



General Membership Meeting

January 17, 2018

Welcome and Introductions

Rev. Meg Decker

Chair, Board of Directors, ICS

Invocation

Pastor Elizabeth Crandall

*American Universalist Essen Church
of Valley Center*

Table Discussion:

Rev. Meg Decker

“What do you believe is the # 1 cause of homelessness?”

Causes of homelessness are varied but they include:

- The high cost of housing
- Traumatic events (e.g. house fire, job loss)
- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- Personal crisis (e.g. family break-up or domestic violence)

Housing, Shelters to Permanent

Victor Hernandez & Dana Derderian-Ibarra

*Associate Directors Shelter & Rapid
Rehousing, Transitional & Permanent
Housing, ICS*

The various types of housing offered by ICS were described.

- Transitional housing – Veterans
- Rapid Rehousing - Help with getting into housing, rental assistance, 1st month rent, deposit, etc.
- Permanent Supportive Housing - provide supportive services for clients with long-term issues (mental health, etc.)
- Permanent Housing/Section 8/VASH
- The Coordinated Entry System
 - A centralized system that matches homeless clients to housing resources.

- Client takes the vulnerability survey (VI-SPDAT) which assess their vulnerability on the streets and gives priority to those most at risk.
- Agencies with housing programs receive referrals through the system and matches are made.
- We help individuals secure housing by providing landlord incentives, double deposits, provide a point of contact, application assistance and ongoing supportive case management.
- Some of the obstacles to finding suitable affordable units include the availability of one bedroom, SRO and studio units. The lack of housing stock. The “not in my backyard” mentality. A poor rental history, bad credit and income.
- The goal is to house 1,000 this fiscal year (6-17 to 6-18). We have reached 39% of our goal (394 housed so far). 61% to go.
- How can YOU help?
 - Share this information with others in the community.
 - Having a “Yes, in our backyard” mentality.
 - Unrestricted dollars to help clients with individual housing needs.
 - Talk with City Council members for the continued need of homeless service programming.
 - Make-It-A-Home donations.
- The ICS website has good information as do other social media sites - Facebook

Interfaith Updates and Announcements

Greg Anglea, *Chief Executive Officer, ICS*

- Greg talked about the Regional Task Force on the Homeless and ICS's role.
- He talked about the Point in Time count and said that Escondido Police Dept has assigned two officers who deal exclusively with homeless issues. ICS has a social worker who works with them. We have been successful in Escondido because of this cooperation.
- He discussed the Recovery and Wellness Center. It recently graduated its first two clients who are now in permanent housing.
- ICS sold some single family housing units and is in the the process of purchasing a 12 unit single room apartment building. We are also looking at motel and hotels to purchase.
- Regarding Housing 1000, we have placed 338 people in housing during the last four months. 56 people were placed in December.

Hope comes through Faith

Rev. Meg Decker

- She described the Hope in Housing program as a bridge program to help keep people off the streets.
- They will be sponsoring a special offering to be taken between February 16 and March 25th (Lenten season). She encouraged all faith centers to participate.

- Interfaith will gladly send someone to speak with their congregations.

Point in Time

Holly Nelson, *Behavioral Health
Clinician, ICS*

- She described the program and its importance. It will be Friday, January 26th from 4:00 am to 7:00 am at Interfaith.
- If you want to participate contact her at 760-489-6380 ext. 214 or hnelson@interfaithservices.org.

Announcements

Mary Ferro, *Faith Liaison, ICS*

- Announcements from the floor were made and everyone was encouraged to take flyers that are on the front table.

Benediction

Susan Lipson,
Temple Adat Shalom