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| Item No. | Consent Items | |
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| 1 | Approve minutes of the January 27, 2016, ICH meeting | |
| 2 | Approve the nomination of Jennifer Resch-Silvestri to fill the hospital representative vacancy on the ICH committee | |
| 3 | Approve letter of support for the Solicitation of Interest to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Department of Community Development and Housing to be designated as an Administrative Entity to become eligible to receive state Emergency Solutions Grant funds. | 9:45 – 10:00 am |
| Recognition | | |
| 4 | Time For Change Foundation – CNN Heroes Award Team – Sharon Green | 10:00 – 10:05 am |
| Housing Chair Appointment | | |
| 5 | Appoint Chair for ICH Housing Subcommittee | 10:00 – 10:05 am |
| Update | | |
| 6 | 2016 Point-In-Time Count and Veterans Base of Operation Update – Tom Hernandez | 10:05 – 10:25 am |
| Closing | | |
| | | 10:25 – 11:00 am |

Public Comment Open to the public for comments limited to three minutes

Council Roundtable Open to comments by the Council

Next ICH Meeting The next Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting is scheduled for:

March 23, 2016
9:00 am – 11:00 am
DBH – Administration
303 E. Vanderbilt Way, Conference 109A and 109B
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Mission Statement

THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING FACILITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES OR OTHER AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING, REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (909) 386-8297 AND THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 303 E. VANDERBILT WAY, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415. <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/>



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The mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.



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**Office of Homeless Services Report
Prepared for the Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Report purpose The purpose of this document is to present the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) report and to record action items from prior Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meetings.

Date February 24, 2016

Presenter Tom Hernandez, Homeless Services Manager

Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today’s meeting.

| Announcements | |
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| Homeless Management Information System Update | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our HMIS staff along with support from the Human Services Information Technology Support Division was successful this year in participating in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to HUD. The AHAR is a HUD report to the U.S. Congress that provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons. • The report is based primarily on HMIS data about persons who experience homelessness during a 12-month period. The assessment focuses on the accuracy and reliability of the housing data—reflected primarily by HMIS-bed coverage rates, bed utilization rates, and discussions with the community. As you know, participating in AHAR benefits the CoC in terms of points potentially awarded in the scoring process. • Summary of reported usable data was as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Shelters for Families – Reporting – Useable 2. Emergency Shelters for Individuals – Reporting – Useable 3. Transitional Housing for Families – Reporting – Useable 4. Transitional Housing for Individuals – Reporting – Useable 5. Permanent Supportive Housing for Families – Reporting – Useable 6. Permanent Supportive Housing for Individuals – Reporting – Useable 7. Summary of the reporting categories – Reporting – Useable | |



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Homeless Management Information System Update, Cont.

- The OHS HMIS section routinely monitors agencies data quality to ensure accuracy and meet HUD standards for data quality maintenance. Attached you will find a copy of the latest HMIS Data Quality Report for the month of January, 2016 (see attached, Report 2A).
- Agency report cards are posted for review on individual agencies participating in HMIS at the following website: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/HMIS.aspx>

Housing First, Low Barriers, Bridge Housing and Coordinated Entry System (CES) Workshop

- On February 3, 2016, the OHS along with its consultant Urban Initiatives provided a workshop to current Continuum of Care (CoC) recipients on the follow topics: What is Housing First, What does HUD consider Low Barriers, potential definitions of Bridge Housing, and how these tie into a Coordinated Entry System (CES) (see attached, Report 2B).
- The workshop was attended by the following CoC providers: Central City Lutheran Mission, Salvation Army, United States Veterans Initiative, Life Community Development, New Hope Village, Inland Temporary Homes, Foothill Family Shelter, Vision of Hope, Time for Change Foundation, Knowledge and Education for Your Success, Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, and Inland Valley Hope Partners.
- The Office of Homeless Services will be providing a follow-up to questions and concerns raised by the providers regarding exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, length of stay, bridge housing and rapid rehousing.

Inland Action Speaking Engagement

- On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, the Office of Fifth District Supervisor, Josie Gonzales, Philip Mangano, Founder and CEO of the American Roundtable to Abolish Homelessness, and the OHS will be engaging in a panel presentation on homelessness in San Bernardino County to the Inland Action Board of Directors.
- Inland Action is a non-profit business oriented group organized in 1962 which works with public and private organizations to better the social and economic climate of the Inland Empire (San Bernardino and Riverside Counties). Among their activities are annual visits to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to discuss matters of concern with State and Federal legislators and high-ranking officials.
- The meeting will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the San Bernardino Community College District Board Room located at 114 S. Del Rosa Drive, in San Bernardino.



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31st Congressional District Veterans Advisory Board

- On Thursday, February 18, 2016, Congressman Pete Aguilar held a district Veterans Advisory Board meeting that focused on how to address veteran homelessness within the district and to continue to connect them with the resources they need to be self-sustainable. The Board includes representatives from local veterans' organizations, non-profit groups, and leading academics on the subject of veterans' issues.
- The OHS and Frank Guevara, Director of the San Bernardino County Veterans Affairs, offered a presentation regarding the Point-In-Time Count and a follow-up on the Leave No Vet Out Initiative. The meeting took place at the National Partnership Housing Services, located at 9551 Pittsburgh Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

Meeting with Office of Emergency Services (OES)

- The OHS met with the OES on February 3, 2016 to discuss collaboration and working with OES on homeless reentry issues. The meeting also included how OES can partner with the Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee to coordinate services for the impending El Niño season.

Homeless and Policy Related News

- The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness recently released their top priorities for 2016. This includes furthering our nation's recent success in achieving and sustaining and end to Veteran homelessness; finishing the job of ending chronic homelessness; leveraging community resources to end family homelessness; strengthening community capacity to end youth homelessness; and setting a path to end all types of homelessness. More information can be found at the following website: <https://www.usich.gov/news/top-priorities-for-2016>
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness recently released their new Rapid Re-Housing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards. This document provides details on performance benchmarks that would qualify a program as effective. These benchmarks are accompanied by qualitative program standards for each of the rapid re-housing core components that are likely to help a program meet the performance benchmarks. Lastly, this document include a section on program philosophy and design standards that provide more guidance on the broader role a rapid re-housing program should play in ending homelessness. The document can be downloaded at: http://www.endhomelessness.org/page/-/files/Rapid%20Re-Housing%20Performance%20Benchmarks%20and%20Program%20Standards_2016.pdf

Attachments

HMIS Data Quality Monthly Report January 2016 – Report 2A-Attached

Housing First, Low Barriers, Bridge Housing, and Coordinated Entry System Handout – Report 2B-Attached

HMIS Data Quality Report
January 2016

| Org ID | Organization / Program | Total Enrollments | Total Applicable Records | # of Missing Data Elements | % of Missing | # of Don't Know | # of Refused | % of DK/Refused |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| CC1 | Catholic Charities | 13 | 135 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| CCL | Central City Lutheran Mission | 50 | 863 | 0 | 0.00% | 3 | 0 | 0.00% |
| CAP | Community Action Partnership | 47 | 588 | 14 | 2.38% | 3 | 0 | 0.00% |
| DMM | Desert Manna Ministries | 24 | 367 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 4 | 1.09% |
| FA2 | Family Assistance Program | 7 | 100 | 0 | 0.00% | 7 | 1 | 1.00% |
| FSA | Family Services Association of Redlands | 42 | 550 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| FAI | Foothill AIDS Project | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| FFS | Foothill Family Shelter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| FCC | Frazee Community Center | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| GDC | Global One Development Center | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HDH | High Desert Homeless Services | 46 | 581 | 1 | 0.17% | 2 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HPG | House of Prayer Gospel Outreach Ministries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| IBH | Inland Behavioral and Health Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| LTH | Inland Temporary Homes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| IHP | Inland Valley Hope Partners | 8 | 127 | 0 | 0.00% | 3 | 2 | 1.57% |
| KEY | Knowledge & Education For Your Success | 97 | 1120 | 4 | 0.36% | 7 | 0 | 0.00% |
| LCD | Life Community Development | 12 | 180 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| LSS | Lighthouse Social Services | 100 | 1142 | 6 | 0.53% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| PL1 | LMWS Pacific Lifeline | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| MMC | Mary's Mercy Center | 2 | 24 | 0 | 0.00% | 3 | 0 | 0.00% |
| MH1 | Mercy House | 168 | 2399 | 0 | 0.00% | 30 | 0 | 0.00% |
| NHV | New Hope Village, Inc. | 1 | 16 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |

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January 2016

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| OG1 | Operation Grace | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HOA | Restoration House of Angels | 2 | 32 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| SA1 | Salvation Army | 45 | 540 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| DBA | SB DBH Adult & Older System of Care | 7 | 115 | 1 | 0.87% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| DBH | SB DBH/HA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HA1 | SB Housing Authority | 2 | 25 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TFC | Time For Change Foundation | 10 | 135 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| USV | US Veterans Inc | 16 | 241 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| VVF | Victor Valley Family Resource Center | 18 | 306 | 0 | 0.00% | 2 | 0 | 0.00% |
| WOL | Water Of Life Community Church | 19 | 246 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | | 736 | 9832 | 26 | 0.14% | 61 | 7 | 0.12% |

Housing First, Low Barriers, and Bridge Housing Workshop

Housing First, Low Barriers, Bridge Housing, and Coordinated Entry System (CES) Workshop

I. Housing First and Low Barriers

A brief prepared by the Institute for Urban Initiatives entitled “How many Continuum of Care Projects for Homeless Persons are Asserting Low Barriers and Committing to a Housing First Approach in the State of California?” (see http://www.urban-initiatives.org/images/reports_briefs/dec2015/View%20as%20a%20webpage.htm), noted that among the 942 new and renewal projects submitted by all Continuums of Care project applicants within the 43 Continuums of Care (CoCs) in California to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding in November, 2015,

- 91% (854) indicated that their projects operate as low barrier projects, meaning that they do not screen out potential project participants based on the following four barriers: 1) too little or little income; 2) active or history of substance use; 3) criminal record, with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions; and 4) history of having been or being currently a victim of domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement);
- 85% (800) committed to using a Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) stated on page 63 of the “Detailed Instructions for Completing the FY 2015 Continuum of Care Application” that it “will require any project that is identified as a low barrier project at application, and is subsequently awarded FY2015 CoC Program funds, to operate as a low barrier project.”

There were two questions that were included in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application regarding low barriers and Housing First. The first question focused on barriers that prevent homeless persons from obtaining housing while implementing a Housing First approach and the second question focused on barriers that could prevent them from maintaining their housing while implementing a Housing First approach.

The first question focused on barriers that prevent potential participants from entering Permanent Housing (Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing), Transitional Housing, and Supportive Services Only (non-Coordinated Entry) projects (see Appendix B for a description of each of these four Continuum of Care components).

First Question

1. “Based on the CoC's FY 2015 new and renewal project applications, what percentage of Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH), Transitional Housing (TH) and SSO (non-Coordinated Entry) projects in the CoC are low barrier?”¹

HUD noted that this meant “that they do not screen out potential participants based on those clients possessing

- too little or little income,
- active or history of substance use,
- criminal record, with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, and
- history of having been or currently a victim of domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement).”²

HUD further stated that

“Many recipients of CoC Program and ESG Program funds place more stringent requirements for entry into a program than what HUD requires and this can create barriers for those homeless persons who already have the most barriers and who would be considered the hardest-to-serve. As we continue to shift toward a paradigm of ending homelessness, it is increasingly important that CoC Program-funded projects eliminate barriers to serving people experiencing homelessness.”³

Consequently, project applicants were asked to indicate their alignment with a low barrier philosophy by indicating that they were staying away from the following list of barriers,

- too little or little income
- active or history of substance use
- criminal record, with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, and
- history of having been or currently a victim of domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement).

According to HUD, if project applicants checked all four boxes, the project was considered “low barrier.” If less than four boxes were checked, the project was not considered low barrier.

¹ “Detailed Instructions for Completing the FY 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application,” p. 62.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

Answer to First Question

Of the 22 total projects, that were submitted by the San Bernardino Continuum of Care, 22 or 100%

- indicated that they operate as low barrier projects, meaning that they do not screen out potential project participants based on the following four barriers: 1) too little or little income; 2) active or history of substance use; 3) criminal record, with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions; and 4) history of having been or being currently a victim of domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement).

Of the 22 total projects, six (6) were transitional housing projects, 12 are permanent supportive housing, and four are rapid rehousing.

Second Question

2. What percentage of CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), RRH, SSO (non-Coordinated Entry) and Transitional Housing (TH) FY 2015 Projects have adopted a Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements?

HUD stated that

*“Housing First is an approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment, or service participation requirements. See the *Housing First Policy Brief* for further description of Housing First. Research has shown that permanent supportive housing models that use a Housing First approach are highly effective for ending homelessness, particularly for people experiencing chronic homelessness who have higher service needs.”⁴*

HUD further stated that

“The Housing First model is an approach to: 1) quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent supportive housing; 2) without barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements; or 3) related preconditions that might lead to the program participant’s termination from the project. Supportive services are offered to maximize housing

⁴ Ibid., p. 64.

stability and prevent returns to homelessness as opposed to addressing predetermined treatment goals prior to permanent housing entry.”⁵

Project applicants provided their responses based on the following three questions, which included specific instructions from HUD:

- **“Does the project quickly move participants into permanent housing?** Select ‘Yes’ to this question if your project will quickly move program participants into permanent housing without intermediary steps or a period of qualification before permanent housing. Select ‘No’ if the project does not work to move program participants quickly into permanent housing.”
- **“Has the project removed the following barriers to accessing housing and services? (Select ALL that apply):** Check the box next to each item to confirm that your project has removed (or never had) barriers to program access related to each of the following: 1) Having too little or little income; 2) Active or history of substance abuse; 3) Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions; and 4) Fleeing domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement). If all of these barriers to access still exist select None of the above’.”
- **“Has the project removed the following as reasons for program termination?** Check the box next to each item to confirm that your project has removed (or never had) reasons for program participant termination related to each of the following: 1) Failure to participate in supportive services; 2) Failure to make progress on a service plan; 3) Loss of income or failure to improve income; 4) Fleeing domestic violence; and 5) Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area. If all of these reasons for program termination still exist select ‘None of the above’.”

If the answers were affirmative to each of the questions, the following question “Does the project follow a Housing First approach” was automatically populated as “yes.” HUD noted that

“This field is automatically calculated and cannot be edited. **Only if** “Yes” was answered for 4a **AND** all of the barriers and reasons boxes were checked for 4b and 4c, **will** this field indicate “Yes” to confirm a Housing First approach. Otherwise, this field will indicate “No” to confirm that the project will not follow a Housing First approach.”⁶

⁵ For renewal applications see “Detailed Instructions for Completing the Renewal Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process,” p. 17 and for new applications see “Detailed Instructions for Completing the New Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process,” p. 19.

⁶ Ibid, p. 20.

Answer

Of the 22 total projects, that were submitted by the San Bernardino Continuum of Care, 22 or 100%

- were committed to using a Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.

Of the 22 total projects, six (6) were transitional housing projects, 12 are permanent supportive housing, and four are rapid rehousing.

II. Bridge Housing

Bridge Housing was recently defined by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) as one of two types of transitional housing within the definitions section of a document entitled “Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness: Criteria and Benchmarks” and within a document entitled “Additional Participant Questions and Presenter Responses,” which is related to a recent webinar entitled “Understanding the Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Veteran Homelessness.”

Bridge housing

- “refers to the use of transitional housing for short-term stays in instances when the Veteran has already accepted an offer of a permanent housing intervention but has not yet located an appropriate unit. Bridge housing lengths of stay are generally for no longer than 90 days.”

This is in contrast to the second type of transitional housing that was described as “the traditional model of transitional housing that has been used by homelessness service systems.”

Service-intensive transitional housing was defined as

- “temporary housing for up to 24 months with an intensive package of supportive services” which “may provide a variety of services, including health and mental health care, intensive case management, referral to other social supports like legal, housing and benefits assistance, and employment services. Veterans actively work, with the assistance of these services and supports, to achieve permanent housing.”

These two types of transitional housing are further contrasted as follows:

- “Communities are encouraged to use transitional housing as “bridge housing” whenever possible. Ideally, service-intensive transitional housing should be limited to only those circumstances where a Veteran indicates a preference for that type of program.”
- “Criteria 3 for Ending Veteran Homelessness emphasizes the use of transitional housing for “bridge housing” and limiting the use of service-intensive transitional housing to only those circumstances where Veterans were first offered a permanent housing intervention (i.e., subsidy or other form of rental assistance), which they declined, instead preferring (at least initially) the types of assistance and services offered by the service-intensive transitional housing.”

a. What the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has stated

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has also contrasted two types of transitional housing by encouraging transitional housing programs to use a Housing First approach in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2015 Continuum of Care Program Competition. On page 19, HUD noted that Housing First is

- “A model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold).”

HUD further noted on page 19 that

- “Transitional housing and supportive service only projects can be considered to be using a housing first model for the purposes of this NOFA if they operate with low-barriers, work to quickly move people into permanent housing, do not require participation in supportive services, and, for transitional housing projects, do not require any preconditions for moving into the transitional housing (e.g., sobriety or minimum income threshold).”

