

# Vista Internal Homelessness Working Group Meeting Agenda

Civic Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

March 21, 2024

2:00-3:00pm

## I. Welcome & Purpose

Name	Organization	Title
Rob Anderson	City of Vista	Recreation Manager
Faye Gray	City of Vista	Economic Development Specialist
Jose Heredia	City of Vista	Community Improvement Team
Aldo Hernandez	City of Vista	Public Works Supervisor
Javier Hernandez	City of Vista	Community Improvement Team
Imelda Huerta	City of Vista	Assistant City Manager
Johannah Knieff	City of Vista	Housing & Homelessness Senior Office Specialist
Jonathan Lung	City of Vista	Homeless Services Program Manager
Jorgen Pederson	Sheriff	COPPS Deputy
Michael Ressler	City of Vista	City Planner
Clarence Rich	City of Vista	Code Enforcement Manager
Beverly Roxas	City of Vista	Assistant City Attorney
Leila Sadrieh	City of Vista	Senior Environmental Specialist
Daniel Sturman	City of Vista	Housing & Homelessness Management Analyst
Fred Tracey	City of Vista	Communications Officer

## II. Discussion

- BCNC Overnight Intakes
  - Overnight intakes not currently offered anywhere in San Diego County
    - Has shown to be expensive, not a high need
  - Leaving a bed open would not be equitable to individuals on waitlist
  - Additional staff for overnight needs would mean additional costs for staffing
  - Would Motel Vouchers be a backup option?
    - Increase in liability for hotel, individual, and associated costs
      - Sheriff or referring party may be able to make this judgement call
    - Motel Voucher program not available yet
  - Palette Shelter as another backup option?
    - Would not disrupt clients and other operations overnight
- Trespass Authorization Letter and Signage
  - This would be a standing authorization from property owners to allow Sheriff's to enforce trespassing on private property
    - Letters on file could last for up to one year
    - Would make it easier for Sheriff's department to access/assist
  - Signage is a legal requirement, acts as a deterrent, and allows for greater enforceability
    - Sign must be easily visible

- City is looking into grants to cover cost of signage
        - Will need council approval to waive associated fees
    - Plan is to implement signage downtown before considering city-wide
      - 306 active Business Improvement District business licenses
  - Alliance for Regional Solutions Shelter Network Contract Update
    - Historically, this contract has been \$200,000 per year, or \$50,000 per quarter
    - Program years from October through September
    - Recently amended to pay per shelter bed night, up to ceiling price of \$200,000
      - This amount had been fully expended during January 2024
    - ARS will continue services for contract year and come back with data to support future funding strategies
  - Glossary of Terms
    - A glossary of terms has been created to allow for more consistent use of terms during discussions of homeless services in Vista

### III. Updates from each department/agency represented at the meeting

Each Working Group member to provide a brief update of any activities or interactions within your department/division, collaborate, pose questions, identify upcoming opportunities, etc.

- City Attorney's Office
  - Discussion regarding San Diego's Encampment Ban
  - No changes or updates to Martin v. Boise, but may be considered by appellate court
- Community Improvement Team
  - 17 encampments cleaned in January, 14 encampments cleaned in February, 14 encampments cleaned in March
    - Amount cleaned from encampments lessens each month
  - Discussion regarding encampment abatement
    - Not enforceable unless property is labeled a "public nuisance"
- Recreation & Community Services
  - Increase in overnight activity, especially in Breeze Hill, Wildwood, Shadowridge, Thibido, & Brengle Terrace
- Public Works
  - Noted instance where upon arriving at skate park to clean graffiti, individual was sleeping in bathroom and declined to leave
    - Deputy Pedersen informed staff should continue to call Sheriff's non-emergency line for assistance
- Planning
  - Council Update in May regarding old Burlington Coat Factory

### IV. Overview of Strategic Plan Activities in Progress

- City of Escondido Policy Statement
  - Public safety is in conflict with Housing First
  - Direction from Standing Committee on Homelessness to agendaize for City Council meeting
- BCNC up to 38 clients
  - Nearing capacity and staff will begin focusing on case management once full

### V. Next meeting

- May 16, 2024  
2:00-3:00pm