

May is “Mental Health Matters” month.

The County held their annual Point In Time count of the OC homeless.

4,792 homeless were counted.....2,584 were unsheltered

1,248 were in emergency shelters

960 were in transitional shelters

You can download the entire NEW 2017-2019 OC Health Improvement Plan at www.ochealthiertogether.org

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1. The Courtyard, formerly the OC Transportation Terminal, nightly houses and feeds ~ 300 homeless. The Bridges at Kraemer is in Phase 1. It is open and houses 100 “referred homeless” identified as able to be housed and stabilized. Besides 100 beds, there is a dining hall, security, and no ‘walk-up clients’. Bridges at Kraemer is available to the homeless of Anaheim, Fullerton (the 2 cities who contributed money to this) and North Orange County. Phase 2 will begin next year, with 200 beds and amenities. The BOS and Susan Price, OC Care Coordinator, are looking for similar housing in Central and South County.

2. An ICE contract was modified so the Sheriff can add 120 more beds for undocumented detainees. It was approved 5-0. The public speakers, only allowed 2 minutes each, were adamantly against the contract. The hall had to be cleared of all attendees due to the public’s loud, angry voicing of opinions. (This is the second time the hall had to be cleared . Last month the ACLU, church groups and concerned citizens were protesting the absence of water and toilets for the homeless on the riverbed.)

3. Supervisor Spitzer has requested Federal Justice Jeff Sessions to conduct “an examination of felonious conduct” on the part of OC’s District Attorney, Tony Rackaukas. This came after the CBS Sunday show on jailhouse snitches and an interview with Tony Rackaukas. The

other Supervisors were displeased and chose to discuss this in closed session. Supervisor Spitzer persevered while still in session and County Counsel Leon Page feared there might be litigation. Supervisor Nelson stated that Federal Courts would not prosecute local cases . The Board met in closed session and there was no reporting out.

4. **The Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission** will finally get the appointed 5 Commissioners. Each BOS will appoint one of their constituents to serve. If you or a friend would be willing to serve, please investigate the source listed below. It is a brand new Commission and the League has greatly supported this. There is no announced deadline for applicants, but please do so promptly if you are interested.

<http://www.ocgov.com/gov/ocethics/about>

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