In another section of the application HUD provided a list of low barriers which included

- Having too little or little income;
- Active or history of substance abuse;
- Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions; and
- Fleeing domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement).⁷

⁷ See page 69 in “Detailed Instructions for Completing the Renewal Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process for renewal projects and page 49 in “Detailed Instructions for

HUD wanted to know if project applicants have removed these barriers to accessing housing and services at program entry because a Housing First model quickly and successfully connects persons experiencing homelessness to permanent supportive housing without barriers to entry.

In another section of the application, HUD wanted to know if program applicants had any preconditions that may also serve as barriers and result in program participants being terminated from the project. Preconditions included

- Failure to participate in supportive services;
- Failure to make progress on a service plan;
- Loss of income or failure to improve income;
- Fleeing domestic violence; and
- Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area.⁸

HUD stated on page 10 of the application that a Housing First model offers supportive services “to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness as opposed to addressing predetermined treatment goals prior to permanent housing entry.” HUD further explained that “Projects using a housing first approach often have supportive services; however, participation in these services is based on the needs and desires of the program participant.”

b. Combining what the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have stated

The following is a definition of bridge housing for transitional housing programs that combines what the USICH and HUD have stated above:

1. Providing short-term stays after an individual or family has accepted an offer of a permanent housing intervention but has not yet located an appropriate unit;
2. Ensuring lengths of stay are generally no longer than 90 days;
3. Using a Housing First approach that includes a “low barrier” policy that removes barriers to accessing housing and services at program entry such as potential project participants having too little or no income, active or history of substance abuse, having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions; and lack of a protective order,

Completing the New Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process for new projects.

⁸ See page 69 in “Detailed Instructions for Completing the Renewal Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process for renewal projects and page 49 in “Detailed Instructions for Completing the New Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process for new projects.

period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement) while fleeing domestic violence;

4. Using a Housing First approach that includes a “no preconditions” policy that removes preconditions that may also serve as barriers and result in program participants being terminated from the project including failure to participate in supportive services; failure to make progress on a service plan; loss of income or failure to improve income; fleeing domestic violence; and any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area.⁹

III. Coordinated Entry System

The San Bernardino County CoC is in the process of implementing a countywide Coordinated Entry System in accordance to requirements established in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Interim Rule (24CFR 578.7(a)(8)). As part of this effort, a pilot of the Coordinated Entry System has been rolled out to test the system and determine recommendations prior to scaling the system countywide.

Continuums of Care throughout the United States are mandated to establish a Coordinated Entry System to comply with the CoC Program Interim Rule (24CFR 578.7(a)(8)). The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) expects CoC’s to establish well-coordinated processes for the purpose of prioritizing assistance to persons experiencing homelessness based on “vulnerability and severity of service needs.” Given the emphasis on prioritizing based on vulnerability and need, guidance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified Qualities of Effective Coordinated Entry in its Coordinated Entry Policy Brief as follows:

- **Prioritization.** HUD has determined that an effective coordinated entry process ensures that people with the greatest needs receive priority for any type of housing and homeless assistance available in the CoC, including PSH, Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and other interventions.
- **Low Barrier.** The coordinated entry process does not screen people out for assistance because of perceived barriers to housing or services, including, but not limited to, lack of employment or income, drug or alcohol use, or having a criminal record. In addition, housing and homelessness programs lower their screening barriers in partnership with the coordinated entry process.

⁹ See page 69 in “Detailed Instructions for Completing the Renewal Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process for renewal projects and page 49 in “Detailed Instructions for Completing the New Project Application: Fiscal Year 2015 Continuum of Care Program Application Process for new projects.

- **Housing First Orientation.** The coordinated entry process is Housing First oriented, such that people are housed quickly without preconditions or service participation requirements.
- **Person-Centered.** The coordinated entry process incorporates participant choice, which may be facilitated by questions in the assessment tool or through other methods. Choice can include location and type of housing, level of services, and other options about which households can participate in decisions.
- **Fair and Equal Access.** All people in the CoC's geographic area have fair and equal access to the coordinated entry process, regardless of where or how they present for services. Fair and equal access means that people can easily access the coordinated entry process, whether in person, by phone, or some other method, and that the process for accessing help is well known. Marketing strategies may include direct outreach to people on the street and other service sites, informational flyers left at service sites and public locations, announcements during CoC or other coalition meetings, and educating mainstream service providers. If the entry point includes one or more physical locations, they are accessible to people with disabilities, and easily accessible by public transportation, or there is another method, e.g., toll-free or 211 phone number, by which people can easily access them. The coordinated entry process is able to serve people who speak languages commonly spoken in the community.
- **Emergency services.** The coordinated entry process does not delay access to emergency services such as shelter. The process includes a manner for people to access emergency services at all hours independent of the operating hours of the coordinated entry intake and assessment processes. For example, people who need emergency shelter at night are able to access shelter, to the extent that shelter is available, and then receive an assessment in the days that follow, even if the shelter is the access point to the coordinated entry process.
- **Standardized Access and Assessment.** All coordinated entry locations and methods (phone, in-person, online, etc.) offer the same assessment approach and referrals using uniform decision-making processes. A person presenting at a particular coordinated entry location is not steered towards any particular program or provider simply because they presented at that location.
- **Inclusive.** A coordinated entry process includes all subpopulations, including people experiencing chronic homelessness, Veterans, families, youth, and survivors of domestic violence. However, CoCs may have different processes for accessing coordinated entry, including different access points and assessment tools for the following different populations: (1) adults without children, (2) adults accompanied by children, (3) unaccompanied youth, or (4) households fleeing domestic violence. These are the only groups for which different access

points are used. For example, there is not a separate coordinated entry process for people with mental illness or addictions, although the systems addressing those disabilities may serve as referral sources into the process. The CoC continuously evaluates and improves the process ensuring that all subpopulations are well served.

- **Referral to projects.** The coordinated entry process makes referrals to all projects receiving Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and CoC Program funds, including emergency shelter, RRH, PSH, and transitional housing (TH), as well as other housing and homelessness projects. Projects in the community that are dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness fill all vacancies through referrals, while other housing and services projects determine the extent to which they rely on referrals from the coordinated entry process.
- **Referral protocols.** Programs that participate in the CoC's coordinated entry process accept all eligible referrals unless the CoC has a documented protocol for rejecting referrals that ensures that such rejections are justified and rare and that participants are able to identify and access another suitable project.
- **Outreach.** The coordinated entry process is linked to street outreach efforts so that people sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person assessed through the coordinated entry process.
- **Ongoing planning and stakeholder consultation.** The CoC engages in ongoing planning with all stakeholders participating in the coordinated entry process. This planning includes evaluating and updating the coordinated entry process at least annually. Feedback from individuals and families experiencing homelessness or recently connected to housing through the coordinated entry process is regularly gathered through surveys, focus groups, and other means and is used to improve the process.
- **Informing local planning.** Information gathered through the coordinated entry process is used to guide homeless assistance planning and system change efforts in the community.
- **Leverage local attributes and capacity.** The physical and political geography, including the capacity of partners in a community, and the opportunities unique to the community's context, inform local coordinated entry implementation.
- **Safety planning.** The coordinated entry process has protocols in place to ensure the safety of the individuals seeking assistance. These protocols ensure that people fleeing domestic violence have safe and confidential access to the coordinated entry process and domestic violence services, and that any data collection adheres to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- **Using HMIS and other systems for coordinated entry.** The CoC may use HMIS to collect and manage data associated with assessments and referrals or they

may use another data system or process, particularly in instances where there is an existing system in place into which the coordinated entry process can be easily incorporated. For example, a coordinated entry process that serves households with children may use a system from a state or local department of family services to collect and analyze coordinated entry data. Communities may use CoC Program or ESG program funding for HMIS to pay for costs associated with coordinated entry to the extent that coordinated entry is integrated into the CoCs HMIS. A forthcoming paper on Coordinated Entry and HMIS will provide more information.

