

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

**Welcome and Introductions** - Rev. Meg Decker, Vice Chair of Board of Directors, Interfaith Community Services

**Invocation** - Nancie Froning, Seventh Day Adventist Church Escondido

**Table Discussion** - Rev. Meg Decker

**“What topics, programs, or community issues do you want to hear about next year at these meeting?”**

Ideas shared:

- How can churches rally to help with Syrian refugees?
- Develop a calendar of upcoming events that can be shared with the faith communities.
- Need a one page handout to give to the homeless telling what services are available...in English and Spanish. ICS has a brochure in English and Spanish outlining its services. Copies are available on the handout table.
- Information on how the faith centers could be more involved in all the new programs.
- We like the success stories and updates on all the programs. How are we collaborating with other agencies? How can we bring in more faith centers?
- What can the faith centers do to provide spiritual healing to veterans?
- Love the meetings! You cover many areas and give valuable information to take back to the faith communities.

**Veteran Programs lead to Housing** - Megan Hawker, PsyD, Director Veteran Dept., ICS

- Megan described the temporary and permanent housing programs.
- The temporary housing includes Transitional and Recuperative Care housing. There are 144 transitional beds with a stay of up to two years. Recuperative Care housing is at our Ash and Valley Pkwy location and is for 90 to 120 days.
- Permanent Housing includes Rapid Re-housing where we help with things like security deposits, 1<sup>st</sup> months rent and VA Section 8 where we help the vets get on the VA Section 8 list.
- Barriers to housing and self-sufficiency include things like: no I.D, unemployment or lack of income, rental history problems, substance abuse, mental health, debt, legal problems, physical challenges and just finding housing.

Megan told the stories of several clients who had successfully overcome some of these obstacles.

- Supportive programs offered include the Make It a Home program and the Volunteer Visitor Program.
- It is difficult to find rental properties but there is a landlord incentive program. She has a flier available with information on this program.

#### **Make It A Home - Roger Van Duzer, Deacon, Village Presbyterian Church**

- He described how his church has made Move In Kits for the vets. These kits include everything you need when moving into a new apartment and have about 140 items. They have provided 13 kits so far this year. He said that ICS is doing a great job and they are very happy to partner with ICS on this program. They also participate in the Visitor Program where individuals meet with veterans on a one to one basis to provide support and friendship.

#### **Announcements & Updates - Greg Anglea, Executive Director, ICS**

- The satellite office has opened in Poway at the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Hours are M, Th and Friday from 2 to 5 PM. Please see the flier for details.
- We are still looking for a location for the Recovery and Wellness Center. The site in Vista fell through but there is another site that looks hopeful. It would require using prefabricated or modular units. Please contact Greg if you have experience in this area. We should have more information on a location after the first of the year.
- Greg talked about the CAHP Program, the coordinated entry system for homeless people. One assessment form is used by the many different agencies dealing with the homeless and tries to match the individual with someone to help them find housing. 1,200 assessments have been done so far this year. He discussed some statistics regarding the homeless population in San Diego and referred us to the Regional Task Force website of [www.rtfhsd.org](http://www.rtfhsd.org) for more info. ICS has a 70 to 80% success rate in finding housing for our clients because of the resources, money and volunteers provided by you, the supporting faith centers.
- We will be doing another physical count of the homeless in January and if you would like to participate please call Micki Hickox.

#### **Updates on Offering Hope in Housing - Rev. Meg Decker & Chaplaincy Program**

- Eight pastors participated in the first training session. There is a chaplain at Haven House on evening and at the Hawthorne location on Tuesday during the day.
- There will be another training session in December. See Rev. Decker for information.

**Holiday Adopt A Family** - Micki Hickox, Volunteer Coordinator, ICS

- Almost all the families are adopted but we need adopters for single seniors and veterans. Please call Micki if you would like to adopt someone.

**Looking for families to help children** - Carlita Curtis, Co Mental Health Systems & Kelli Fitzgibbon, Crittenton

- The Alternatives to Detention program is looking for families in the North County that could take a juvenile into their home for one or two days as an alternative to taking the child to Juvenile Hall. The youth would be pre-screened and staff is available 24 hours a day.
- A flier is on the table with details.
- Crittenton is an agency looking for families to provide long term foster care to refugee and immigrant children. Most of the children would be 13 or older and would remain in foster care until age 21. Often adoption is not an option for these children. A flier is available.

**Announcements** - Mary Ferro, Faith Liaison, ICS

- Announcements were made from the floor and Mary highlighted the fliers of upcoming events.
- Parking for this meeting is available in the lot across the street from Interfaith on Quince at Washington St.

**Benediction** - Marte Risher, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints