

The Wellness Bridge Project
Meeting Notes
September 20, 2016

- The meeting began with introductions. Several new people were in attendance. Dave Clevenger and Debbie Grice brought the group up to date on how the Wellness Bridge Project came about.
- Debbie explained that the Wellness Bridge Project would like to see a system in place that reduces Emergency Room and jail visits, where Case Managers would be contacted by Law Enforcement or Emergency Rooms to intervene with clients to get them back on track. It would include 5 LCSW's with 1 being on call, a Nurse Practitioner, and Rovers.
- Fred Risard with St, Francis Merced Respite, Inc. talked about a grant funding available that is geared for cities with small police departments, high homeless rates. He has met with Hanford Police Chief Sever. The goal is to divert people to a shelter.
- Kings View was in attendance and reported that they have 1 street outreach employee, 7 clinicians that respond to people in emergency department and jail situations, and 1 case manager working to integrate medical care. Housing for clients who meet the criteria, however, the process to get them into housing takes several weeks.
- MHSa (Behavioral Health) wants Wellness Bridge Project to attend upcoming strategic planning meetings.

- DV Empowerment Luncheon "Rock the Purple" will take place on October 17, 2016 from 12-2 pm at the Hanford Civic Auditorium.
- Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 8-10 am – proceeds support Kings Gospel Mission.
- Laundry Love takes place the 3rd Thursday of each month at 3 pm at Star Laundry in Hanford. This is an outreach ministry of local churches that covers the cost of laundry for the homeless in our community.

- Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 3 pm, place TBD.