- **Full coverage.** A coordinated entry process covers the CoC’s entire geographic area. In CoCs covering large geographic areas (including statewide, Balance of State, or large regional CoCs) the CoC might use several separate coordinated entry processes that each cover a portion of the CoC but in total cover the entire CoC. This might be helpful in CoCs where it is impractical for a person who is assessed in one part of the CoC to access assistance in other parts of the CoC. “

Project Components & Primary Agencies Responsible

| Project Component: | Primary Agency(ies) Responsible |
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| HMIS and VI-SPDAT integration | Office of Homeless Services & HMIS |
| Outreach and Engagement | HOPE Team and 2-1-1 |
| Triage/Assessment | HOPE Team and 2-1-1 |
| Matching Clients to Appropriate Housing and Location | 2-1-1 |
| Transportation | HOPE Team and others |
| Bridge Housing | TH providers |
| Housing Navigation | TH providers & PH providers |

Within the context of the CES, bridge housing beds should consist of the following actions by agencies that create new bridge housing beds and homeless persons who agree to access the beds:

| | Action | Action by Agency | Action by Homeless Person(s) |
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| 1 | Housing First intervention | Agrees to only offer a Housing First intervention that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold)." | Accepts the Housing First intervention |
| 2 | Priority placement | Agrees to offer priority placement to homeless individuals and families an appropriate unit of affordable permanent housing (including supportive housing) pre-identified for them but the unit is not yet available. | Accepts the pre-identified unit and priority placement |
| 3 | Placement | Agrees to offer placement to homeless individuals and families who do not have a pre-identified permanent housing unit | Accepts placement |
| 4 | Housing location and placement services | Agrees to offer housing location and placement services in order to help homeless individuals and families obtain appropriate housing as quickly as possible | Accepts housing location and placement services. |
| 5 | Length-of-stay | Agrees to offer all services to homeless individuals and families to help ensure lengths of stay that are generally no longer than 90 days and also agree to keep them in bridge housing and continue to work with them to obtain appropriate housing if needed | Accepts services to help ensure a length of stay no longer than 90 days but continue to accept services to obtain appropriate housing beyond 90 days if needed |
| 6 | Shorten length-of-stay annually | Agrees to offer all services to homeless individuals and families to help ensure lengths of stay that are 10% shorter than the average | Accepts services to help obtain appropriate housing as quickly as possible. |

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| 7 | Document-ready assistance | Agrees to offer document-ready assistance to homeless individuals and families in order to help with move-in requirements | Accepts document-ready assistance |
| 8 | Income-ready assistance | Agrees to offer income-ready assistance to homeless individuals and families in order to help with move-in requirements | Accepts income-ready assistance (NOTE: no or too little income should not be a barrier to obtaining HUD subsidized housing). |
| 9 | Other services | Agrees to offer assistance to homeless individuals and families to receive any appropriate services to help them obtain and later maintain appropriate housing | Accepts appropriate services (NOTE: participation in such services is voluntary and accepting services and later refusing them is not grounds for dismissal from bridge housing). |



Interagency Council on Homelessness Bills of Interest
February 24, 2016

Please find below bills of interest introduced for the 2015/16 Legislative Session. The Legislature has a deadline of February 19, 2016 to introduce new bills. The status of the bills listed below reflects the report date of February 18, 2016.

[AB 59](#)

[\(Waldron R\)](#) Mental health services: assisted outpatient treatment.

Current Analysis: 01/26/2016 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 1/6/2016\)](#)

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Location: 2/4/2016-S. HEALTH

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Summary: Under the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002, known as Laura's Law, participating counties are required to provide prescribed assisted outpatient services, including a service planning and delivery process, that are client-directed and employ psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery principles. Current law authorizes participating counties to pay for the services provided from moneys distributed to the counties from various continuously appropriated funds, including the Local Revenue Fund and the Mental Health Services Fund when included in a county plan, as specified. This bill would extend the operation of the program until January 1, 2022.

Vote Events:

01/27/2016 ASM. FLOOR (Y:77 N:0 A:2) (P)

01/21/2016 ASM. APPR. (Y:17 N:0 A:0) (P)

01/12/2016 ASM. JUD. (Y:7 N:0 A:3) (P)

04/28/2015 ASM. JUD. (Y:3 N:4 A:3) (F)

04/14/2015 ASM. HEALTH (Y:16 N:0 A:3) (P)

[AB 168](#)

[\(Maienschein R\)](#) Mental health: community-based services.

Current Analysis: 01/19/2016 [Asm Comm Committee On Appropriations \(text\)](#)

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Location: 2/4/2016-S. HEALTH

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Summary: Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to develop and submit a proposal to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to be selected as a participating state in the time-limited demonstration program as specified to receive enhanced federal matching funds for mental health services provided by certified community behavioral health clinics to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Vote Events:

01/27/2016 ASM. FLOOR (Y:78 N:0 A:1) (P)

01/21/2016 ASM. APPR. (Y:17 N:0 A:0) (P)

01/12/2016 ASM. HEALTH (Y:19 N:0 A:0) (P)

[AB 488](#)

[\(Gonzalez D\)](#) Employment discrimination.

Current Analysis: 01/07/2016 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 1/4/2016\)](#)

Status: 1/28/2016-Referred to Com. on JUD.

Location: 1/28/2016-S. JUD.

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Summary: Current law specifies requirements for filing complaints of employment discrimination with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and charges this department with investigating and determining whether or not to bring a civil action on behalf of the complainant, among other duties. A special license permits the employment of individuals with disabilities at a wage less than the legal

minimum wage. This bill would redefine employee to remove the exemption for an individual employed under a special license in a nonprofit sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility, thereby applying employment discrimination protections to these people.

Vote Events:

01/15/2016 ASM. FLOOR (Y:69 N:0 A:10) (P)
 01/06/2016 ASM. L. & E. (Y:7 N:0 A:0) (P)

[AB 847](#)

[\(Mullin D\)](#) Mental health: community-based services.

Current Analysis: 06/15/2015 [Senate Health \(text 4/30/2015\)](#)

Status: 2/10/2016-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 2/10/2016-S. APPR.

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Summary: Current federal law, the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, requires the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to, select, no later than September 1, 2017, among those states awarded a planning grant to participate in a time-limited demonstration program that is designed to improve access to community mental health and substance use treatment services provided by certified community behavioral health clinics. This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to develop and submit a proposal to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to be selected as a participating state in the time-limited demonstration program described above to receive enhanced federal matching funds for mental health services provided by certified community behavioral health clinics to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Vote Events:

06/17/2015 SEN. HEALTH (Y:9 N:0 A:0) (P)
 05/22/2015 ASM. FLOOR (Y:74 N:0 A:6) (P)
 05/13/2015 ASM. APPR. (Y:17 N:0 A:0) (P)
 04/28/2015 ASM. HEALTH (Y:19 N:0 A:0) (P)

[AB 1014](#)

[\(Thurmond D\)](#) Pupils: truancy: Our Children's Success-The Early Intervention Attendance Pilot Grant Program.

Current Analysis: 09/01/2015 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 9/1/2015\)](#)

Status: 9/11/2015-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Leyva.

Location: 9/11/2015-S. INACTIVE FILE

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Summary: Would make various findings and declarations regarding truancy. The bill would establish the Our Children's Success-The Early Intervention Attendance Pilot Grant Program under the administration of the State Department of Education. The program would provide grants to applicant public schools, school districts, and county offices of education seeking to resolve the attendance problems of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive. This bill contains other related provisions.

Vote Events:

08/27/2015 SEN. APPR. (Y:5 N:2 A:0) (P)
 08/17/2015 SEN. APPR. (Y:7 N:0 A:0) (P)
 07/08/2015 SEN. ED. (Y:7 N:1 A:1) (P)
 06/03/2015 ASM. FLOOR (Y:56 N:24 A:0) (P)
 05/28/2015 ASM. APPR. (Y:12 N:4 A:1) (P)
 04/22/2015 ASM. ED. (Y:6 N:0 A:1) (P)

[AB 1067](#)

[\(Gipson D\)](#) Foster children: rights.

Current Analysis: 01/19/2016 [Asm Comm Committee On Appropriations \(text \)](#)

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on HUMAN S.

Location: 2/4/2016-S. HUM. S.

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Summary: Would require the State Department of Social Services to convene a working group regarding the specified rights of all minors and nonminors in foster care in order to educate them, foster care providers, and others, and would require the working group to be composed of, among others, the County Welfare Directors Association of California and foster children advocacy groups. The bill would provide the responsibilities of the working group, including making recommendations to the Legislature, by January 1, 2018, for revising the rights, and developing standardized information regarding the revised rights, by July 1, 2018, as specified.

Vote Events:

01/27/2016 ASM. FLOOR (Y:78 N:0 A:1) (P)

01/21/2016 ASM. APPR. (Y:17 N:0 A:0) (P)

01/12/2016 ASM. HUM. S. (Y:7 N:0 A:0) (P)

[AB 1233](#)

([Levine](#) D) Public works: public subsidies.

Current Analysis: 01/26/2016 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 1/4/2016\)](#)

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on L. & I.R.

Location: 2/4/2016-S. L. & I.R.

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Summary: Would provide that a public subsidy is de minimis if it is both less than \$250,000 and less than 2% of the total project cost. The bill would specify that those provisions do not apply to a project that was advertised for bid, or a contract that was awarded, before July 1, 2017.

Vote Events:

01/27/2016 ASM. FLOOR (Y:53 N:25 A:1) (P)

01/21/2016 ASM. APPR. (Y:12 N:4 A:1) (P)

01/06/2016 ASM. L. & E. (Y:5 N:2 A:0) (P)

01/05/2016 ASM. RLS. (Y:11 N:0 A:0) (P)

04/27/2015 ASM. G.O. (Y:16 N:1 A:4) (P)

[AB 1500](#)

([Maienschein](#) R) Planning and zoning: housing element: supportive housing and transitional housing.

