



Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020 | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
290 N. D St., San Bernardino, CA

AGENDA TOPICS	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RESPONSIBLE PERSON
A. Call to Order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm. Self-introductions were made.	Caryn Nunley
B. Approval of September 2019 Meeting Minutes	Minutes from the September 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Minutes were approved with changes.	Caryn Nunley
C. Presentations	<p>Time For Change Foundation Reentry Supportive Services Vanessa presented on history of the Time for Change foundation and the programs/services offered. Since 2002, the foundation has been working with women coming directly home from prison. In 2018, the foundation opened Brighter Futures home in the Bay Area, working with previously incarcerated women of color. Their Positive Futures I program focuses on wealth and asset development, education, skills trade development and entrepreneurship. Since 2019, three graduates from the Positive Futures I program have started their own businesses. The Positive Futures II program, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), works with women prior to release in order to develop trusting relationships. Housing, case management services and mental health services are also provided. The foundation's goal is to provide a stable place for previously incarcerated women to live and unify with their families, provide substance abuse, mental health services and legal support services in an effort to reduce crime and re-incarceration.</p> <p>LightHouse Social Service Centers Adult Reentry Program Jorge shared information about LightHouse Social Services rapid rehousing program individuals in San Bernardino and Riverside County. LightHouse identifies permanent housing, assists with rent, rental deposits, and application fees. Warm-handoff services are also offered to identify employment opportunities. The goal for LightHouse Social Services is to provide stable housing and assist with employment needs for individuals recently released from incarceration.</p>	<p>Vanessa Perez</p> <p>Jorge Sierra</p>



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	<p>United Way Reentry Services Angleina and Michele discussed the reentry services offered with United Way. Their 211 Reentry line provides relevant resources and identify gaps through data collection. The Reentry team develops solutions with community partners to address reentry needs. They provide advocacy, warm hand-off services and career counseling to give previously incarcerated men and women the tools, resources, knowledge and understanding needed to become self-sufficient. The 211 Reentry line is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Bilingual and language translation services are also offered. Assessments are done to asses for employment, housing, financial and food needs. The 211 Reentry Services program also welcomed their new Reentry Specialist, Nadia Tapia.</p>	<p>Angelina Hernandez Michele Payne</p>
<p>D. Community Reports</p>	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>San Bernardino County Probation Amy discussed their workforce development program offered at San Bernardino Valley College and the success of their most recent graduating class. In addition to obtaining a contractor certification, bus passes, gas cards and tool sets; two recent graduates have also gained full employment. The probation department is looking to offer vocational training to all justice involved individuals. At the day reporting center, parenting classes are now being offered to both parents and certificates are approved by the court to reunify children with their parents. Their housing services program, have recently doubled housing its capacity. Finally, their 1st Homeless Outreach event was a success and they are in the process of organizing a 2nd event.</p> <p>START Since 2018, the START program has been in contact with 2601 incarcerated individuals at all 4 county jails. A total of 417 bus passes were issued through the probation department and 780 resource guides have been distributed. A new information system has been recently put into place. The START team recently visited Los Angeles and San Diego County to review their reentry models, in hopes of using some of their models locally. Art has noticed there to be a barrier in the overall screening process from custody to release. He is hoping to implement a plan to smooth and clean up the current process.</p>	<p>Amy Smyrski</p> <p>Art Ramirez</p>



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<p>E. Prop 47 Updates</p>	<p>Prop 47 Grant Update People need people and collaboration, Mark states. He discusses his recent encounter with a family living at the bottom of a riverbed in a burned trailer. The family had two young children, both parents were recently incarcerated and the father had a drug addiction. The Reentry Services offered at Abundant Living Family Church were able to locate their immediate family in Texas, send the father to a 5-day rehab treatment program, gave them \$1000 and 4 bus tickets to Dallas to live with their family members. Both parents are now employed and the young children and thriving and doing well. In regards to Prop 47, there have been a total of 10,700 transports within the last 2 years. A total of 43 individuals have completed the mental health and substance use course with Life Skills Awareness, with 1 arrest and a 3% recidivism rate.</p>	<p>Pastor Mark Graham</p>
<p>F. Community Announcements and Roundtable</p>	<p>Graduate Social Worker students from CSUSB discussed their Community Advocacy program with Project Rebound. Previously incarcerated students were given an assessment and 46.2% say they were concerned about employment. Project Rebound will host an ongoing expungement clinic, employment training, resume workshops and know your rights events on campus.</p> <p>Aaron with the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), announced that they have a new director by the name of Enrique and their newly launched Riverside office. CEO focuses on employment with a current contract with Public Works. With a referral from probation or parole, CEO provides daily work and daily pay, provide job coaching and placement with 1 year retention services.</p> <p>Leslie, Program Manager with the Foothill AIDS Project announced their program that offers housing, rental assistance and an AB 109 for HIV positive individuals. Paul with the Mountain Homeless Coalition announced that they have received funding to provide housing in the mountain area. He is looking to collaborate with other agencies.</p> <p>Terrance Stewart with Safe and Just, announced that his organization provides leadership development, acting as a voice for those with past addictions. His team is</p>	



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	<p>comprised of people directly impacted that would like to make a difference. Will send information about an upcoming community event.</p> <p>Sherry Brent with Road to Redemption is looking to give hygiene kits to those recently released. Also, looking to collaborate with other agencies.</p> <p>Fliers and announcements were passed out to attendees.</p>	
G. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 3PM.	Caryn Nunley

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