AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. ESG Funding Overview and 2016/17 Recommendations (Action Item)
3. Outreach and Multiservice Centers Update
4. Health Care for the Homeless Update
5. Zero:2016 Update
6. Committee Updates (Action Item)
7. Advocacy Priorities and Council Policy
8. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities (Action Item)
9. Nuts & Bolts
10. Pin It
2. ESG FUNDING OVERVIEW AND COUNTY ESG 2016/17 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Gabriel Lemus, CDBG Program Planner

Overview of federal and state Emergency Solutions Grant program, discussion of process for ESG application review and funding decisions, and vote on Administrative Entity for state ESG.
# COUNTY ESG: FY2016-2017 FUNDING RECS

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STATE ESG: PROGRAM REDESIGN

• HCD has redesigned the state ESG program
• Beginning in 2016, funds will be distributed through two allocations:
  • **CoC Allocation** for Service Areas that contain a city or county that receives ESG directly from HUD
    • This includes Contra Costa
  • **Balance of State Allocation** for Service Areas that do not contain a city or county that receives ESG directly from HUD
STATE ESG: DCD AS ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY

• HCD sent Solicitation of Interest to the County Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) to become Administrative Entity (AE) for Contra Costa
• Solicitation of Interest included questions about the AE and the CoC
• Action for Consideration: Approval of DCD as Administrative Entity for Contra Costa County CoC Service Area
STATE ESG: LOCAL PROCESS

• DCD proposes forming a subcommittee of Council on Homelessness members to review and rank applications for state ESG funding
  • 3-5 members total, non-conflicted
  • 1 standing member to be the Council’s ESG Representative Seat

• Recommendations of subcommittee to be approved by Council on Homelessness, Family & Human Services Committee and Board of Supervisors
3. OUTREACH AND MULTISERVICE CENTERS UPDATE

Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services

*Update on status of outreach and multiservice center services in the Continuum of Care.*
4. HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS UPDATE

Alvin Silva & Rachael Birch, HCH

Standing Item. Update on HCH program developments.
5. ZERO: 2016 UPDATE

Jennifer Baha, Zero: 2016 Coordinator

Standing Item. Update on 2015 progress on meeting goals.
# Housing Placements To Date

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<td>Goal by December 2015</td>
<td>237</td>
<td>763</td>
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Veteran By Name List Report

February 2016:

By Name List:

179

Inflow: 24

Housed: 16

Return to Homelessness: 2

Inactive: 30
Current Activities:

Outreach and Engagement Committee:
- Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition and Zero:2016 members are giving presentations to various congregations in Contra Costa County.

Communications Committee:
- A post card targeting individual owners of rental properties with 2+ units is under development.

Leadership Committee:
- Contra Costa County is hosting Action Camp, scheduled for May 24 and 25. Santa Cruz and Sacramento will be joining us.
6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager

Standing Item. Updates on Coordinated Entry, Performance Measurement, and HMIS Policy Committees.
COORDINATED ENTRY COMMITTEE UPDATE

• Launching a series of workshops to finalize system design and prepare for launch this summer
• Workshops will guide full implementation of the system, and will inform the supportive services contracted through the CoC-funded Coordinated Entry project
  • The series will culminate with an Applicant Conference for those organizations interested in responding to the Coordinated Entry System RFP
COORDINATED ENTRY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- **April 20: Prevention and Diversion**
  - 30 Muir Drive, Martinez, 9am - noon
  - Prevention providers, call centers, MSCs, outreach teams encouraged to attend

- **April 27: Crisis Services**
  - 597 Center Ave, Suite 120, Martinez, 9am - noon
  - ES, TH, outreach, MSC, and DV providers encouraged to attend

- **May 4: Permanent Housing**
  - 3133 Estudillo Ave, Martinez, 9am - noon
  - RRH and PSH providers encouraged to attend

- **May 11: Implementation**
  - 2425 Bisso Ln, Concord, 9am - noon
  - All providers encouraged to attend: RFP to be released
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT CMTE UPDATE

• System-level performance measures complete for Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing

• Measures for Supportive Services Only and Outreach program types on hold

• For discussion today: system-level and project-level review protocol
Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
PERFORMANCE MEASURES COMMITTEE

Emergency Shelter Measures

**Average Length of Stay**
- Target: 50 days
- Note: Average Length of Stay reported for participants discharged to Permanent Housing

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<td>Length</td>
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**Exits to Permanent Housing**
- Target: 30%

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<td>Exits</td>
<td>28%</td>
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**Non-returns to Homelessness**
- Target: 75%

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<td>Non-returns</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>71%</td>
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14-15 At A Glance

- Total Number Served: 1407
- Total Number of Exits: 1496

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**2014-15 Destination at Exit**
- Permanent: 27%
- Temporary: 9%
- Emergency Shelter: 17%
- Uninhabitable: 34%
- Missing: 27%

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<td>Mountain View</td>
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<td>Winter Nights</td>
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**Summary:** Generally speaking, there were no shifts across Emergency Shelter Performance Measures. Exits to permanent housing still remains below the target of 30%. Non-returns to homelessness remained at 71%, down from 75% in 12-13.
Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
PERFORMANCE MEASURES COMMITTEE

Transitional Housing Measures

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<td>Exits to Permanent Housing</td>
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<td>Increase in Income</td>
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Note: Increase in income reported for all adult participants exiting to Permanent Housing in previous year and current year.