Current Analysis: 01/20/2016 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 1/13/2016\)](#)

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on T. & H.

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Summary: Would authorize a city or county to additionally include in its assessment and inventory the identification of supportive housing and transitional housing, as those terms are defined in specified statutes. If a local government elects to include this identification in its assessment and inventory, the bill would impose certain requirements, including that the identified zone or zones include sufficient capacity to accommodate the need for supportive housing or transitional housing, that the local government demonstrate that existing or proposed permit processing, development, and management standards are objective and encourage and facilitate the development of supportive housing or transitional housing.

Vote Events:

01/27/2016 ASM. FLOOR (Y:77 N:1 A:1) (P)

01/11/2016 ASM. NAT. RES. (Y:9 N:0 A:0) (P)

04/15/2015 ASM. H. & C.D. (Y:7 N:0 A:0) (P)

[AB 1567](#)

([Campos](#) D) After school programs: enrollment: fees.

Status: 2/1/2016-Referred to Com. on ED.

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Summary: The After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002, enacted by initiative statute, establishes the After School Education and Safety Program to serve pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 9, inclusive, at participating public elementary, middle, junior high, and charter schools. The act gives priority enrollment in after school programs to pupils in middle school or junior high school who attend

daily. This bill would instead give first priority enrollment to homeless youth, as defined, 2nd priority enrollment to pupils in CalWORKs assistance units, as described, and 3rd priority enrollment, for programs serving middle and junior high school pupils, to pupils who attend the program daily.

[AB 1572](#) ([Campos](#) D) School transportation.

Status: 2/1/2016-Referred to Com. on ED.

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Summary: Would entitle a pupil who attends a school that is eligible for Title 1 federal funding to free transportation to and from school provided by the local educational agency, if certain conditions are met. The bill would require the local educational agency to designate a liaison to implement a plan developed, in consultation with specified stakeholders, to ensure that all entitled pupils receive free transportation in a timely manner.

[AB 1644](#) ([Bonta](#) D) School-based early mental health intervention and prevention services.

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Coms. on ED. and HEALTH.

Location: 2/4/2016-A. ED.

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Summary: Would, under the School-based Early Mental Health Intervention and Prevention Services for Children Act of 199, expand the definition of an eligible pupil to include a pupil who attends a preschool program at a publicly funded elementary school and a pupil who is in transitional kindergarten, thereby extending the application of the act to those persons. The bill would also include charter schools in the definition of local educational agency, thereby extending the application of the act to those entities.

[AB 1699](#) ([Kim](#) R) Homeless youth emergency service projects.

Status: 1/26/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 25.

Location: 1/25/2016-A. PRINT

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Summary: Would require a homeless youth emergency service project to be established in the County of Orange, and would authorize the Office of Emergency Services to establish additional projects in other counties, with a priority given to underserved counties. The bill would additionally require each project to provide transitional living services, for a period of up to 36 months, with access to education and employment assistance, independent living skill development, and family engagement and interventions. The bill would appropriate \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Emergency Services to provide additional funding for these homeless youth emergency service projects.

[AB 1789](#) ([Santiago](#) D) Personal income taxes: voluntary contributions: School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund.

Status: 2/5/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee March 6.

Location: 2/4/2016-A. PRINT

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Summary: Would extend the time period for the validity of a nonprofit's designation until January 1, 2021, and would remove the provision that would automatically remove the School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund from the tax return after 5 taxable years, thus allowing the fund to remain on the personal income tax return until contributions do not meet the minimum contribution amount.

[AB 1809](#) ([Lopez](#) D) CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits.

Status: 2/9/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

Location: 2/8/2016-A. PRINT

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Summary: Would repeal specified limitations on assets with regard to eligibility for CalWORKs, thereby, eliminating the consideration of an individual's or family's assets as a condition of eligibility for CalWORKs. The bill would also make conforming changes. By increasing the duties of counties administering the CalWORKs program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would declare that no appropriation would be made for purposes of the bill pursuant to the provision continuously appropriating funds for the CalWORKs program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1995](#)

([Williams](#) D) Community colleges: homeless students: access to shower facilities.

Status: 2/17/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee March 18.

Location: 2/16/2016-A. PRINT

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Summary: Would require a community college campus that has shower facilities for student use to grant access to those facilities to any homeless student who is enrolled in coursework, has paid enrollment fees, and is in good standing with the community college district. The bill would require the community college to maintain records relating to, among other things, student participation in the program, and to conduct outreach to homeless students at each community college campus relating to available services.

[SB 384](#)

([Leyva](#) D) Veteran housing: multifamily units: underserved veterans.

Current Analysis: 01/25/2016 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 1/6/2016\)](#)

Status: 1/26/2016-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/26/2016-A. DESK

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Summary: Would require, for all multifamily housing units acquired, constructed, rehabilitated, or preserved on or after January 1, 2017, for the purpose of housing veterans, that a percentage of the bond act funds to be used for purposes of the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 be reserved for housing for underserved veterans, as defined, the percentage of the bond act funds to be determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as specified.

Vote Events:

01/26/2016 SEN. FLOOR (Y:38 N:0 A:2) (P)

01/21/2016 SEN. APPR. (Y:6 N:0 A:1) (P)

01/19/2016 SEN. APPR. (Y:7 N:0 A:0) (P)

01/12/2016 SEN. T. & H. (Y:9 N:0 A:2) (P)

04/14/2015 SEN. V.A. (Y:5 N:0 A:0) (P)

[SB 866](#)

([Roth](#) D) Veterans housing.

Status: 1/28/2016-Referred to Com. on V.A.

Location: 1/28/2016-S. V. A.

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Summary: The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$600,000,000 for expenditure by the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide multifamily housing and services to veterans pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014. This bill would authorize a housing developer or service provider that receives bond moneys pursuant to those provisions to provide housing or services to veterans and their children in women-only facilities or men-only facilities in limited instances, as specified.

[SB 876](#)

([Liu](#) D) Homelessness.

Status: 1/28/2016-Referred to Coms. on T. & H. and JUD.

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Summary: Current law provides that no person shall, on the basis of race, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, genetic information, or disability, be unlawfully denied full and equal access to the benefits of, or be unlawfully subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity that is conducted, operated, or administered by the state or by any state agency, is funded directly by the state, or receives any financial assistance from the state. This bill would expand those provisions to also include exclusion or discrimination based upon homeless status.

[SB 879](#)

([Beall](#) D) Housing: bond act.

Status: 1/28/2016-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 1/28/2016-S. RLS.

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Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the issuance of bonds and would require the proceeds from the sale of these bonds to be used to finance housing related programs that serve the homeless and extremely low income and very low income Californians.

[SB 928](#)

([Liu](#) D) Homeless individuals: voter registration, driver's licenses, and identification cards.

Status: 2/2/2016-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 3.

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Summary: Would require a homeless shelter that registers a person to vote to keep a record of the person it has registered to vote, including certain information about the person, and to transmit that information to certain government entities at least once per year. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 981](#)

([Nielsen](#) R) Veterans: homelessness.

Status: 2/11/2016-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.

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Summary: The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$600,000,000, as specified, for expenditure by the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide multifamily housing to veterans pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 (VHHPA). Current law requires the departments to establish and implement programs that focus on veterans at risk for homelessness or experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

[SB 996](#)

([Hill](#) D) Property taxation: welfare exemption.

Status: 2/11/2016-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.

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Summary: The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to exempt from taxation property that is used exclusively for religious, hospital, or charitable purposes, and is owned or held in trust by a nonprofit entity. Pursuant to this constitutional authority, existing law partially exempts from property taxation property used exclusively for rental housing and related facilities, if specified criteria are met. Current law limits the total exemption amount allowed to a taxpayer, with respect to a single property or multiple properties for any fiscal year on the sole basis of the application of this criterion, to \$20,000 of tax. This bill would increase that total exemption amount allowed to \$100,000 of tax, with respect to lien dates occurring on and after January 1, 2017.

[SB 1056](#)

(Liu D) Juveniles: family reunification.

Status: 2/17/2016-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 18.

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Summary: Current law establishes the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, which is authorized to adjudge certain children to be dependents of the court under certain circumstances, and prescribes various hearings and other procedures for these purposes, including the periodic review of the status of every dependent child in foster care, as determined by the court. Current law requires a supplemental report, with specified content, to be filed in connection with this review, as specified. This bill would require the county, if the parent is in substantial compliance with the case plan and a lack of housing is the sole impediment to family reunification, to include information in the supplemental report about its consideration of the services offered by the county welfare department to assist the parent in securing appropriate housing.

[SB 1068](#)

(Leyva D) Homeless children and youth: local educational agency liaisons: training materials.

Status: 2/17/2016-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 18.

