

Sacramento County Homeless Plan

Continuum of Care Advisory Board Update
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- Sacramento County is preparing a plan to address homelessness
- A plan is required to apply for State No Place Like Home (NPLH) funding and may be needed for additional State resources
- The plan will leverage critical resources: NPLH funding = new permanent supportive housing developments for persons with serious mental illness who are also experiencing homelessness

Elements of the Plan

- Describe magnitude and characteristics of homelessness, chronic homelessness and the NPLH target population
- Inventory existing efforts underway and partners in ending homelessness
- Describe current resources and identify critical gaps
- Lay out County and stakeholder plans to address unmet needs in key focus areas

Timeline

- Data collection and stakeholder input, July – September 2018
- Selection of key strategies and plan drafting, October – November
- Plan adoption and send to State – December 2018

Data Collected

- Special HMIS data request from SFF on populations, subpopulations, disabilities, etc. including annual program data and current coordinated entry (*Thank you!!!*)
- 2018 Housing Inventory Count
- 2017 Point In Time Count
- FY 17-18 program utilization information from County programs including mental health, alcohol and drug, probation and others
- 2017 CAPER

Who we've talked to so far

- Cities in Sacramento, including the City of Sacramento
- Sacramento County
- Sacramento Steps Forward
- Continuum of Care
- Medi-Cal Managed Care
- Criminal Justice Cabinet
- ACT – Area Congregations Together
- SHRA – Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- Human Services Coordinating Council
- Provider Focus Groups (2)
- Consumer Focus Group
- Housing Developer Focus Group
- Property Business Improvement Districts (PBIDs)

Key needs we're hearing most about:

- Strengthening outreach including building on current strong collaborations with law enforcement, and tying outreach to resources such as shelter and housing
- Addressing the crisis on the streets with expanded navigation, addressing safety and hygiene concerns, and impact of drug epidemic
- Ensuring that issues are addressed throughout the county – crisis is at different levels but is having impacts everywhere
- Building effective shelter practices and resources and increasing access to housing for those staying in shelter including by adding additional flexible subsidy resources

Key needs we're hearing most about:

- Expanding Permanent Housing resources:
 - Flexible subsidy funds especially for newly homeless
 - Permanent supportive housing for those with high service needs
- Increasing and building stronger connections to mainstream services and employment opportunities
- Attention to criminal justice/homelessness overlap and joint approaches to addressing re-entry needs
- Coordinating leadership to align approaches and work toward creating and measuring joint impact; expand and improve data and shared measurement

Next Steps

- Analyze all data received and prepare summary of population
- Prepare detailed and high level summary of current activities/initiatives underway
- Develop list of opportunities and gaps and areas for building upon; Create recommendations for focus areas, shorter and longer term strategies to engage in
- Build on current work being done for new State resources and with current initiatives
- Gather additional community feedback and input on strategies to include in Plan

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION