



**Community Outreach Committee  
Minutes  
April 25, 2019**

Those in attendance:

Rodriguez, Sandra	Bilingual Facilitator, Maple
Villalobos, Jaime	Bilingual Facilitator, TOHS
Lerette, Rosana	Bilingual Facilitator, WHS
Guillot, Janelle	Counselor, Elementary
McCarthy, Karen	Counselor, Los Cerritos
Brohier, Barbara	Counselor, Redwood
Meador, Kelly	Counselor, Sequoia
Kanney, Catherine	Counselor, CVHS
Coleman, Tina	Counselor, NPHS
Scott, Darla	Counselor, TOHS
Elizabeth Alamilla	Outreach, Walnut
Lilya Flores	Outreach, Ladera, Weathersfield, Conejo
Quezada, Belen	Outreach, Acacia
Alvarez, Ana	Outreach Program Coordinator
Molina, Alma	Outreach
Karen O’Mullan	Language and Literacy Support Teacher
Josie Valdovinos	Secretary, English Learner Services

**Welcome:**

- Karen O’Mullan welcomed group and guest speakers.
- LCAP Goals were reviewed

**Guest Speaker:**

**Victoria Fridman and Erin Locklear, Youth and Mental Health Services:**

Interface offers the following programs: Domestic Violence, Youth Rescue Program (at risk of running away or risk of homelessness), Human Trafficking and Family Violence Prevention, Shelters (Safe Haven Emergency Shelter and Safe Journey Transitional Shelter). Mental health, parenting education, family violence, 2-1-1 information, referral and justice-involved families/ reentry services. Mental Health, Parent education and Child abuse treatment services (CHAT) – up to age 18, if they have experienced victimization of any kind. Social/Emotional Mental Health Services – Up to age 21. Parent child interaction Therapy (PCIT) for children ages 2 to 8; Primary requirement is student’s behavior issues. With services lasting between 16 to 25 weeks. Program to Evaluate and treat Sexual Abuse (PETSAs) runs

concurrently for the child and parent, services are offered in both English and Spanish based on availability, on Thursday nights in Oxnard office. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) targeted for parents, with a focus on misbehaviors and tantrums. This program runs for 8 weeks.

Q: Do you always have space in the shelter? R: Yes, we do have space in the shelters.

Q: Do you take families with more than one child? R: Yes, we have families with 3-4 kids, we keep the families in the same room.

Q: How large is your staff? A: In January we had a little over 115 staff members. About 60 percent of the staff are Spanish speaking.

Q: Is PETSAs offered in Thousand Oaks? A: We offer it in Camarillo.

Interface covers many counties in California. They also have a benefit kitchen, where they call and see what they qualify for free or reduced programs such as gas, electric. We also offer the human trafficking shelter and human trafficking Client Services. As well as case management for those that do not want to join the shelter. 2-1-1 information and referral it is available 24/7 in many languages and can be accessed via phone, web, or text. Interface Referral Information: Call 805 485-6114 ext 662 fax referrals to 805-278-4391. Visit [www.icfs.org](http://www.icfs.org) or email [vfridmandougherty@icfs.org](mailto:vfridmandougherty@icfs.org).

For information on restraining orders, community members can visit the Family Justice Center and the Ventura County Court House and get information without needing a referral or appointment. 2-1-1 is also a great entry point for receiving information for all of the programs.

## **Guest Speaker:**

### **Denise Cortes, Harbor House:**

Harbor House is a local nonprofit, that works in keeping the families that are housed, stay housed. This is a fairly new program. Interface and 2-1-1 help in referring cases to Harbor House. It is important to understand that families living in cars, are visiting gas stations to clean up before arriving to school. Last year, in 1 month, Harbor House had 14 families that lost the main breadwinner in the family. This program helped with housing and jobs. The largest population of homelessness is older aged women. This program provides one hot meal a day. Meals offered can help offset costs to have funds applied to housing instead.

Outreach assistant shared that two students were facing deportation. Rafael Torres, attorney, works in Simi Valley, he works for a nonprofit to offer his services to those in need.

Q: What is the protocol if you learn a child is homeless? R: We fill out paperwork and refer to call 2-1-1.

Q: Do you have connections with different landlords? R: We do, the clients that we serve have to sustain the living situation after the three months that we can help.

Q: Do you offer bus passes? R: Yes, we do have that and offer that to our clients.

Q: How is this program funded? R: We are funded by donations, all donations stay local. Our priorities are children and elderly women.

Q: In your experience, what percentage of the homeless population is Hispanic? R: I see that Hispanics are slightly the minority of the people that make up the homeless population.

**Adjourn:**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

**Next Meeting:**

- Date: October 23, 2019
- Location: District Office, Conference Room B2
- 8:30 – 10:30