CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2019, 1:00-3:00 PM
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approve Minutes (Action Item)
4. ESG Written Process (Action Item)
5. CoH Governance Charter & Bylaws (Action Item)
7. FY2019 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFA Release; New Project Scoring Tool Edits; Review & Rank Panel (Action Item)
9. Community Announcements
10. Pin It
2. PUBLIC COMMENT

All

Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.
3. APPROVE MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

Doug Leich, Chair

Review and adoption of minutes from the June 6, 2019 Council meeting.
4. ESG WRITTEN PROCESS (ACTION ITEM)

Gabriel Lemus, Council on Homelessness
Amanda Wehrman, HomeBase

Presentation of updated ESG Written Process for review and approval.
ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Approve the ESG Written Process document.
5. COH GOVERNANCE CHARTER & BYLAWS (ACTION ITEM)

Doug Leich, Chair
Amanda Wehrman, HomeBase

Presentation of edits to Governance Charter & Bylaws for review and approval.
ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Approve the updates to the Council on Homelessness Charter and Bylaws and send to the Board of Supervisors for review.
6. SYSTEM REPORT OUT (ACTION ITEM)

Dana Ewing and Erica McWhorter, H3

Contra Costa homelessness system report out on the 2019 PIT Count.
System Updates.
System Mapping Meeting.
Performance Measures Committee.
PURPOSE

• CoCs are required to conduct annual sheltered counts and biennial unsheltered counts

• Findings inform federal, state, and local funding

• Findings help policy-makers and program administrators better reach goal of ending homelessness
METHODS

Sheltered Count:

HMIS data for all sheltered individuals

100% HMIS coverage!!
METHODS

Unsheltered Count:

Surveys conducted at service and community sites:

CORE, CARE Centers, soup kitchens, libraries, community colleges, and County services (probation, EHSD, mental health clinics, county hospital, Healthcare for the Homeless)

Observations on night of the count by CORE only (removed potential duplication)
RESULTS

2,295 Individuals Identified in PIT

3% increase from 2018 count of 2,235

668 persons sheltered
- 11% families (62 households)
- 89% single adults

+1,627 persons unsheltered
- 3% families (37 households)
- 97% single adults

1/3 of total population served in CoC during 2018
SUB-POPULATIONS

29% of adults report having a disability

114 Veterans
(14% increase in one year)

Age Groups in PIT

- 55+ (seniors)
- 18-54 (adults)
- 18-24 (transition age youth)
- <18 (minors)

- 562
- 1413
- 129
- 191

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UNSHELTERED

Sleep Setting for Unsheltered

- 59.9%: Encampment/park/sidewalk
- 30.4%: Vehicle/camper
- 6.6%: Abandoned building/attic/garage
- 3.0%: Warming Center
SHELTER CAPACITY

Shelter Bed Capacity per 2019 HIC and PIT

- **Singles**: 1418 shelter beds, with 558 serving 28% of single adults
- **Families**: 60 shelter beds, with 39 serving 60% of families

Shelter bed capacity to served 28% of single adults

Shelter bed capacity to served 60% of families
WRAP-UP

Shifts are similar to other regions on the bay area

Shifts reflect service data

Continue to refine methodology with best practices
SYSTEM UPDATES

Capacity Building

• TAC TA
  • System Resource Map
  • CE Integration of RRH (CE Implementation Phase II)
  • Performance Measurement and Monitoring
ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Approve special meeting to discuss the Contra Costa CoC System Resource Map to be held on August 20, 2019.
ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Approve selection of standing members for the Performance Measures Committee.
7. FY2019 HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) NOFA RELEASE: NEW PROJECT SCORING TOOL EDITS FORMATION OF REVIEW AND RANK AD HOC COMMITTEE (ACTION ITEM)

Amanda Wehrman and Emily Firgens, HomeBase

Overview of the FY2019 CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); review new project scoring tool edits; and, selection of members for Ad Hoc Review and Rank committee.
FY 2019 COC PROGRAM NOFA RELEASE

