Sacramento County Homeless Plan

Community Meeting on Sacramento County Homeless Plan

November 7, 2018
Today’s Agenda

• **Kick-Off and Welcome**
• Summary of the Plan
• Question and Answer
• Break
• Café-style Feedback Session
• Reporting Out
• Closing
Welcome

• Introductions and meeting plan

• Who’s in the room?
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Background

• Sacramento County has created a Draft County 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

• Will serve as a blueprint for activities and future planning work that the County and key partners will undertake to increase coordination and impact
Sacramento County Homeless Plan 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
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
Input Gathering Meetings

Targeted Focus Groups

• People with Lived Experience of Homelessness and Mental Illness
• Family Members of People with Lived Experience
• Housing Developers and Operators
• Provider Focus Groups
• Faith Based Group (Area Congregations Together)
• Business interests (PBIDs)
Input Gathering Meetings

Meetings and Interviews
• Cities in Sacramento
• Sacramento County
• Sacramento Steps Forward
• City of Sacramento Homeless Coordinator
• Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Meetings with Established Groups
• Criminal Justice Cabinet
• Medi-Cal Managed Care Advisory Committee
• Human Services Coordinating Council
• Continuum of Care Board
• Sacramento Disability Advisory Commission
Guiding Principles

• Take a county-wide approach

• Set concrete goals

• Provide frequent, coordinated communication

• Expand opportunities for citizen involvement
The State of Homelessness in Sacramento

Chart 1: Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness


- 2013:
  - Homeless: 2,538
  - Sheltered: 1,752
  - Unsheltered: 786

- 2015:
  - Homeless: 2,659
  - Sheltered: 1,711
  - Unsheltered: 948

- 2017:
  - Homeless: 3,665
  - Sheltered: 2,052
  - Unsheltered: 1,613
The State of Homelessness in Sacramento

• 2018: 3,655 at a point in time
  • 186 families with children (16%), including 367 children; likely to be an undercount

• 2017 – 2018: 6,188 people seen over the course of a year in the Homeless Management Information System
  • 1,514 People in families (estimated 500 families) – 24% of annual
Race and Homelessness

Chart 3: Racial Composition of Homeless Population and General Population
Source: HMIS Data (2017-2018), U.S. Census (2017 American Community Survey)
Gender and Homelessness

Chart 5: Gender of Homeless Population in HMIS by Household Type
Source: HMIS Data (2017 - 2018)
Chronic Homelessness

Chart 2: Chronic Homelessness
Chronic Homelessness and Mental Illness

Mental Illness Among All Homeless People
- 31% People without Mental Illness or Emotional Disturbance
- 68% Adults with Long-Term Mental Illness
- 1% Children with a Long-Term Emotional Disturbance

Mental Illness Among Chronically Homeless
- 36% Everyone Else Experiencing Chronic Homelessness
- 64% People without Mental Illness or Emotional Disturbance
- 1% Adults with Long-Term Mental Illness
- 1% Children with a Long-Term Emotional Disturbance
View from People with Lived Experience

• Confusion about navigating the system – how to get assistance
• Some report negative interactions with programs
• Trauma and safety concerns- especially in congregate settings such as shelter
• Program barriers to entry such as clean and sober requirements or medication compliance
Current Actions and Initiatives

Lead Organizations

• County of Sacramento
• City of Sacramento
• Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF)
• Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA)
Partnering Organizations

There are wide range of public and private community agencies and organizations playing essential roles:

- Other Cities
- Housing and Service Providers
- Health Providers and Health Plans
- Advocacy Organizations
- Property Business Improvement Districts (PBIDs)
System Resources and Programs

- **Drop-In Center/Day Shelter Programs**: Seven (7) programs throughout the county
- **Year-Round and Seasonal Overnight Shelters**: Thirty-three (33) shelters with a total of 762 beds for singles, families, and youth.
- **Temporary Housing/Transitional Housing Programs**: Sixteen (16) programs offering a total of 669 beds for singles and families.
- **Rapid Re-housing Programs**: Ten (10) programs with 661 slots (permanent housing units or rooms) for singles and families.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing Programs**: Twenty-seven (27) programs for chronically homeless adults or families and adults or families experiencing mental illness, housing a total of 3,028 people in 2,119 households.
County Resources

A wide variety of programs and resources targeted to addressing homelessness in 13 Divisions and Departments.

• Office of the County Executive: *Homeless Initiatives*

• Child, Family, and Adult Services: *Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services*

• Department of Human Assistance: *Targeted CalWORKS Programs, Homeless Services*

• Department of Health Services: *Behavioral Health – Mental Health Services and Alcohol and Drug Services; Primary Health; Public Health*

• Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority
County Resources (continued)

• District Attorney
• Environmental Management Department
• Planning and Environmental Review
• Parks Department
• Probation Department
• Public Defender
• Sheriff’s Department
New Initiatives and Change Drivers

County of Sacramento

• Improve Family Crisis and Response Shelters
• Full-Service Re-Housing Program
• Flexible Supportive Re-Housing Program
• Preservation of Mather Community Campus (MCC)
• Homeless Outreach, Navigation and Re-Housing Services:
  • $44 million in expanded Mental Health resources from Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
  • DMS-ODS Waiver to expand substance abuse services
New Initiatives and Change Drivers

• Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA):
  • Dedicated Housing Resources: Allocations of turnover vouchers, project-based subsidies, and special population subsidies to create nearly 1,000 new or targeted housing opportunities for addressing homelessness

• City of Sacramento:
  • Homeless Triage Centers: Improvements to shelter and increasing capacity to 200 people nightly.
  • Pathways to Health + Home: Reduce emergency and crisis medical services by coordinating care, health and housing for 3,000 people four years, at least half of whom will be homeless
New Initiatives and Change Drivers

Collaborative Initiatives

• Leveraging NPLH, HEAP, and CESH funds to support a range of new activities (see Strategies)
• Streamlining Funding Process and Pipeline to support NPLH
• River District Collaboration
• Care Coordination and Data Sharing
• Community Adoption of Rapid Re-Housing Standards
• Data Analysis and Research using HMIS
Continuing Challenges

• Lack of Affordable Housing
• Entry Points are not coordinated
• Lack of comprehensive, real-time data
• No single system vision or oversight
Proposed Solutions

Key Focus Areas:
• Prevent People from Becoming Homeless
• Improve Response to the Street Crisis and Improve Quality of Life
• Expand and Improve Shelter and Interim Housing
• Expand Targeted Permanent Housing
• Leverage and Coordinate Mainstream and Other Resources
• Strengthen System Leadership and Accountability
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• Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy County Executive
• Ann Edwards, Director of Human Assistance
• Peter Beilenson, Director of Health Services
• Cindy Cavanaugh, Director of Homeless Initiatives
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Café Feedback Session

• 45 minutes session
• You’ll talk about 1 of 4 key topics at the table:
  • Packets with handouts and a sheet to record the conversation
  • Pick a recorder
  • Pick a reporter
• Facilitators will roam the room to answer questions and support the conversations
• We’ll report out as a group afterwards
Café Feedback Topics:

**Topic A:** Improving Street Crisis Response and Improving Shelter and Interim Housing

**Topic B:** Expanding Targeted Permanent Housing

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Closing

• The Plan will be posted to the County’s Homeless Initiatives website along with a survey for additional feedback. You will receive an email with the link if you were notified of this meeting or if you signed in.

• Feedback open until November 25, 2018

• Questions? Contact Cindy Cavanaugh  cavanaughc@saccounty.net