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Summary: Current law requires a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths to ensure that public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in schools, as specified. This bill would require the State Department of Education to provide training materials to local educational agency liaisons for homeless children and youths regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youths and the resources available to schools to assist homeless children and youths.

ICH REPORT



DATE: February 2016

PHONE: (909) 387-4565

PRESENTED BY: KENT PAXTON

Homeless Policy Advisor, Fifth District

SUBJECT: ICH Related Board Items

<http://cob-sire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/>

Board Agenda Items

02/09/2016

11. Community Development and Housing – This item is a **RESPONSE TO SOLICITATION OF INTEREST TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT FUNDING** to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the County of San Bernardino to be designated as an Administrative Entity to become eligible to receive approximately \$589,874 of Emergency Solutions Grant funds to provide services to eligible persons in non-entitlement areas of San Bernardino County.

Background: The recommended actions will allow the County of San Bernardino to submit a response to be the designated Administrative Entity with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The allocation includes a nominal amount of administrative funds. If awarded, these funds will be utilized over a two year period beginning October 2016.

HCD administers an ESG program with funding received from HUD. The ESG program provides funding to 1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street, 2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, 3) help operate shelters, 4) provide essential services to shelter residents, 5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and 6) prevent families from becoming homeless.

Financial Impact: Approval of this item will not impact the Discretionary General funding (Net County Cost). The ESG match of 100 percent will be met by the subsequent service provider awardees.

Presenter: Dena Fuentes, Director

56. Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino – This item is the **COMMITMENT OF 8 PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS TO SUPPORT THE FONTANA FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT** with Housing Partners I, Inc., a limited partnership and an affiliate non-profit developing the Fontana affordable family project, for a term of 15 years, subject to federal government appropriation.

Background: Providing Project-Based Vouchers to the Fontana affordable family project will assist in providing affordable housing within the County of San Bernardino and leverage local resources.

The Fontana family affordable new construction housing development will consist of 69 apartments for low and moderate income families. The project is located at 9420 Sierra Ave., in the City of Fontana. The project is restricted to households with income levels ranging from 30% to 60% of Area Median income. In total, 100% of the units will be restricted to low and moderate income families through the Low Income Housing Tax Credits, City of Fontana funding, permanent financing, and Project Based Vouchers.

The site is being developed by the Related Companies of California in partnership with LaBarge Industries and Housing Partners I, Inc. and the City of Fontana. Path Ventures will provide onsite resident services for tenants and their families. The development will be constructed on 4.36 acres and include outdoor space, pool area, tot lots, computer room, and community center.

Financial Impact: Funding for Project Based Housing Choice Vouchers is budgeted and available within the Housing Authority regular annual allocation of subsidies under the Housing Choice Voucher program administered by the HACSB on behalf of HUD. The award of the Vouchers is conditioned on the inclusion of Housing Partners I, Inc. (HPI), the HACSB's nonprofit affiliate, within the partnership owner entity. Additionally, HPI will receive 10% of the Development fee and 10% of any net cash flow.

Presenter: Daniel J. Nackerman, Executive Director

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| Report | The purpose of this document is to present the Office of Homeless Services on activities from the San Bernardino County Reentry Collaborative (SBCRC). |
| Date | February 24, 2016 |
| Presenter | Jose Marin, Special Projects Coordinator, Department of Public Health |
| Announcements | The table below lists the announcements for today's meeting. |

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| <p>February 2016 Reentry Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am at the WDD building located at 290 N “D” St, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA (Across from SB City Hall) <p>January 2016 Reentry Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative met on January 27, 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAD presented on Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program Recidivism Reduction Grant contractors gave an overview of their programs |
| <p>Workgroup meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup meeting was held on February 12, 2016. Discussion centered on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating Strategic Plan |
| <p>BRIDGES Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct Services for Reentry Participants ceased on 7/31 due to end of pilot project Data has been submitted to independent evaluator (CSUSB) Evaluation report completed by CSUSB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report is available on Reentry website at www.sbcounty.gov/sbcrc under “RESOURCES” tab See attached one page summary sheet for more details |
| <p>Community Recidivism Reduction Program (CRRP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health is overseeing a Recidivism Reduction Program funded by the California’s Bureau of State & Community Corrections (BSCC). Public Health finished its RFA process and was able to contract with 10 community- and faith-based organizations to provide recidivism reduction services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-help groups Anger management Employment and Education Services Referral Services Juvenile/mentoring Services, and Basic life skills services 8 of the 10 selected providers are new vendors to the county. Goal of the program is to reduce recidivism rates in our community by using local community- and faith-based organizations that have been providing services to the population for at least 5 years. Services have begun as of November 2015 |
| <p>Attachments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 Reentry Collaborative Meeting Schedule |

For more information, please contact Jose Marin at jose.marin@dph.sbcounty.gov.

Please visit our website at www.sbcounty.gov/sbcrc



2016 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

| Monthly Reentry Steering Committee Meetings | | |
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| 1/27/2016 (Wednesday) | 7/27/2016 (Wednesday) | <p>4th Wednesday of every other month (Beginning in January): Times: 1:30pm-3:00pm</p> <p>Location: Department of Behavior Health (DBH) 303 Vanderbilt Way 1st Floor (Behind TGI Friday's) San Bernardino, CA 92408</p> <p>4th Friday of every other month (Beginning in February): Times : 9:30am-11:00am</p> <p>Location: Workforce Development Department 290 North "D" Street, 6th Floor San Bernardino, CA 92401</p> <p>The parking for this building is located at the public parking structure on "D" Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets with access on "D" Street.</p> |
| 2/26/2016 (Friday) | 8/26/2016 (Friday) | |
| 3/23/2016 (Wednesday) | 9/28/2016 (Wednesday) | |
| 4/22/2016 (Friday) | 10/28/2016 (Friday) | |
| 5/25/2016 (Wednesday) | No November Meeting | |
| 6/24/2016 (Friday) | No December Meeting | |

| Monthly Reentry Workgroup Meetings | | |
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| Meeting Date (2 nd Friday of each Month) | Meeting Times | Meeting Location |
| 1/8/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | <p>Public Health 172 W 3rd Street 6th Floor Conference Room San Bernardino, CA</p> |
| 2/12/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 3/11/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 4/8/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 5/13/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 6/10/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 7/8/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 8/12/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 9/9/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |
| 10/14/2016 | 9:00am - 11:00am | |

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**Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino Report
Prepared for the Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Report Purpose The purpose of this document is to present Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) updates and to record action items from prior Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meetings if applicable.

Date Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Presenter Daniel Nackerman, Executive Director

Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today’s meeting.

| Announcements | |
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| Veterans Initiative’s | <p>The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) Has continued to develop creative and effective ways to address the needs of our county’s homeless veterans:</p> <p>Over the past year the HACSB, along with the support and efforts of our affiliate non-profits; KEYS and HPI Inc., has created housing opportunities for homeless veterans in a variety of ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the <i>Veterans Preference</i> is the ultimate preference for every waiting list the HACSB administers • Temporarily increasing staff to ensure we are meeting the veterans wherever they need us to be and responding quickly to veterans housing crisis; through additional administrative support, and additional housing specialists • Increasing the HACSB’s capacity and response by successfully applying for and utilizing Extraordinary Administrative Fee funding via the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program • Outreaching to landlords and creating a venue for landlords to specifically support the veterans housing programs and engage in the community-wide effort • Leveraging the VASH program against other homeless resources and programs to expedite the lease-ups, provide and maintain housing over time • Leverage KEYS as an affiliate non-profit to administer and leverage the recourses of the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program • Temporarily re-direct housing navigator staff of KEYS to assist in the housing search and lease-up process of veteran applicants |



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Veterans Initiative Cont.

- With funding from the county, develop and administer an enhanced security deposit program to provide additional security to landlords and assist veterans in overcoming housing barriers
- Dedicate HACSB owned units to provide bridge housing opportunities for homeless veterans in the city of Barstow **
- Dedicate HPI Inc. owned units Linda to create Safe Haven beds for homeless veterans in high need located near the Loma Linda VA Medical Center **
- Bring an additional 50 project based VASH vouchers into the county by partnering with Meta Housing to construct an 88 unit apartment community dedicated to serving veterans
- Partner with the department of public health to develop a rapid response system to address the needs of homeless veterans with pets

Most recently the HACSB has awarded a project based contract to National Community Renaissance; to dedicate 12 project based voucher family units in the high desert. The Housing Authority will partner with the Department of Behavioral Health and other local agencies to provide supportive services to the veterans to foster housing stability and household resiliency.*

*HACSB is still accepting responses to our Request for Proposal (RFP) from owners/ developers who would like to participate in this our Project Based Voucher Veterans program. Interested parties can find the streamlined RFP on the Housing Authority website at www.hacsb.com, 'Business' section. The RFP is currently posted as open until closed. Please contact Lisa Jones, Housing Authority Deputy Director at 909-890-5311 or ljones@hacsb.com for further information.

