



**City of Moreno Valley
Homeless Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes of February 19, 2025**

Call to Order

Mayor Ulises Cabrera called the meeting to order at 4:01pm. The following attendees were present at the meeting:

Subcommittee Members:

Ulises Cabrera, Mayor
Cheylynda Barnard, Council Member

Staff Members:

Brian Mohan, City Manager
Launa Jimenez, Assistant City Manager (Administration Services)/Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Sean Kelleher, Assistant City Manager (Development Services)
Angel Galache, Deputy City Manager
Shanna Palau, Public Safety Contracts Administrator
Viviana McDaniel, Grants Division Manager
Angelica Frausto-Lupo, Community Development Director
Robert Alvarez, Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Services Division Manager
Lanee Padilla, Community Enhancement Supervisor
Robert Luera, Senior Community Enhancement Officer
Gilbert Aguilar, Community Enhancement Officer I
Melissa Walker, Public Works Director
Anthony Brandyberry, Maintenance & Operations Division Manager
Dan Monto, Parks and Landscape Services Division Manager
Lieutenant Sam Morovich, Riverside County Sheriff, MVPD
Deputy Chris Wheeler, Riverside County Sheriff, MVPD
Deputy Thomas Ordway, Riverside County Sheriff, MVPD
Dannette Fortin, Management Assistant, Financial Resources Division

Homeless Task Force Partners:

Mark Davis, Director of Social Services, The Salvation Army
Victor Beecham, Chief Program Officer, Path of Life Ministries
Kristin Miller, Administrator of RUHS-BH Crisis Support System of Care, Riverside University Health System (RUHS)
Tiffany Boulware, Behavioral Health Services Supervisor, Riverside University Health System (RUHS)
Anel Cruz, Behavioral Health Support, Riverside University Health System (RUHS)

1. **Public Comments**

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1. Expressed concerns for homeless individual that is around Lakeside Plaza on Lasselle St and Iris Ave. He has tried helping through The Salvation Army, Path of Life, and by contacting the non-emergency line, and the individual does not accept services. He would like to see citations or arrests to hold accountable those that do not accept services. He has tried a 602 Letter. He sees the posts that the City cleans up areas of concern but sees no results in the South End.

2. Approval of Minutes
NONE. City Council approved the creation of this subcommittee via Resolution No. 2025-02 on January 7, 2025.

3. Action Items
NONE

4. Advisory Items
 - A. Staff Updates
 - I. Financial Resources Division (Staff Oversight of Homeless Task Force)
 - i. Brian Mohan, City Manager, shared that the Financial Resources Division is the liaison division for this subcommittee and is the point of contact moving forward. Also, this division is the staff oversight of the Homeless Task Force, an internal meeting that is held on a monthly basis and that consists of our internal departments, law enforcement, and regional partners.

 - II. Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Services Division (Homeless Task Force Member)
 - i. Robert Alvarez, Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Services Division Manager, provided an overview of the Quality of Life Operations. It is a sweep that is done twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to address areas of concern and provide homeless individuals with resources needed. Path of Life and The Salvation Army are the main resources for housing, referrals, shelter, food, and clothing. A hard contact is performed with law enforcement, staff and other agencies that provide resources. A soft contact is performed with only The Salvation Army and Path of Life without law enforcement and staff. Although there are still challenges with those that do not want to accept services, last month the team documented 33% rate of acceptance of services. With a 602 Letter in place, businesses rely on law enforcement to address property owner concerns.



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ii. Brian Mohan, City Manager, added that the Quality of Life Operations are during the day and in the evening. The evening operation is to ensure that we are following the municipal code of no overnight camping. Camping is not allowed after 11:00 p.m. in public areas. Expressed the increase in acceptance of services in the past few months, especially since it has been cold.

III. Moreno Valley Police Department (Homeless Task Force Member)

i. Lieutenant Sam Morovich from the Special Enforcement Team, mentioned the deputies that are out in the field, Sergeant Rob Freiberg, Deputy Thomas Ordway, and Deputy Chris Wheeler. Additionally, they have a team of 18 deputies that are used when needed for bigger sweeps. They try to reach the various areas that are reported to them via 911 calls, CRMs, and county tip lines. Their focus is to address crimes and make arrests if there is lawlessness happening. However, they do have a partnership with the city staff, The Salvation Army, and Path of Life for outreach and to get these homeless individuals all the resources that are available. Additionally, there is a partnership with RUHS, CBAT Program, and CARE Court. There is currently one full-time clinician and will soon be expanding to two, with the plan to ultimately have three. This team focuses on providing medical resources for mental health to keep them out of the criminal justice system. Regarding CARE Court, there has been 1 successful prosecution. Lastly, there have been changes to the 602 Letter, it has to be notarized now which is slowing down the process. Last year we had 335 letters, currently for this year we are at 149.

B. Homeless Task Force Partners

I. The Salvation Army

i. Mark Davis, Director of Social Services, shared a success story in collaboration with the Path of Life. The Salvation Army in 2024 supported about 14,000 residents through various resources, food pantry, rental assistance, utility assistance, diapers, and other resources. Additionally, 28 homeless individuals were able to get off the streets and go into The Salvation Army Rehab Facility, and 192 individuals were referred to other agencies. This year, they have contacted 62 people and 3 of those accepted services. It takes at least 15 to 20 contacts to be able to get someone to accept services.

II. Path of Life

i. Victor Beecham, Chief Program Officer, expressed his appreciation for the contract with the City and everyone's willingness to come



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together and get the job done. For the month of January, they had 150 contacts; three engagements, meaning that someone enrolled into the rapid re-housing program; 75 basic needs, meaning they received water, food, or clothes; three people enrolled in programs to move them towards housing; and three people that stayed in the shelter. They had a total of 103 bednights from the individuals that were housed or taken to the shelter from Moreno Valley. Since the beginning of their contract, they have contacted over 700 individuals, engaged and enrolled 53 to their program, and transitioned 32 families to housing, this is a total of 42 individuals. This all would not have been possible without the team's approach, the hard contacts and soft contacts. They have identified 7 encampment areas that they visit often where they have more than 3 individuals sleeping. As a nation homelessness has increased by 30%. Housing is the component that will make a difference. If housing inventory could be increased, there would be more people exiting the streets. As a part of their program, they have created their own inventory of housing with a Housing Specialist to assist those that need help. Lastly the biggest barrier is mental health and drug addiction.

III. Riverside University Health System

- i. Tiffany Boulware, Behavioral Health Services Supervisor, provided details on the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) and the Mobile Crisis Management Team (MCMT). They are available 24/7 and go out two times a week. The teams are made up of two clinical therapists, two substance specialists, two case managers and two certified care specialists. They participate in the Quality of Life sweeps every Tuesday. They are also responsible for case management services which may be 30-90 days. They also link and refer homeless individuals to county clinics for medication management. Last FY (2023/24) the total mobile crisis calls were 433, and 361 CBAT calls. They also have a diversion rate of 68%. They work closely with CBAT and provide ongoing case management and support after their initial contact. Most of CBAT referrals are from the 911 system and are identified based on behavioral health domestic concerns or anything a clinician on the team could be helpful with. The goal is to divert against arrests or hospitalizations. Regarding CARE Court, one of the findings is that it is very specific to the schizophrenia spectrum diagnosis. The MCRT and CBAT initiate referrals, it then goes to the CARE Court team for further assessment and qualification.

5. Financial Resources Division Comments



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A. Brian Mohan, City Manager, advised that the next Homeless Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025, and all future meetings on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm.

6. Subcommittee Member Comments

A. Mayor Ulises Cabrera thanked the staff and made requests as follows:

- I. Requested the City Attorney to review the municipal code on anti-camping ordinances and provide a legal opinion if the ordinance needs to be updated based on Grants Pass Case Law.
- II. The following Community Based Organizations/Non-Profits have been requested to provide a summary of their efforts:
 - i. Power Speaks Louder (Council Sponsorship)
 - ii. Inland Compassion (2 Year Pilot Program)
 - iii. Building Up Lives Foundation (2 Year Pilot Program)
 - iv. Hole in the Wall, Inc. (2 Year Pilot Program)

B. Council Member Cheylynda Barnard thanked the staff and made requests as follows:

- I. On all future agendas, please add a Public Comment section at the end of the Advisory Item section.
- II. Request for a CARE Court Representative to provide a summary of their efforts in April's meeting.
- III. Requested updates on Proposition 1 and 36.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Prior Meeting Attendance



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Board Member	2/19/25						
Mayor Ulises Cabrera	X						
Council Member Cheylynda Bernard	X						
Council Member Erlan Gonzalez (Alternate)							