

**Housing and Community
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development Department, lead agency for the Santa Barbara County's Bringing Our Community Home Program

and

**Good Samaritan Shelter, lead program manager for North County,
Casa Esperanza, lead program manager for South County,
Santa Barbara Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services,
Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara,
Santa Barbara Mental Health Association,
Peoples' Self-Help Housing,
Transitions Mental Health,
Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center,
Work Training Program**

**For the purpose of implementing the
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY HOME PROGRAM**

I. Purpose:

This document stands as evidence that above-named agencies intend to work together toward the mutual goal of ending chronic homelessness by providing services within existing permanent supportive housing units in Santa Barbara County for chronically homeless individuals and families experiencing a serious mental illness and/or substance abuse disorder. The agencies intend to provide appropriate, comprehensive, culturally competent and individualized services to support the target population in achieving the goals of residential stability and reductions in psychiatric symptoms. These agencies believe that the implementation of the Bringing Our Community Home Program, as described in the grant application, will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program, if selected for funding, by discharging the responsibilities outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.

II. Lead Agency: Santa Barbara Housing and Community Development Department

As the Lead Agency, *Housing and Community Development Department* agrees to:

- Serve as fiscal agent for the grant.
- Administer the grant.

- Ensure compliance with Santa Barbara’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- Provide representation on, and staffing for, the Homeless Governing Board that will provide oversight and direction for implementation of the project.
- Act as primary liaison with the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- Supervise the *Bringing Our Community Home* Project Director.
- Negotiate and monitor subcontracts or memoranda of understanding with the various housing and service providers participating as part of the Bringing Our Community Home Program.
- Support and manage evaluation efforts and ensure continuous quality improvement.
- Assemble and prepare all reports required by SAMHSA, based upon information supplied by participating organizations.

III. Participating Agencies

Casa Esperanza and Good Samaritan, the lead program managers, agree to:

- Coordinate and participate in trainings.
- Ensure compliance with Santa Barbara’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- Provide representation on, and staffing for, the Homeless Governing Board that will provide oversight and direction for implementation of the project.
- Supervise the *Bringing Our Community Home* Project Managers in North and South County.
- Support and manage evaluation efforts and ensure continuous quality improvement.
- Support the lead agency in preparing all reports required by SAMHSA.

The **Santa Barbara Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services** agrees to:

- Ensure that activities supported through this grant have the support of county and community leaders.
- Ensure all service providers comply with fidelity standards for the Matrix and ACT models, as outlined in County contracts.
- Provide accompanying diagnostic, psychiatric and medication services for the target population.
- Provide MediCal consultation.

The **Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County, Good Samaritan Shelter, and Peoples’ Self-Help Housing** agrees to:

- Provide existing supportive housing for individuals and/or families.
- Provide additional housing units as they come on-line.

The **Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County, Work Training Program, Transitions Mental Health Association, and Good Samaritan Shelter** agrees to:

- Provide case management services for chronically homeless individuals with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring substance abuse disorders.

The **Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center** agrees to:

- Provide support services for children in chronically homeless families with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring substance abuse disorders.

Each of the signatory agencies agrees to:

- Work toward strengthening supportive long-term housing and wrap-around services for chronically homeless individuals and families.
- Provide a representative for the working group to attend regular meetings to act on behalf of the system/organization.
- Actively participate in all training efforts.
- Participate in collaborative case planning and efforts.
- Support and manage evaluation efforts.
- Designate a representative at the Director-level to participate on the Homeless Governing Board as needed.

This agreement will take effect when and if the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration selects Santa Barbara Housing and Community Development Department for a Services in Supportive Housing Program Grant and will continue through the end of the grant-funding period, including any renewals or contract extensions.

We, the undersigned, do hereby approve this document on behalf of our organizations.

SIGNED AND AGREED TO ON THIS DAY: MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007 BY:

Name	Title/Agency	Signature
John Torell	Director, Housing and Community Development	_____
Michael Foley	Executive Director, Casa Esperanza	_____
Sylvia Barnard	Executive Director, Good Samaritan Shelter	_____
Doug Barton	Interim Director, Santa Barbara Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services	_____
Rob Pearson	Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	_____
Anmarie Cameron	Executive Director, Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County	_____
Jeannette Duncan	Executive Director, Peoples' Self-Help Housing	_____
Frank Ricceri	Division Director, Transitions Mental Health Association	_____

William Rogers

Executive Director, Santa
Maria Valley Youth and
Family Center

Cynthia Burton

President/CEO, Work
Training Program