**Bridge housing and Safe Haven beds still have some limited availability *and agencies are encouraged to refer possible candidates to the VA Loma Linda.* (These programs serve single adult males).

Open Waiting Lists

Valencia Grove, Redlands – 2, 3, and 4 bd
San Bernardino, Redlands – 4 and 5 bd
Chino, Montclair and Rialto – 3 bd (Chino/Colton 4 and 5 bd)
Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville – 3 bd
Barstow – 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 bd
Joshua Tree, Twenty-nine Palms, Yucca Valley – 1, 2, and 3 bd

Senior Housing

Victorville, Twin Peaks, Chino/Colton, 1 and 2 bd
San Bernardino, Studio and 1 bd
Fontana, Redlands, Yucaipa – 2 bd
Barstow – 1 bd

***Please note: All waiting lists have an ultimate preference for veterans.**

Minutes for San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

January 27, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Department of Behavioral Health-Training Institute
303 E. Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Amy Edwards, Secretary I, Office of Homeless Services

| TOPIC | PRESENTER | ACTION/OUTCOME |
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| Call to Order | Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. |
| Introductions | Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made by all ICH Members. Guests were also invited to introduce themselves. |
| REPORTS | PRESENTER | ACTION/OUTCOME |
| Homeless Provider Network (HPN) | Sharon Green | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The all County HPN meeting originally schedule for January was rescheduled for February 17, 2016. |
| Office of Homeless Services (OHS) | Tom Hernandez | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PITC will be held on January 28, 2016, from 6:00 am to 10:00 am, in all 24 cities and unincorporated areas within the County. Various cities will also participate in a youth specific count on the same day but later in the afternoon. • Over 300 volunteers have registered to date to participate in this year's PITC. The OHS provided 1,500 hygiene kits to participating cities to be distributed to the unsheltered homeless counted and surveyed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preliminary numbers should be available within the next couple of months. The final report is estimated to be released in May. • This year to coincide with the PITC, the Veterans Advisory Group, has recommended that each veteran encountered on the day of the PITC, be engaged and assisted immediately to obtain permanent housing. The initiative is being called the "Leave No Vet Out" initiative. • On the day of the PITC, each homeless Veteran encountered by PITC volunteers will be connected that day with services, such as intensive case management, employment services, legal assistance, mental health services, benefits eligibility screenings, Veterans benefits, financial counseling, and health care as needed (see attached, Report 2A). • The 3 main goals will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Immediately place veterans into permanent housing ➤ Screen for all eligible services ➤ Provide transportation to 4 Veteran Bases of Operation • The OHS has submitted the Continuum of Care (CoC) application on November 18, 2015, with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) due date of November 20th. • In addition to the Consolidated Application, 24 Project Applications were submitted for a total request of \$9,249,125 in homeless services funding. The application was approved for submittal by the ICH on October 28, 2015. • One of the applications submitted was for a planning grant that will be used to improve performance and collaboration within the |

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| <p>Bylaws and Membership Committee</p> | <p>Chris Rymer</p> | <p>San Bernardino County CoC structure, assist in the further evaluation of CoC and ESG programs, conduct annual PITCs with increase city participation and ownership, and the joint development and planning of local consolidated planning efforts, and the development of the local CoC system to address ending homelessness within various subpopulations within the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier this month, HUD provided each region with a webinar clarifying the final rule for the definition of Chronically Homeless and an explanation of what HUD will accept as documentation to determine Chronically Homeless status. Noted below are the major revisions to the definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HUD replaced “disabling condition” with “homeless individual with a disability”. ➤ Defined what HUD considers as an “occasion” when determining a break in homelessness. ➤ Clarified that stays in institutions of fewer than 90 days does not constitute a break in homelessness status. • Attached you will find a table using the information provided from the HUD webinar noting the new Chronically Homeless definition, changes from the previous definition, and revised detailed record keeping requirements. • HUD also noted that the new definition was approved on January 4, 2016, but it will not take effect until January 15, 2016. Program participants residing in PSH prior to January 15, 2016 are not impacted. Program participants that have been accepted into permanent supportive housing and are in the process of locating a unit ARE NOT impacted. Program participants that are on a waiting list for PSH but have not yet been offered and accepted an available unit ARE impacted (see attached, Report 2B). • The final definition addresses a long-standing ambiguity which may have reduced our collective impact in ending chronic homelessness. The final definition gets us closer to the originally intended target population—the subset of people with high service needs and disabilities who, if not provided with long-term housing assistance and supportive services (e.g. permanent supportive housing), would likely remain homeless. • The OHS HMIS section routinely monitors agencies data quality to ensure accuracy and meet HUD standards for data quality maintenance. Attached you will find a copy of the latest HMIS Data Quality Report for the month of December, 2015 (see attached, Report 2C). • Agency report cards are posted for review on individual agencies participating in HMIS at the following website: http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/HMIS.aspx • OHS has submitted all the necessary information to participate in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. • In December, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and its 19 member agencies convened to review progress on ending family homelessness and to propose an additional set of strategies that would continue to drive action to achieve the goals of Opening Doors. Outgoing Chair, Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, led the Council in adopting the strategies across federal agencies. More about the objectives and actions can be found at the following website: https://www.usich.gov/news/council-meeting-update-december-2015 • The National Alliance to End Homelessness will be hosting their next National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness on February 18 to 19, 2016 at the Oakland Marriot City Center in Oakland, CA. For more information regarding registration, please visit: http://www.endhomelessness.org/news/calendar/2016-national-conference-on-ending-family-and-youth-homelessness • The Bylaws and Membership committee received two applications for membership to Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) for the hospital membership vacancy. Applications and information were sent to local schools soliciting membership. No applications were received from universities or colleges at this time. The Bylaws and Membership committee will continue to reach out to universities and colleges aggressively to encourage membership participation in ICH. • The 2 applications received for the hospital membership vacancy were reviewed by the committee and it is our recommendation to approve the application of Jennifer Resch-Silvestri, who will be representing Kaiser Permanente Hospital. • For your review, the membership has been provided a copy of Ms. Resch-Silvestri’s application. We ask the membership to |
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| | | <p>review the application prior to the addition of the item on the consent calendar at our next ICH meeting on February 27, 2016. Ms. Resch-Silvestri will be invited to attend for introductory purposes.</p> |
| Housing Committee | Kim Carter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be my last meeting as Housing Committee Chair. I want thank everyone for a wonderful year. |
| Homeless Youth Task Force | John Futch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We did not meet in November or December; our next meeting is February 17, 2016. |
| Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee | Mike Jones | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been meeting bi-weekly now and are focusing on getting more shelter for El Nino, wet weather. • We put together an emergency resource guide that has shelter information and safety tips in it. We are handing them out to all the homeless we come across. • The Office of Homeless Services has put together 250 emergency kits for us to hand out as well. They include a poncho, mylar blanket, socks, and a whistle. • If any organization here knows of a faith based organization that would be willing to open a pop up wet weather shelter, please reach out to them and let us know. It looks like we are going to need to rely on the faith based community to get any additional shelter during the wet weather. • I would also like to ask ICH to extend this ad hoc committee or consider making it a permanent subcommittee for emergency preparedness. This will allow us to work on the short term goal but also include long term goals as well. |
| Legislative Reports | Otis Greer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislature reconvened on January 4, 2016 and has until January 31 to pass any 2-year bills and until February 19 to introduce new bills. The bills that were 2 year bills had until the 15th to pass out of their perspective committee and then had until the 30th to pass out of their house of origin. • The Governor did release his draft budget. While there were no specific calls out to address homelessness, I think everyone is aware of the bipartisan effort by Pro-tem Kevin De Leon's effort to do the No Place Like Home initiative, which would attempt to bring two million in funds that would be diverted from MHSA funds. We understand the concerns with this and will be monitoring the issues very closely. • SB384 introduced by Senator Leyva will bring in six hundred million dollars, issued in bonds to go towards veterans housing and homeless prevention. • On the Fed side, the President's budget will be released early next month, so I will hopefully be able to update you on that by our next meeting. • Look for Title IV-E money from the social security act, which is used to provide support for foster children once they are removed from their homes. Senator Wyden and Hatch are looking to change that legislation so they can provide services to children prior to being pulled out of their homes. They are looking into do more preventive care for families prior to removal to foster care, |
| Board Agenda Review Report | Kent Paxton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our last meeting was at the end of October. There were just a few items of interest from the Department of Behavioral Health and the Housing Authority. • DBH had the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A revised standard agreement template for Shelter Services ➤ The Mental Health Services Act Housing Program funding application – Liberty Lane Apartments Project ➤ Grant Applications to the United States Department of Housing Development for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program ➤ Federal McKinney Project in Transition from Homelessness grant acceptance |