• National competition for homelessness funding with over $2.3B available across the U.S.
• Applications Due September 30, 2019
• Contra Costa will apply for renewal and new project funding
• New projects can include: PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH, HMIS, and Coordinated Entry
• DV Bonus Funding Available Again for RRH, TH-RRH, and Coordinated Entry
COC NOFA TAKEAWAYS

• The 2019 CoC NOFA emphasizes:
  • Evidence-based practices
  • Data-driven decision making
  • System performance: Investing in projects that will improve the system as a whole
  • Encouraging connections to employment & increasing income
  • Low Barriers to Housing: No preconditions for housing placement
## ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDING

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NEW PROJECT SCORING TOOL EDITS

- Adjusting the language around new project requirements to better align with the CoC NOFA (p. 4 – 6 of the Scoring Tool)
  - Housing & Coordinated Entry Projects: Increased emphasis on connecting to benefits, employment and services for new projects
  - HMIS Projects: Updates to technical project requirements for new projects
NEW PROJECT PRIORITIES

Current Factor 1.A. HUD & Local Priorities – 10 Points

Points will be awarded at the discretion of the Review & Rank Panel within the following ranges, taking into consideration community need:

- PSH for chronically homeless = 5 – 10 points
- PSH (DedicatedPLUS) = up to 5 points
- RRH = 5 – 10 points
- Joint TH-RRH = up to 5 points
- Coordinated Entry = up to 10 points
- HMIS = up to 10 points
ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION (#1)

Approve the suggested edits to the New Project Scoring Tool to better align with the 2019 CoC NOFA requirements
REVIEW AND RANK PANEL FORMATION

• Need 5 neutral Council Members for the Review & Rank to review, interview, and score new & renewal projects.

• Review and Rank Panelists form the Priority Listing that goes to HUD

• Important Dates:
  • August 15 Review & Rank Training
  • August 20 System Resource Map Meeting
  • August 26 Pre-Scoring Meeting
  • August 27 Interviews & Finalize Priority Listing
APPEALS COMMITTEE

• Need 4 neutral Council Members (1 of whom must have been part of the original Review and Rank Panel)

• Will meet ONLY if a project appeals their spot in the Priority Listing

• Important Dates:
  • August 20 System Resource Map Meeting
  • September 4 Appeals Committee Meeting
ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION (#2)

Approve the Council on Homelessness members to serve on the:
• Review and Rank Panel
• Appeals Committee
8. STATE POLICY UPDATE: 2019-2020 STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATION

Emily Figens, HomeBase

Presentation of approved 2019-2020 State Budget funding for homelessness; update on recommended legislation.
2019-2020 BUDGET: HOMELESSNESS FUNDING


• Includes over $1 Billion in funding for homelessness programs.

• We have some information on new programs based on language in the budget and trailer bills.

• But, still a number of details need to be worked about how the funding is administered and new programs are implemented.
2019-2020 BUDGET: HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION PROGRAM

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

• $650M for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, & Prevention Program
  • Goal: Promote regional coordination and develop/expand capacity to address immediate challenges associated with homelessness.
  • Allocation:
    • $275M to the Largest 13 Cities (population over 300,000)
    • $190M to Continuums of Care
    • $175M to Counties
    • Allocations to jurisdictions will be based on 2019 PIT Count
  • 5-year grants
HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION PROGRAM

Uses of Funding:

- Rental Assistance & rapid rehousing
- Operating subsidies in new & existing affordable or supportive housing, emergency shelters & navigation centers
- Landlord incentives
- Outreach & coordination with supportive services, including job programs
- Systems support
- Delivery of permanent housing & innovative housing solutions, like hotel & motel conversion
- Prevention & shelter diversion
- Strategic homelessness plan development
- Coordinated entry and HMIS support
HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION PROGRAM

Applicants will be required to:

• Demonstrate coordination across jurisdictions
• Identify all funds currently used by the applicant to provide housing & homeless services
• List of how the funds will be used & address gaps in system
• Describe measurable goals

Additional Information:

