

**NORTH INLAND FAITH PARTNERSHIP  
MEETING NOTES**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM**

Emmanuel Faith Community Church  
639 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025  
Boardroom, Education Center



**Attendees:** Hector Morales; Virginia West; Mary Ferro; Joyce Bruggerman; Curtis Whitehead; Linda Arreola; John Cotter; Connie Kennemer; Rex Kennemer; Diane Delagardelle; Beth Domingue; Larry Johnson; Beth Acuff; Jamie Rankin; Bobbi Schutz; Veronica Alzaga; Cynthia Lewis; Martha Garzon; Norma Serrano; Kat Casabar; Roy Smith; Greg Anderson; Liz Kruidenier; Rosemary Gaines; and Arigue Golden

ITEM	SUMMARY
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions-5 min.</b> (Pastor Hector Morales)	Pastor Morales welcomed everyone noting the group is growing as there were 25 persons in attendance.
<b>II. Prayer</b> (Council Member)	John Cotter offered the prayer.
<b>III. Approval of June 2016 Summary Notes- 5 min.</b> (Virginia West)	Minutes were approved.
<b>IV. County Updates/ -10 min.</b> (Virginia West)	Virginia reminded all about the Community Engagement Forums that the County is sponsoring to elicit ideas from the community about mental health and substance abuse programs. Flyers have been sent to the group via email. There will be two in each of the six HHSA Regions starting late August; of which 2 will be in Escondido and 2 in Oceanside; (daytime and evening forums). John Cotter suggested that what community members need are easier guides to what insurance companies provide or don't provide. He has experienced great difficulty negotiating with insurance companies regarding services and has been at it for 6 years. Someone to be an Ombudsman or in an Advocate role would be helpful. Virginia committed to scheduling the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team for the October meeting.
<b>V. Faith-Based Academy update- 10 min.</b> (Mary Ferro)	Mary announced that the piloting of the Faith-Based Academy curriculum will be held on two consecutive Saturdays this month (August). All topics will be covered. The purpose of the Academy is to train both Faith Leaders in an effort to destigmatize MH issues; and train BH professionals on the role of Spirituality in MH wellness. The training includes a cultural focus on the Latino community.
<b>VI. Training Center Ephesians-Wellness Ministry- 15 min.</b> (Pastor Larry Johnson)	Pastor Johnson ( <a href="mailto:tlarryjohnson@gmail.com">tlarryjohnson@gmail.com</a> ) shared his life experiences of losing close family members to substance abuse or mental health problems and how this motivated him to serve as a volunteer chaplain in prisons and jails over the past 16 years. Thanks to a grateful friend who donated a building, Training Center Ephesians runs a 50 bed program for recovering inmates. TCE will be visiting Vista, Central, and Las Colinas jail inmates with a team of a Behavioral Health professional and a Faith Leader to engage them and link them to Behavioral Health and/or Faith resources. This is part of the County's Faith initiative. He invited members to visit the website <a href="http://www.sdtrainingcenter.org">www.sdtrainingcenter.org</a> or go to YouTube and view "Larry Johnson prison videos" for further information.

*Faith based communities, in partnership with Behavioral Health Services, work to improve people's lives through integration of body, mind and spirit.*

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<b>VII. In-Home Outreach Team (IHOT) North</b> – 10 minutes (staff)	Bobbi Schutz (bschutz@mhsinc.org) of MHS, Inc. In Home Outreach Team provided brochures about the work the IHOT team does in the HHSA North Regions. Their target population are adults 18 and up who have signs of serious mental illness but who are not connected to treatment; and resistant to or outright refusing to link to needed services. The team makes many attempts to engage them on a voluntary and friendly basis. If all voluntary efforts fail and the referred person meets certain strict criteria under state law, the program may assess the person for presentation to a judge for court-ordered MH treatment.
<b>VIII. Goals for 2016- (if time allows)</b> (Council Discussion)	Postponed due to meeting running overtime.
<b>IX. Announcements-</b> 10 min.	<p>Fliers were distributed for these events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connie and Rex K. reminded all of the upcoming CAHM event at CSUSM on Saturday Sept. 24.</li> <li>• Linda A announced the Faith in Healing half-day conference on Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> to be held at St. Michael’s Church in Poway.</li> <li>• Kat C. announced the County’s Check Your Mood 2016! Oct. 10-16. Sites throughout the County wil encourage participants to self-screen for depression symptoms.</li> <li>• The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual North County Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Relative Caregiver Symposium and resource fair is Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Live Well Center in Escondido.</li> </ul> <p>Liz K announced the NAMI NC annual plant sale fundraiser/resource fair is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm. 20 service programs will be represented.</p> <p>Arigue Golden announced that Food and Nutrition Services are provided by <a href="http://feedingamerica.org">feedingamerica.org</a></p>

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR**  
**WEDNESDAY, October 12, 2016**  
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