

Meeting Notes
September 27, 2023
Regular Meeting: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Facilitator: Donna Colombo

Introductions and Welcome

Speaker: Logan Robertson, Associate Director Front Porch Home Match (formerly Covia) senior living communities and programs

33 affordable housing, 19 market rate, 6 community service programs to promote connections. Their work is in 4 areas: Nutrition, Social Connections, Creative Engagement, and Housing

Home Match services Alameda, Central Contra Costa, SF, and Marin counties. Home match works to promote home sharing to help both home providers and home seekers. One benefit is the social connection. They are not able to provide services to individuals who need assistance with daily living or with dementia.

They match providers and seekers and make the process easy and comfortable. And much safer than Facebook searches. They ensure rooms are habitable and vet participants then match spaces with home seekers. They do formal background checks of both seekers and providers and help with lease agreements. (including a living together agreement on things like who controls the thermostat!). They provide on-going assistance so people can make adjustments as things go on. The timing on the process to find a home match is variable and can take up to a month. Cost is variable and can include task exchanges but not medical care or assistance with daily living. Successful providers and seekers should have healthy communication skills and be adaptable.

Funding for Contra Costa is very limited so they can only serve central county. They started with seniors and now serve anyone 18 and up. Most providers are older women and Home Match is actively looking for more providers. Anyone interested in Central Costa County can contact homematchcontracosta@frontporch.net 925-956-7385 to start the process.

Data analysis by consolidating information from various sources.

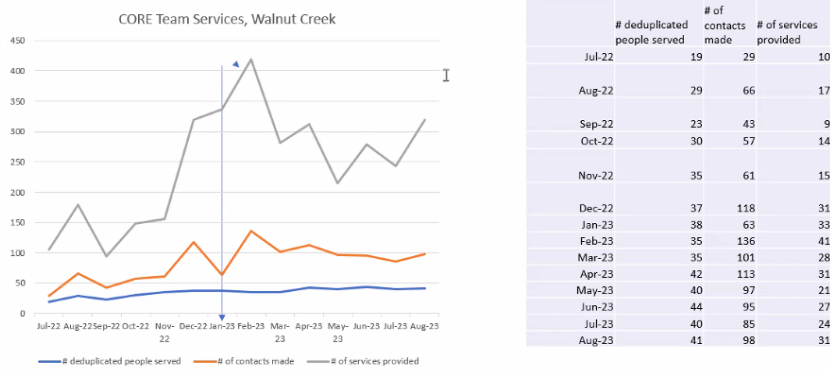
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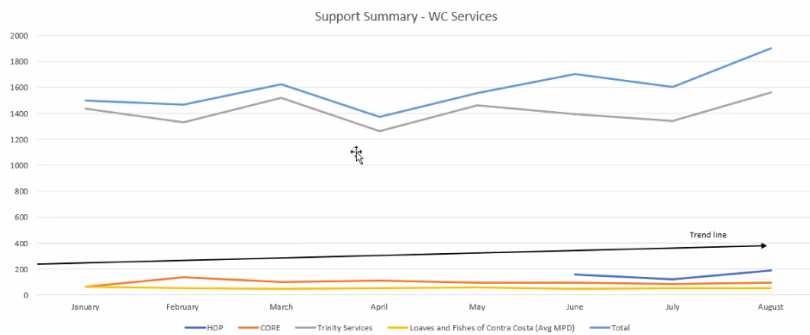
Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa Meals Provided (Walnut Creek)



CORE Team Support Services



Support Summary (Walnut Creek Data)



The trend line is generally slowly rising. It is higher than what the Point in Time count showed. Loaves and Fishes numbers need to be clear they are average meals per day vs. total meals for the month.

Annual Forum Plan Update - Donna

Title is Affordable Housing: Busting the Myths. Planning for the Annual forum in November is underway. Gina Gotsill has been working on the presentations and Molly Clopp will mc-ing the event. Donna is trying to make it more engaging and will be working with Matt to get drone video. Panelists are being secured. Molly and Donna have a spreadsheet of common myths and answers to address the myths in areas like crime, housing prices, etc. Jaime is working on short videos (like 30 seconds) and isn't sure she has a Walnut Creek person in a video. Leslie G might have the ability to generate a video of someone who successfully navigated into housing...goal is about 60 seconds? Lot of work still needs to be done. They are meeting weekly to get info together. Press releases should be going out next week with an Eventbrite registration.

Economic Development Dashboard & Development Project Pipeline – Stefanie Brynen

Postponed because Stefanie wasn't able to attend.

General Updates & Discussion

- Trinity Center Update – Busy, hired three new advocates, the Bishop is going to come bless the building soon! Water damage has been remediated. Evening program development is underway and will be mid Dec to spring time.
- CORE update - No report today. Meredith will reach out.
- HOP Team Updates – Gary Silva: Jake Chaney is back working. Matt will still be out for a while. They've been working closely with CORE and they've been very helpful with a couple tough cases.
- County Update – Jamie Jenett: Partnering with All Home to provide training for advocates esp ones with lived experience. They are still recruiting for the Council on Homelessness through tomorrow (Sept 28 at 5!). A couple great opportunities like the youth representative which comes with a stipend. <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/COH-Recruitment-FAQ-2023.pdf> County health number for Calli House changed to 510-374-3134. County Application for HUD funding is in so we should all think good thoughts.
- Loaves n Fishes – Janette Kennedy: Indoor dining is back open in WC, Pittsburg, and Martinez. They are now hybrid so you can grab and go or eat in. It's a great way for people to meet up and feel community. WC Chamber Bash will be at Trinity on Oct 26th at 5:30 and all WCHTF members are welcome! They are also catering the blessing of the building on Oct 15th. Both notices will be shared with the task force

Announcements

Apply to become a member of the Council on Homelessness <https://forms.office.com/g/dSTNsN8zva>
Deadline: September 28!

It's not too late to call the Governor's office to support SB 4 to allow housing on faith property.

Trinity Center Events:

- Pizza with a Purpose October 4 @ California Pizza Kitchen
- Harvest Festival November 11 at St. Anselm's Episcopal Church
- Orinda Women's Club Festival of Trees November 17 at San Ramon Marriot

Next Meeting October 18, 2023