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<td>Non-returns to Homelessness</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>Target: 91%</td>
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FY 14-15 At A Glance

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Sub-populations: Number Served

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2014-15 Destination at Exit

- Permanent: 27%  
- Temporary: 27%  
- Emergency Shelter: 9% 
- Uninhabitable: 17% 
- Missing: 34%

Program | Number Served
---|-----------------|
Appian House | 
Bisell Cottages | 
Casa Verde | 
GRIP Transitional Housing | 
Lyle Morris Family Ctr | 
Pittsburg Family Ctr | 
Project Independence | 
REACH Plus | 
REACH Plus for Families | 
San Joaquin | 
Ulilma House |

Summary: Exits from transitional housing into permanent housing continue to be successful and retention rates for those permanently housed increased in 14-15. However, fewer participants exited with an increase in income during their time in transitional housing.
Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
PERFORMANCE MEASURES COMMITTEE

Rapid Rehousing Measures

- **Average Length of Stay**
  - Target: 100 days
  - Note: Average Length of Stay reported for participants discharged to Permanent Housing
  - 2012-13: 100 days
  - 2013-14: 108 days
  - 2014-15: 106 days

- **Increase in Income**
  - Target: 25%
  - Note: Increase in income reported for adult participants exiting to Permanent Housing
  - 2012-13: 18%
  - 2013-14: 20%
  - 2014-15: 24%

- **Non-returns to Homelessness**
  - Target: 93%
  - Returns to Homelessness: reported for participants exiting to Permanent Housing in previous year and current year
  - 2012-13: 95%
  - 2013-14: 96%
  - 2014-15: 91%

**FY 14-15 At A Glance**

- Total Number Served: 832
- Total Number of Exits: 624

**Demographics**

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**Exits to Permanent Housing**

- Target: 65%
  - 2012-13: 80%
  - 2013-14: 60%
  - 2014-15: 64%

**Programs and Number Served**

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**Summary:** Rapid Rehousing program outcomes demonstrate improvements in increasing incomes upon exiting the program. However, there were lower rates of exiting to consumers exiting to permanent housing and housing retention rates once housed.
Permanent Supportive Housing Measures

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<td>92%</td>
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Target: 98%
Note: Housing Retention reported as percentage of participants that maintained housing for more than one year

Target: 85%
Note: Increased or Maintained Income measure reported for all adult participants

Target: 70%

FY 14-15 At A Glance
Total Number Served: 954
Total Number Exits: 144

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14-15 Discharge Destination
- Permanent: 72%
- Temporary: 14%
- Emergency: 3%
- Shelter: 7%
- Uninhabitable: 3%
- Missing: 1%
- Deceased: 1%

Summary: There were slight improvements in all three Performance Measures over the last two program years. Almost all consumers retain housing for at least a year and 84% of those that exit have an increase in income. About two-thirds of those that exit go to another permanent housing opportunity.
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT CMTE UPDATE

System Level Review Protocol: Recapping July Committee discussion

How often will performance be reported?

• Annually, attached to County Homeless Programs annual report and as a committee for discussion

Who will receive the reports?

• Providers, Council, Family Human Services Board
• Shareable version will be created to present to funders or other interested stakeholders

Will positive and/or negative achievement be highlighted?

• Focus on transparency, highlighting positive achievements and negative/lack of progress coupled with outlining steps to course correct
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT CMTE UPDATE

Project Level Review Protocol

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

• How often should the data be reviewed, and by whom?
• What are the implications, and the process, for projects that do not meet targets?
• How should project-level data be reported, and to whom?
• How does the project-level review process fit into the CoC Competition?
HMIS POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

• Started procurement process for Clarity software
• Family VI-SPDAT is now available in ServicePoint software
• STAND is now participating in HMIS!
• Next HMIS Committee meeting is Tues, April 19, at 2pm, 1350 Arnold Drive Suite 202
7. ADVOCACY PRIORITIES AND COUNCIL POLICY

Amanda Stempson, HomeBase

Overview of Council’s role and allowable activities related to advocacy.
ALLOWABLE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES BY THE COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

• Contra Costa Council on Homelessness is an Advisory Board to the County Board of Supervisors.

• Board of Supervisors does not allow an Advisory Board to take any position (Support or Oppose) any pending or proposed legislation or initiative.

• What the Council can do:
  • Provide information and education on best practices related to legislation/initiative.
ALLOWABLE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES BY THE COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

• What **individual Council members** can do:
  • Acknowledge they are a Homeless Council Board member
  • Reference information and discussions held at the Council
  • Encourage a position
  • BUT: cannot suggest that the Council is taking a position (if asked why, they can explain the BoS policy)

• Note: County employees have additional restrictions on political speech
DISCUSSION: COUNCIL PRIORITIES

• What should be our areas of focus for advocacy?

• How can we best use our Policy and Advocacy Opportunities standing agenda item to achieve our goals?

