

E. **Discuss propose task/goals 2022:** Further discussion needed.

F. **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.

G. **Roundtable Discussion:** None

H. **Action Items:** Reach out to appropriate agencies.

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- 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.