CVCC Partners Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022

Meeting: December 13, 2022
Location: South Bay Pioneers, 270 C Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910
Time 9 AM to 11 AM

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting, and for all the Toy donations. We hope that you enjoyed the Hot Chocolate Party as much as we did.

1. We recognized the hard work and dedication that Tom Clavell, of South Bay Pioneers, has been doing for 17 years. This is Tom’s last meeting with CVCC and South Bay Pioneers, he is moving on to doing other work in the housing department but will keep in contact with all of us. Tom mentioned that the South Bay Pioneers is still hosting housing for recovering alcoholics, they have a great program for them to get them where they need to be. CVCC is still going to use its facilities as Mike will take over for Tom. Thank you, Tom, for all your hard work and for supporting CVCC, we will miss you.

2. Jovita Arellano is our new CVCC Coordinator, she is taking over Day of the Child coming April 22, 2023. It is exciting to have Jovita join our team because she brings new ideas for CVCC, staff, and the community. Welcome to the team Jovita!!

3. Marissa Serrano, Health, and Human Services Agency: SD County is starting new food security, homelessness, and mental health project. Planning is still in the works, but it will be exciting to see how the County is helping the community with rising homelessness. LOVE YOUR HEART is February 11-19, 2022, this is an event in the South Region, for more information please log on to Love Your Heart (livewellsd.org) for more information.

4. Jenna Biggane, Job Corps: Jenna is from Outreach & Admissions. Job Corps is a federal program that works with 16–24-year-olds. It is a school, they have a trade of their choice (train, learn,
live, connect). Students can live in the facilities and have job corps assist them with GED, high school, job preparedness, etc. Job Corps is in Imperial Beach near the Navy Base, and they have 500 capacities, a dormitory, a cafeteria, and a lunch area to name a few. Students are welcome to go home on the weekends or stay whichever they choose, they must follow all rules, or they will be disciplined or not welcome to stay at Job corps. Eligibility: low income, must be 16-24 years old or just turned 24 to be able to qualify. They have various locations and if the location they chose doesn’t have the program they want they can be transferred to another location. Job corps helps with driving school, nursing school, mechanics, and construction amongst other work preparedness so that once they leave the corps, they have a stable job. They have a no-drug policy since their program is Federal Funding.

5. Xiani Williams, Restorative Justice Mediation: This program is for people that have been harmed; they offer a Victim dialogue programs, community circles, and re-entry programming. Everything is free. VOD (Victim Offender Dialogue) this program allows mediation to speak with both the victim and the offender to come together and negotiate, examples are probation cases. A good outcome usually comes out of this program where usually they get offered a job or other great solutions come out of this dialogue. Another program is Community Mediation which partners with Chula Vista Police Department for cases that aren’t criminal. Examples of this program are neighborhood arguments where they can refer anyone, and it doesn’t include family mediation. CDCR VOD Program & CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation assist with DUI with bodily harm injury, referrals go through CDCR and this assistance usually is cases that are 5 years old. Restorative Program would like to train more staff or partners to be able to have more groups throughout the community. Some of these groups would be Violence Impact Circles, Safe Space Circles, Youth Community Circles, and Immigration Impacted Circles. For more information, please contact Xiani @ 619-280-1993.

6. Almary Akerlundh, Rady’s Children Hospital: COVID Research in children. Rady’s is conducting research on all the children that would like to participate if they had COVID or never had COVID. This study is to learn more about the long-term symptoms and why some don’t get COVID living in the same household. They see that in Latino Communities they are the ones with long-term symptoms, and they want to know why. Rady’s is looking for participants, 0-25-year-old patients. They will use a TIER 1, 2, and 3 system to see who qualifies for what Tier. Each participant does get compensation for their time. Contact Almary for more information at aakerlundh@rchsd.org

7. Public Forum:
   a. Precious Newton of Recovery Residence Association, mentioned that they will have the last training for opening a Recovery Center is this Friday @ 9 AM, for more information contact pnewton@sdchip.org
   b. Lilly from Scripps Health, they have FREE Covid bags for patients that need them, please contact Lily for more information Osuna.lilliana@scrippshealth.org
   c. MIHA Program of UCSD still looking for participants for their 24-week program, which will help Latino women learn more about nutrition education, and incentives are provided. Contact mihaprogram@ucsd.edu for more information
   d. Ines Giraldo with SYH services is provided for 2 months old through 17 years old, you can contact Ines for more information @ ines.giraldo@syhc.org
   e. Caleb Herrera, Coastal Kids Dentistry & Orthodontics, is new to South Bay and introduce the facilities that he has. They accept Medi-Cal and they are authorized to do anesthesia right away, no need to send a request to insurance.