• Who should spearhead this effort? What partners should we involve?
8. POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services

Standing Item: Discussion and possible action regarding HR 3700, Junior Accessory Dwelling Units, Concord Naval Weapons Station, and criminalization of homelessness.
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: H.R. 3700

- On February 2, the House of Representatives unanimously passed H.R. 3700, the Housing Opportunities through Modernization Act
- The bill is now in the Senate for consideration
- Read more at: http://www.cbpp.org/the-housing-opportunities-through-modernization-act-hr-3700
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: H.R. 3700

- Provides more flexibility to project-based vouchers to enable more homeless households to live in appropriate, desirable housing
- Simplifies rules for setting tenant rent payments while maintaining key affordability protections by streamlining determination of tenant income and deductions – reducing administrative burden
- Streamlines housing quality inspections in the voucher program
- Gives housing agencies greater flexibility to use funds for renovations
- Improves work incentives by delaying rent increases for families when their earnings rise
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Lilypad Homes recently hosted a training in Contra Costa County on the development of Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs).

- Flexible dwelling unit – has access to independent bedroom and basic kitchen facilities – with the option of an independent bathroom (optional bathroom makes JADUs different from ADUs/other second units)
- Has to be attached to the primary unit, and can only involve the repurposing of an existing bedroom – cannot repurpose a study or a family room, and cannot extend the footprint of the home
- Can only create one JADU per single family home
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Benefits of JADUs:

• Generate secure income: rent at market rate or reduced for services provided
• Increase property values (‘hottest thing going’)
• Benefits renters, commuters, community
• Creates movement in housing market
• Meet permitting and safety standards and contributes to RHNA – Regional Housing Needs Allocation (junior units count toward RHNA as long as bathroom is integral to unit)
• Uses built environment much more efficiently
Currently, separate regulations for JADUs do not exist, and JADUs are treated in the same way as ADUs. ADUs are costly and bureaucratically burdensome to develop.

Because all the water, sewer and energy, road use and parking for existing bedrooms has already been accounted for in the original permit for the home, no additional utility service, parking or infrastructure should be required for the development of JADUs.
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Lilypad Homes and others are actively engaged in organizing/advocacy to promote the adoption of JADU regulations across California:

• Assemblymember Tony Thurmond has authored Flexible Housing Bill (AB-2406)

• Ordinances have been adopted in Fairfax, Novato, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Tiburon, and unincorporated Marin County

• Multifaith ACTION Coalition is taking up the issue in Contra Costa County
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION

• Concord City Council Meeting on April 5th to consider selection of master developer
• Catellus has dropped out
• Homeless Collaborative talking points:
  • Inclusion of all 16 acres in Phase 1
  • Location of homeless housing sites: proximity to amenities, transit
• Public comment continued to April 13th
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS

• US has recently seen an increase in laws that criminalize ‘acts of living’ – prohibiting sleeping, eating, sitting, or panhandling in public spaces

• A report by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty found that 74% of unsheltered homeless individuals do not know of a safe and legal place to sleep, and 80% experienced police harassment for sleeping in public
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS

HUD addressed the criminalization of homelessness in the most recent CoC Program competition. Maximum points were awarded to applicants who could demonstrate that they:

- Engaged/educated local policymakers
- Engaged/educated law enforcement
- Implemented communitywide plans to reduce or avoid criminalization
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS

Best Practices and Key Strategies in Alternatives to Criminalization: *Building Comprehensive and Seamless Systems of Care*

- Create a workgroup to focus on the issue
- Train outreach teams
- Expand affordable housing and emergency shelter
- Cultivate a solution-oriented use of resources
- Create alternative programs, or leverage existing programs so individuals do not have to perform life-sustaining activities in public
- Build community-wide awareness
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Best Practices and Key Strategies in Alternatives to Criminalization: *Collaboration among Law Enforcement, Behavioral Health, and Social Service Providers*

- Expand outreach and engagement teams, including emergency community-based psychiatric crisis services
- Cross-train police officers and homeless service providers
- Implement crisis intervention teams
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS

Best Practices and Key Strategies in Alternatives to Criminalization: *Alternative Justice Systems*

- Problem-solving courts
- Citation dismissal programs
- Holistic public defender offices
- Volunteer legal services projects
- Reentry transition planning
POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES: CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS

Best Practices and Key Strategies in Alternatives to Criminalization: Strategies in Effect in Contra Costa

- Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program
- Mental Health Evaluation Team
- Homeless Court and Behavioral Health Court
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- Of the strategies identified, which seem feasible and potentially effective in Contra Costa?
- What can we, as the CoC Board, do to raise awareness of this issue in the community?
- What advocacy steps can we take to engage and educate elected officials about needed changes in the laws in our jurisdictions that criminalize homelessness?

*Upcoming:* The Contra Costa Continuum of Care Full Membership meeting in April (4/15, 10am-12pm) will focus on this issue. Bring your questions and ideas!
9. NUTS & BOLTS

Standing Item: Community Announcements
10. PIN IT

Standing Item: Future items of discussion/scheduling to be considered.

Next meeting is **Thursday, May 5, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez.**