



## Basic Needs Committee (BNC) Meeting Minutes September 20, 2021

Committee Members							
x	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair		Marisa Fierro		Sgt. Brian Owen	x	Kaitlyn Yrineo
x	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair (fac)	x	Renu Katoch	x	Romelia Salinas		
x	Christina Cammayo (fac)		Shelly Laddusaw		Julia Walker		Jeze Lopez (guest)
x	Thuy Pham (fac)		Rosie Esparza	x	Diana Giannone (Community)		Bill Lambert (guest)
x	Rigo Estrada	x	Irene Martinez	x	Carlos Romero (Student)	x	Brenda Ricarte (guest)
x	Barbara Carrillo		Ken McAlpin	x	An Ha (Student)		

### I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

*We will begin this meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.*

*Mt. SAC is geographically situated on the traditional lands of the Tongva peoples. I ask you to join me in acknowledging their community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. May we honor the land and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. Thank you.*

### II. Review and Approval of Minutes for June 7, 2021 (5 min)

### III. Updates (15 minutes)

- Basic Needs Resources (Rigo): Officially moved operations to Bldg. 9G. Shares the space with Haneen Aguilar, BWT (Behavior Wellness Team) Coordinator. They are having one-on-one meetings with students and also house social workers. They plan to host an open house later in the semester. Rigo has been working with Jovenes this summer who assist with housing, and so far, have referred 9 students. Also, have engaged with case managing active students and utilizing social workers to provide support for housing insecurities. Peer navigator program with Sycamore, Victor will be serving as our new contact. Sycamore assists with providing housing resources that students may not be eligible for through Jovenes program. They help get students to get connected to other housing resources. Erica from Sycamore, shared they are getting a lot adult clients, students over the age of 25 needing help.
  - CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Rigo/Brenda): Beginning of semester received assistance from Financial Aid to send letters out to students that have zero-dollar EFC (Expected Family Contribution), exceptions for students that have zero EFC. Have received so far 428 applications thanks to the letters that were sent. So, Brenda and her team are following up with students.
  - Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (Rigo): In store pantry is now open and operating. The first week of pantry being open had a little over 350 students visit the pantry. There are safety measures in place, only 5 students can go in at a time, and they have 5 minutes to select food. This semester partnering with culinary arts program, they are creating the Mounty Meal Program. They will have live zoom demos and meal boxes for students to enjoy and view.

### IV. Presentation and Q&A (50 min)

- Jovenes Inc. Overview Presentation (Eric Hubbard and Veronica Rojas): Headquartered in Boyle Heights. In 2016, Jovenes learned more about Community College students needing housing and

learned about the great need out there. They started to partner with Community Colleges to provide housing for students. Students fail when experiencing homelessness. Seek to address the crises of homelessness.

**~~V. Discussion (45 min)~~**

- NONE

**VI. Next Meeting**

- October 4, 2021 @1:00 p.m.

**VII. Adjourn**