



## Homelessness and Basic Resources Committee (HBRC)

### Meeting Minutes

**May 20, 2019**

Committee Members							
	Koji Uesugi, Co-Chair	✓	Renu Katoch		Patricia Montoya		Donna Vasquez
	Barbara Carrillo	✓	Shelly Laddusaw		Loni Nguyen	✓	Kaitlyn Yrineo
	Debbie Cavion	✓	Jeze Lopez		Daisy Olivas	✓	Julia Walker
✓	Susie Chen	✓	Irene Martinez	✓	Brenda Ricarte		
✓	Rigo Estrada	✓	Ken McAlpin	✓	Giovanni Rodriguez		
	Yolanda Haro		Paul Miller	✓	Pauline Swartz, Co-Chair		

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Review and Approval of Minutes for May 6, 2019

Approved.

#### III. Updates

- CalFresh Outreach (regular updates – Brenda)  
Applications still coming in. Brenda is following up with students who applied last week at the pantry.  
CalFresh Outreach on library homepage.
- San Gabriel Valley Consortium Meeting Updates (Rigo and Shelly)
  - Informative in understanding who else is at the table. We received a Powerpoint presentation from the LAHSA where they talked about something that Rigo and Jeze have been talking about for a long time - “problem solving integration.” How resources are impacted. Looking at the individual and trying to come up with solutions to their housing situations. It is yet to be determined how Mt. SAC will become part of the continuum of care.
  - We were invited to Employment and Homelessness Task Force organized by the L.A. County WDACS. They want to know more about what Mt. SAC is doing and what HBRC is all about. Mt. SAC needs to be at the table. How to serve students as well as developing partnerships and big-picture efforts. It will be interesting to see how this task force and their work will move forward as next steps were not discussed at that meeting.

## IV. Discussion

- May Food Pantry Debrief and June Food Pantry Planning Ideas
  - Debrief and Observations
    - Students loved it. Students said it was more of an interaction. Felt like shopping. Made them feel more powerful in choosing what they wanted. More humanized. Liked chatting with people. Some students who are vegan/vegetarian liked that they could choose. They went back raving about it.
    - Liked the crew of EMT helpers.
    - Flow went quickly.
    - Some students felt that the toiletry station was the first stop because they must check in. Toiletries – real need for razors, shampoo, etc.
    - We didn't give away as much during that pantry.
    - Some volunteers mentioned that the physical labor was throughout the session, rather than just at the beginning. Solution – switch the volunteer flow so that during the farmer's market to replenish the supplies.
    - We will need more volunteers during the session if we stick with the farmer's market style. We should have one person per station.
    - Farmer's market style was more humanizing.
  - Brainstorm Ideas for the Future in General (June pantry discussion is in separate section). This is a brainstorm, not decisions.
    - Space and Set Up
      1. As people were exiting, need to have more information directing people to the CalFresh table.
      2. Consider ways to reduce the labor, such as organizing the stations near pallets.
      3. Have the tables arranged vertically instead of horizontally so students can walk straight in and zig zag in and out.
      4. Make it more aesthetically pleasing. Tablecloths and skirts. Baskets for items. Signs – aisle 1 and 2, etc., like a grocery store. Food samples – like the bean samples. Gio can work on this over the summer. Gio has a vision! Gio and Rigo can work closely together on this.
      5. Baggies of toiletries for hygiene kits made available in every department office.
      6. Integrate activities and interactions like therapy dogs. Susie will ask the president of the California Nursing Student Association if they would do an activity.
    - Promotion, Partnerships, and Other Issues
      1. Various ideas on how to promote the pantry were shared.
      2. Ask food and nutrition to take a look at what is available at the pantry and see if they could come up with something (menu or samples?) on the spot.
      3. How to capture students expressing a need between pantry dates.

4. How does instruction schedule classes? Explained block schedule. Idea to take a look at the block scheduling for instruction/classes. We need a college/university hour.
  5. Incorporate into STEP orientation and Summer Bridge. We do not need a full 30 min workshop that would be optional for students. We think 5 mins about it would work. Pauline will talk to Patricia Maestro. Pauline can will work 5 min minutes into her presentation to STEP about the library. Kaitlyn will do the same for the Summer Bridge students. We have the potential to reach 1,000 students in person with info about the pantry this STEP and Summer Bridge. Brenda noted that many of these students may not qualify for CalFresh due to their age.
- **June pantry**
    - Time -- 9:30am-1:30pm.  
**Yes.** Committee agreed with this recommended time.
    - Market style or pre-packed bags?  
Although someone pointed out that students may be in a rush due to finals, the group recommended the farmer's market set up.
      1. **Recommendation from committee:** Use the farmer's market set up.
        - a. Not good to keep changing the format, esp. so soon.
        - b. Pros of this style as stated in debrief of May pantry
    - Ideas – just brainstorm
      1. Incorporate activities (e.g., therapy dogs, food demos, etc.)
      2. Joe Mountie if we can make it happen.
    - What about evening students?
      1. **Recommendation from committee:** 15 bags in each location to distribute to Equity Center, Library, and Non-Credit for students to pick up in the afternoon and evening.
  - **HBRC Champions – recognizing individuals and organizations.**  
Shared basic idea with committee. To be discussed in the future.
  - **Summer Intersession meetings**
    - Decision: Yes. Group agreed to meet during summer.
  - **SB 568 (Portantino) Postsecondary education: student housing: College-Focused Rapid Rehousing Program (Review and Discussion).**  
Shared Fact Sheet with committee. Discussion tabled for future.

## V. **Good of the Order (All)**

- Gio shared that Associated Students passed a resolution to provide free feminine hygiene products in all women's restrooms and all-gender restrooms. Think about if

the committee also wants to provide a recommendation to the campus. Also ask if Academic Senate will consider passing a similar resolution. Pauline will communicate with Academic Senate. Associated Students resolution will be presented at the next board meeting.

- California Budget Proposal includes funding for UC and CSU to support homeless students. Does not include budget for community colleges. Rigo distributed sample call template to call the assembly budget subcommittee to advocate for funding for community college students. Please call and share with others by May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **VI. Next Meeting**

- June 3, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. in 9C-5

## **VII. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 2:26pm.