COVID-19 Homelessness Response Plan Update

Office of the County Executive
Department of Human Assistance

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Original COVID-19 Response Plan  April 7, 2020

- Over $15M allocated in County, City and Continuum of Care funding (9 sources)
- Strategies and Actions aimed at
  - Slowing the spread of COVID-19
  - Mitigating impacts for persons experiencing homelessness
- Collaborative Plan Implementation
  - County, City of Sacramento, Sacramento Steps Forward, Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment
Support Existing Shelters
Nearly 400 Beds in Congregate Settings
Keep safe and operational: Education Supplies Advice Testing

Create Isolation Quarantine Shelters
COVID-Positive and Vulnerable Populations
Up to: 850 motel rooms 60 trailers 80 beds in congregate

Support Encampments
Outreach: Bring inside
Support to Stay: Medical Food/Water Sanitation
## Capacity and Services to Date

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<th>Preventative Quarantine Units</th>
<th>Medical Isolation Units</th>
<th>Encampment Services</th>
<th>COVID-19 Testing</th>
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<td>563 Motel Rooms/Trailers</td>
<td>18 Trailers</td>
<td>56 Handwashing Stations &amp; 51 toilets in 38 locations</td>
<td>790 Tests Administered</td>
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<td>793 Households</td>
<td>29 Households</td>
<td>Nearly 45k Meals Delivered</td>
<td>3 Positive Results</td>
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<td>936 People</td>
<td>33 People</td>
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As of July 6, 2020
Who Are We Serving in Isolation/Quarantine Units?

- 63% > than 1 year
- 55%: age 55 years or older
- 76% were unsheltered

Participants report:
- 47% disability
- 41% chronic homelessness
- 34% chronic health condition
- 32% mental health problems
- 28% substance abuse

27%: No record of engagement in services
# Amended Plan Elements

| Extend Isolation/ Quarantine Units through September | 563 Units at five sites  
|                                                      | Hold 18 trailers for medical isolation  
|                                                      | New referrals in turnover units |
| Continue Encampment Support through September        | Operate within exiting budgets |
| Pivot efforts to re-house up to 500 households served in Isolation/Quarantine Units | Re-allocate $1.1 million in current Plan funding  
| Pursue new Permanent Supportive Housing Development  | $4.3M in new County and City funding |
|                                                      | Total Plan Costs: $19.4M |
Strategy 1: Re-housing Assistance into Existing Permanent Housing

- Engage, assess, problem solve, and connect to services
- Match 250 participants to existing re-housing assistance programs
  - Housing location, deposits, rental assistance, services
  - Includes Veteran programs, Pathways, Vouchers, Behavioral Health, others
- Expand County Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) to facilitate 225 housing placements
- Fund Room and Board placements for 25 households.
Strategy 2: Develop New Permanent Supportive Housing

- Acquire motels or other real estate for persons experiencing homelessness, including persons currently residing in isolation/quarantine units.
- Pursue new funding, including State Project HomeKey
- SHRA and/or an affordable housing developer would purchase and operate with occupancy in 5-6 months
- County Department of Health Services and contracted partners will provide stabilizing services
## Opportunities

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<th>Takes advantage of increased client stability after living unsheltered</th>
<th>Guests may need ongoing housing and services support</th>
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<td>Uses strengths of existing housing partners</td>
<td>Stretches capacity of system very quickly</td>
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<td>Aligns with best practices and federal direction, utilizing HUD technical assistance</td>
<td>Relies on volatile real estate market and access to affordable housing</td>
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<td>New State and federal funding, including CARES ESG II, State Project HomeKey, HHAP II</td>
<td>Limited term and complex funding (uses, deadlines, etc.)</td>
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<td>Unprecedented local collaboration and focus on re-housing</td>
<td>Unprecedented scale in accelerated timeframe</td>
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Recommendations

- Approve amended COVID-19 Response Plan
- Utilize $2.15M in County CRF funding for Flexible Housing Pool
- Accept $2.15M in City funding (pending Council approval)
- Amend existing contracts in FHP to implement expanded activities
- Direct SHRA and DHS to pursue development of new permanent supportive housing