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Meeting Agenda

August 2, 2016 10:00am-12:00pm

Catholic Charities of the East Bay, 433 Jefferson Street, Oakland, CA 94607

I. Introductions to include Welcome New Social Adjustment Workers:

Kara Tofte(IRC), Amy Weiss(JFCS/EB), Marisa Ramos(CDPH/ORH), Lex Duey(Upwardly Global), Guenet Sebsibe(Alameda County Public Health Department), Sadaf Pirzada(SSA), Sambo(Refugee Health), Ballav Poudel(LFCD), Jack Tyler(Diversity in Health Training Institute), Dusty Cooper(The Bread Project), Nicole Germanov(RT), Nate Dunstan(OUSD), Annie Subedi(EBRF), Sysvanh Kabeo(CDSS, Refugee Program Bureau), Ballav Poudel(LFCD), Mary Jennings(CDSS Refugee Program Bureau), Tamara Perkins(Partnerships for Trauma Recovery), Fatima Aineb(Diversity in Health Training Institute), Elisabeth Lang(CCEB).

II. Building Home Together Updates

- Have been working together with the county board of supervisors on welcoming county resolutions, which is a resolution to a joint health and social services committee, to have Alameda county qualify as a welcoming County.
- The meeting with the County Board of supervisors is set on September and the goal after that is to have the community members come in and talk to the supervisors.

V. Agency Announcements:

- Partnership for Trauma Recovery is fairly new organization founded on 2016 and it provides free mental healthcare services to international survivors. Their clients are asylee seekers, war victims, human trafficking, LGBT.
- The founders of PTR have an experience of 20+ years working with Human Trafficking policy and advocacy and war victims.
- Have a range of 30 different languages to provide mental health car services and if there comes a patient with a language that PTR does not have then there will be a mental healthcare interpreter to support that language.
- Refugee Program Bureau is now fully staffed and ready to provide great services to all communities.
- Mary Jennings is the new addition to Refugee Program Bureau. She has worked for CRC in Sacramento so she is familiar with

the operations in county level in terms of providing services under the RPB.

- As a county, the expected new arrival is estimated to be 25000 immigrants. In California, it will be around 4-5 thousands arriving. The three most impacted cities are still San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento.
- Brand new branch for housing support is to be developed to provide support in looking for affordable housing and Calworks and Calfresh.
- Contra Costa County is the 9th Impacted County so the county will be able to provide services to the county just like Alameda County has.
- Central American Applications have been submitted but the approvals are very few and less than 50% arrivals have made it to their county.
- The fourth quarter allocation funding is received, so the grant will be distributed to qualifying schools.
- 2017 Refugee Summit will have a planning advisory for each community so fill out the survey comments and participate at the summit.
- The fixed date for the 2017 Refugee Summit has not been decided yet but will be informed as soon as the date is set.
- Syrian Support Program has secured a grant to help support Syrian refugees coming to the county.
- Diversity in Health Training Institute works with refugees with healthcare background and want to work with healthcare workforce. Interested individuals get initiated to the healthcare system in the United States.
- DHTI also offers scholarships and the counseling is free for folks interested.
- Upwardly Global recently received a national grant so there is enough fund to help professionals in the workforce. Particularly women and anyone with a background with stem, Upwardly Global is looking into connecting them to the stem.

VI. Current Arrival Data: JFCS- East Bay, CCEB, and IRC.

Jewish Family and Community Services- East Bay Arrivals October 1,2015-August 31, 2016.

Origin	Number of Arrivals	Languages
Afghanistan	93	Farsi, Dari, Pashtu
Columbia	2	Spanish

Iraq	7	Arabic
Iran	9	Farsi
Uganda	5	Kiswahili, Luganda
Syrian	5	Arabic
Russian	6	Russian, Ukrainian

Total: 127

Of 127 individuals 53 are children, which is 42% of the caseload 100.

31 of 53 children are school age (58%), 22 are under 5 years old.

Males-52; Females- 48.

93 individuals (73%) are Afghans, 6 Iraqis, 9 Iranian; 2 Columbians, 5 Syrian, and 5 Ugandans.

8 Clients of 127 (6.3%) of 100 arrived refugees are LGBT from Uganda, Syria and Columbia.

CCEB- Arrivals Oct 1, 2015-August 31, 2016.

Origin	Number of Arrivals
Afghanistan	95
Bhutan	6
Burma	8
Eritrea	5
Iran	2
Iraq	19
Pakistan	5
Yemen/Sudan	3+1
Total	145

CCEB caseload includes: Male 54%, Female 46%, School age children 37/145(25%) of the total arrivals.

International rescue Committee Arrivals October 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016

Origin	Number of Arrivals	Languages
Afghanistan	280	Dari, Pastho
Bhutan	2	Nepali
Burma	21	Karen, Rohingya, Tedim
Cambodia	2	Khmer

China	5	Mandarin
Democratic Republic of Congo	5	French, Kiswahili
El Salvador	7	Spanish
Eritrea	8	Tigrinya, Amharic
Honduras	2	Spanish
Iran	3	Armenian, Farsi
Iraq	9	Arabic
Nepal	1	Nepali
Somalia	1	Somali, Kiswahili
Sudan	1	Arabic, Bargo
Syria	10	Arabic
Total	357	

Counties	Number of Arrivals
Alameda	289
Contra Costa	55
San Joaquin	6
San Mateo	3
San Francisco	21
Sonoma	1

Male-201, Female-156, Minors-144, School Age-71, Under 5- 73.

[Remaining EBRF Meeting Dates for 2016](#)

October 4th

December 6th

[Remaining Quarterly Community Consultation Stakeholder Meetings are scheduled for:](#) Q4: September 9, CCEB, 10am-12 noon.