



**CITY OF DANA POINT  
HOMELESS TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015  
2:00 PM, City Hall Offices  
33282 Golden Lantern #212  
Dana Point, California 92629**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Scott Schoeffel, Council Member, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Homeless Task Force of the City of Dana Point, California and made some introductory comments. He asked each member of the Homeless Task Force to introduce themselves.

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jens Christy  
Mary Perdue  
Albert Scaduto

Michael Fox  
Ryan Burris  
Margie Wakeham

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Scott Schoeffel

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**CITY STAFF LIAISONS PRESENT:** Ursula Luna-Reynosa, Sergeant Rich Himmel and Deputy Tobin Anderson

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Five members of the public were present.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Susan Johnson (Resident) expressed her concern regarding the homeless situation in her complex, Marlborough Seaside Villas.

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**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Approval of the Task Force May 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion was made (Scaduto) to approve the minutes and seconded (Schoeffel). The Motion was approved.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Presentation on Dana Point Homeless Enumeration Report**

**Ursula Luna-Reynosa** introduced Larry Hanes, Executive Director of the Mercy House.

**Larry Haynes** stated that Dr. Clark of Mercy House wished to apologize for not being present and also wanted to thank Mary Priciata (Resident) for all of her work. He continued by giving background information of the organization's enumeration work. Mr. Haynes began his presentation on the Dana Point Enumeration Report findings by defining the homeless in Dana Point as individuals who sleep in Dana Point at night. In the five areas observed by trained observers, they found 35 homeless identified at the time, however Dr. Clark believes that this number may be less due to a surfing competition that was occurring during the observation window. Their observations show that the number of chronically homeless in Dana Point is 15 people, predominantly middle-aged men. Based on their observations and data, Mercy House and Dr. Clark do not recommend a homeless shelter in Dana Point, but recommend implementing a homeless placement strategy. Mr. Haynes stated that their data shows providing housing options with accessible services is the most effective and least expensive approach to managing the homeless situation. He further explained that through outreach, the homeless are identified and evaluated through the VI-SPDAT screening to provide an assessment of their needs and match them with the appropriate support and housing intervention available. He responded to questions of the Homeless Task Force regarding the transitional housing model and explained that this model provides longer term housing and intensive supportive services with the goal of getting individuals in a position to be able to move out on their own. He added that data shows that this is not the most effective method.

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### **3. Discussion**

**Margie Wakeham** stated that in 2008, Families Forward tracked families in the Rapid Rehousing model and the Transitional model. They found that Rapid Rehousing was slightly better and more cost effective. Families Forward measured that 93% of the families housed through Rapid Rehousing were still housed after one year.

**Larry Haynes** explained that the Rapid Rehousing model focuses on housing rather than “fixing” the individual adding that there is a greater likelihood of an individual staying sober and successful in a house rather than on the street.

**Councilman Schoeffel** asked Mr. Haynes who pays for these services.

**Larry Haynes** replied that it is generally a combination of public dollars, private donations, and grants. If the City were to create a homeless placement strategy plan, the plan would be implemented with allocated funds.

**Albert Scaduto** stated that under Proposition 47, the number of homeless individuals could change significantly.

**Larry Haynes** suggested that the plan favor housing placement when possible. An increase in critical mass would lead to an increase in time needed to identify housing placement opportunities.

**Mary Perdue** stated that the Gilchrist House currently follows a Rapid Rehousing model, but looks to the individual’s situation to dictate their plan and support.

**Margie Wakeham** stated that Transitional Housing can be used for emergency situations while permanent housing is found. She added that the relationship between the housing site owner and the service provider is very important.

**Scott Schoeffel** added that the plan should transition the “homeless to homeful”.

**Mary Perdue** reported that the cost associated with serving each homeless individual is \$25,000 to \$150,000 per year while the cost of sheltering a homeless is \$12,000 to \$25,000 per year.

**Scott Schoeffel** stated that the Homeless Task Force has research and a recommendation to present to City Council. He directed staff to write a staff report so that Council can provide further direction to the Homeless Task Force.

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**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. was determined to be the next meeting date pending availability. Agenda items will include upcoming weather conditions and public outreach.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Homeless Task Force at this session, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.