• Recipients will need to use 8% of funding for youth
• Requires HCFC to receive applications by February 15, 2020 and make award determinations by April 1, 2020
2019-2020 BUDGET: HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

Department of Housing and Community Development Funding

- $8M Young Adult Housing
  - New funding to counties
  - House people 18-25, priority for former foster youth/probation
- $5M in grants to limit barriers for people experiencing homelessness with pets
- $5M in Housing Navigation for Youth
  - Young adults ages 18-21 targeted
  - Priorities given to foster youth
- Implementing Bond Funding, including the Veterans Housing & Homeless Prevention Bond
2019-2020 BUDGET: HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

Department of Social Services

• $25M for Bringing Families Home
  • Rapid rehousing for reunified families with foster youth

• $25M for the Housing Disability Advocacy Program
  • Connect people experiencing homelessness with SSI benefits

• $95M in CalWORKs Housing Support Program
  • Rapid Rehousing for CalWORKs recipients at-risk or experiencing homelessness
2019-2020 BUDGET: HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

Higher Education Funding for Students Experiencing Homelessness

• CSU System:
  • $15M for Basic Needs Partnership – assess effectiveness of CalFresh and other benefits in addressing food & housing insecurity
  • $6.5M in Rapid Rehousing

• UC System
  • $15M in UC Basic Needs – nutrition & housing assistance
  • $3.5M for UC Rapid Rehousing

• Community Colleges:
  • $9M for services and rental assistance of students experiencing homelessness
2019-2020 BUDGET: HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

Department of Healthcare Services

- $100M in Whole Person Care Pilot Programs
  - Support housing services, including rent subsidies, for those experiencing homelessness
  - $20M in Whole Person Care for non-Whole Person Care counties
2019-2020 BUDGET: HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

• $32.95M for an Adult Re-entry Grant Program
  • Administered through the Board of State and Community Corrections
  • $16.475M for rental assistance

• $20M in Eviction Prevention
  • Administered through the Judicial Council

• $6.67M to extend the Homeless Youth Emergency Services & Housing Program
  • Administered through the Office of Emergency Services
UPDATES ON LEGISLATION
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<td>SB282 (Beall) Supportive Housing Program for People on Parole Experiencing Homelessness</td>
<td>Redirect ISMIP funding to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide county grants for rental assistance and services to offer supportive housing to people on parole experiencing homelessness and serious mental illness.</td>
<td>Passed the Senate In Assembly Appropriations Committee</td>
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<td>AB 307 (Reyes) Homeless Youth Grant Program</td>
<td>$100m annually for youth homelessness</td>
<td>No funding allocated in budget.</td>
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<td>SB 361 (Mitchell) Health Homes Program Clean-Up</td>
<td>Provide sustainable funding for Health Homes instead of ending after two years. Provider incentives to serve people experiencing homelessness with target goal of 1/3 of program participants in this population</td>
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<td>SB 329 (Mitchell) source of income discrimination</td>
<td>Ends the state's legal discrimination against Housing Choice Voucher holders who are looking for a rental and allowed to be denied housing by expanding the definition of source of income to include housing subsidies paid by the government directly to landlords.</td>
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9. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

All

Standing Item. Community announcements.
ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040

General Plan for the unincorporated area of the County. Plan used to respond to current concerns about sustainability, environmental justice and affordable housing. Seeking public participation online!

Next Meeting:
8/26/19, 5:00-7:00pm
DCD, 30 Muir Road, Martinez

For more information, visit the website: https://envisioncontracosta2040.org/
10. PIN IT

CoC Learning Hub Meeting:
August 6, 2019, 1:00-3:00pm
2425 Bisso Lane, Concord 1st Floor Conference Room

Systems Resource Map Launch
August 20, 2019, 1:00-3:00pm
50 Douglas Drive, 2nd Floor, Martinez, CA

Next Monthly Council Meeting:
September 5, 2019, 1:00-3:00pm
50 Douglas Drive, 2nd Floor, Martinez, CA

More information available online at: https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/council.php