

Kings County Wellness Bridge
General Committee Meeting Minutes • May 16, 2017

Present: Mayra Aguirre, Dave Clevenger, Shaunne Garibay, Debbie Grice, Crystal Hernandez, Codi Hicke, Julie LeFils, Kim Lehner, Leticia Lopez, Jeff March, Lucia Orozco, Fred Risard, Rebecca Russell, Maira Rojas, Monica Silva, Dr. Teske, Shannon Tolbert, Melissa Wescoat,

- Mobile Shower Grant
 - Rebecca reported that we have received a \$20,000 grant from Adventist Health Sunriver Mission Project
 - Next Steps/Timeline:
 - By 5-31-17 - Release Operational Request for Proposals to the community
 - The Resource Committee will prepare RFP and send to KCWB to be voted on via email.
 - Julie suggested we change the wording of RFO to ministry, mission or partnership
 - We will advertise/send letter of intent to KPFP, KSOW, and send a press release to The Hanford Sentinel
 - By 6-30-17 – Responses Due
 - By 7-18-17 – Award Contract
 - Purchase and Title Vehicle under Adventist Health fleet
 - Design namesake, brand, logo, slogan with agency logos
 - Julie will work to create a KCWB logo
 - Complete Interior Build
 - Vehicle Wrap
 - Advertising materials released
 - 1st Outreach event
- KARELink Homeless Management Program - Downtown Streets Program
 - Debbie reported that she, Crystal, Shannon along with members from the Hanford Police Dept. visited the Downtown Streets Program in the Bay Area last week to evaluate the program for Hanford as well as being evaluated by Downtown Streets.
 - How Downtown Streets Works
 - They believe that treating people with dignity and empowering them to be a part of the solution to their struggles is a major factor in their ultimate success. Their approach is unique in that they not only challenge Team Members to take an active role in their own recovery but they also empower them to create long-term solutions for their peers. By having the opportunity to tell their stories at schools, churches, social organizations, and business associations, their Team Members are changing perceptions about homelessness in their communities. Furthermore, their program has the inherent public benefit of a cleaner community as their Team

Members engage in beautification projects such as street cleaning and creek restoration through their Award-Winning Work-First Model. As one of their Team Members has said, what we're doing is a "win-win-win" scenario: the Team Member wins, the environment wins and the community wins – it doesn't get much better than that.

- Safe Families – Kim Lehner
 - Kim talked to the group about what Safe Families is and the progress being made in Kings County. They are looking to make connections with agencies who work with families who would benefit from their program.
- Roundtable
 - Amanda's Home Update
 - The house is close to opening. The fencing has gone up and was donated by LePrino. They are seeking donors to provide scholarships for women who can't afford the program. The cost is \$500 per month per woman to live in the home. They are also seeking donations for a Toy Set, and are in need of volunteers. Contact Crystal Hernandez.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 3:00 pm.