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| <p>Reentry Collaborative Report</p> | <p>Jose Marin</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Authority had the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An amendment to contract with Transitional Assistance Department for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Housing Support Program Services ➤ Veterans Housing – Project Based Vouchers for 60 units ➤ An amendment to contract with Knowledge, Education for Your Success, Inc. for Housing Navigator Services ➤ Commitment of 87 project-based vouchers to support the Loma Linda Vets Development Project • The next Reentry Meeting will be held on January 27, 2016 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm at the WDD building located at 290 N “D” St., 6th floor, San Bernardino, CA (Across from SB City Hall) • There were no meetings in November or December. At our October meeting topics centered on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Labor Laws for Reentry Individuals by US Dept. of Labor ➤ Inland Empire fair Chance Coalition • There were no Workgroup meetings held in October, November, & December due to the holidays. • There was a Workgroup meeting on January 8, 2016. Discussion centered on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Updates to BRIDGES Project and Evaluation ➤ Updating Strategic Plan • BRIDGES updates. Direct services for Reentry Participants ceased on 7/31 due to end of pilot project. • Data has been submitted to independent evaluators at CSUSB • The evaluation report has been completed by CSUSB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Report is available on Reentry website at www.sbcounty.gov/sbcrs under the “RESOURCES” tab • Updates on the Community Recidivism Reduction Program, Public Health is overseeing a Recidivism reduction Program funded by the California Bureau of State & Community Corrections. Public Health finished its RFA process and was able to contract with 10 community and faith based organizations to provide recidivism reduction services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Self-help groups ➤ Anger Management ➤ Employment and education Services ➤ Referral Services ➤ Juvenile/mentoring Services, and ➤ Basic life skills services • 8 of 10 selected providers are new vendors to the county. • Goal of the program is to reduce recidivism rates in our community by using local community and faith based organizations that have been providing services to the population for at least 15 years. • Services have begun as of November 2015. |
| <p>Housing Authority Report</p> | <p>Lisa Jones</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of our continuing efforts to end veteran homelessness, and ensure sufficient housing resources to meet future needs, on December 15, 2015 the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) Board of Governors, approved the set-aside of sixty (60) Project Based Voucher units solely to support veterans housing needs. The Housing Authority will partner with the Department of Behavioral Health and other local agencies to provide supportive services to the veterans to foster housing stability and household resiliency. The Housing Authority released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit interest from owners/ developers who would like to participate in the set-aside project. To date twenty (20) vouchers have been directly committed and the Housing Authority continues to solicit interest from owners/ developers for the remaining 40 Project Based Vouchers. Interested parties can find the streamlined RFP on the Housing Authority website at www.hacsb.com, ‘Business’ |

| | | <p>section. The RFP is currently posted as open until closed. Please contact Lisa Jones, Housing Authority Deputy Director at 909-890-5311 or ljones@hacsb.com for further information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HACSB also partnered with US Vets to provide additional bridge housing beds. This program is administered by US Vets in contract with the Veterans Administration while the Housing Authority provides the units. This is a valuable program that provides transportation, case management, 24 hour support, meals and a variety of other resources to veterans in temporarily housing while they are searching for permanent homes under the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) programs. <i>There is little to no wait time for this program and agencies are encouraged to refer possible candidates to the VA Loma Linda.</i> *This program serves single adult males. |
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| CONSENT ITEMS | PRESENTER | ACTION/OUTCOME |
| <p>Approve minutes of the October 28, 2015, ICH meeting</p> <p>Approve letters of support for Supportive Services for Veterans and Families Grantees</p> <p>Ratify the action of the Chair in approval of the letter of support to Housing Partners One, Inc. and LaBarge Industries for the Veterans Housing Homelessness Prevention Program</p> | Supervisor Gonzales, Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent items of the agenda were unanimously approved as written. |
| DISCUSSION | PRESENTER | ACTION/OUTCOME |
| County/Cities Homeless Services Coordination Plan Discussion | Kent Paxton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a result of a conversation we've had in our office for the last year and a half, on how we can better serve our cities and aid them in the discussion of homelessness. This is NOT supposed to take the place of any city's comprehensive plan on homelessness; this is not a substitute for that. The County of San Bernardino and its 24 cities have a shared vision to reduce the total number of chronically homeless individuals and families within the county. The vision is a collaborative effort that supports the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Housing First" model. It is a model that aligns the use of city and county funding for a more efficient delivery of services. This Homeless Plan template has been written to assist local governments with alignment of their policy and programmatic efforts to prevent and reduce chronic homelessness in conjunction with HUD's policies and mandates. The template also includes elements of the best practices as recommended by the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership and the Interagency Council on Homelessness. We've come up with a Q & A of sort for the cities to look at and see where they are at. The following questions are to assist the city in developing a homeless continuum of care to reduce its homeless population in collaboration with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership and Interagency Council on Homelessness, utilizing the Housing First strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Has the city designated a lead department or individual to coordinate homeless services? ➤ Does the city actively participate in the annual point in time count? ➤ Does the city develop annual benchmarks in relation to that annual point in time count? |

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| | <p>Dena Fuentes</p> <p>Supervisor Gonzales, Chair</p> <p>Sharon Green Patricia Nickols-Butler</p> <p>Gary Madden</p> <p>Linda Haugan</p> <p>Supervisor Gonzales, Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Does the city regularly attend interagency Council on Homelessness meetings? ➤ Does the city utilize and financially support the Inland Empire United Way 211 Coordinated Entry System? ➤ Does the city have an ongoing communication and coordination process in place with homeless providers, providing services in its jurisdiction? ➤ Does the city maximize its use of HUD funding, including emergency solutions grant dollars, through collaboration with the ICH recommended, HUD contracted COC funded homeless contract providers? ➤ Does the city have a formal communication process in place with the local school districts to coordinate services to homeless families with children as defined by McKinney Vento? ➤ Does the city planning commission annual assess the housing element of the general plan based on the point in time count data and the need or permanent supportive housing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are just nine questions and there may be more that we propose cities to look at. • Another component to this template is strengthening our relationship between the federal level, which is HUD, Cities, County, and Providers. • Dena expressed her concern that most cities do not have a coordinated homeless plan and that they would answer "No" to most of the questions. She also expressed that the only communication the cities have with providers is "How are you spending your money and how many people are you helping?" Dena also asked how the work Tom Hernandez has been doing with prioritizing and the subcommittee's ties into this. • This draft is just that a draft. The questions you see are put in this form to start discussion. The cities do not have the information so we want to create an instructional manual to help the cities as they start to confront their homeless issues. This instructional manual will be a tool to make them aware and help them begin addressing issues within their boundaries. • Expressed concerns about getting the cities together for conversation • What funds are the cities contributing to this initiative? • We need to consider adding a little teaser to the front of this template pointing out the advantages of participating in a coordinated homeless plan. • Are these all the obstacles the cities encounter or is this just what we thought of? Since we have some of the cities here it may be beneficial to get their input. Maybe get the cities point of contacts together with Dena Fuentes and iron out all the obstacles and make it comprehensive the first time around rather than us assuming we know. • Motioned to create a committee to further develop the City Homeless Plan Template into an instructional manual with the recommendation that Dena Fuentes be appointed chair of said committee. I recommend that the city membership of ICH also participate in the committee in developing the instructional manual to be used by cities for homeless planning purposes. |
| COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE | PRESENTER | ACTION/OUTCOME |
| | <p>Supervisor Gonzales, Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 21, 2015 the Board of Supervisors held a workshop to bring forward an aggressive plan to end Veterans Homelessness by December 31, 2015. We identified 401 homeless vets in the county. By Thanksgiving we housed all 401 identified homeless vets. In addition we housed another 95 unidentified homeless vets for an ending total of 496 housed homeless vets. I want to thank everyone involved in you efforts; it was not an easy task. I also want to give a big thank you to Philip Mangano he was instrumental in this plan. • It is my understanding that the children of Veterans as well as Homeless Veterans are entitled to a free education. There are allocated funds given to state universities that fund the education of these children. I asked where these funds go if they aren't |

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| | <p>Frank Guevara</p> <p>Ray Osborne</p> <p>Sharon Greene</p> <p>Patricia Nickols-Butler</p> <p>Tom Hernandez</p> | <p>used and was told that the money gets rolled back into their budgets. This program needs to be advertised; we need to get the word out that this program exists and where they can go to sign up for it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a college fee waiver for Children of Active Service Men Killed in the line of duty or disabled. They can come into our office, at Veterans Affairs, and we can help them with the paperwork. We completed about 1,100 waivers last year. There was 4.8 million dollars in tuition waived. The waiver is good for Cal State or Community College. • I have provided you all with a list of all of Home Aid's Completed facilities, so if you need a reference as to where are facilities are located they are listed in the flier. I also have hygiene bags, if anyone wants these please let me know. I will give some to the HOPE team to supplement the ones OHS has given out. • I just want to let everyone know we now have transportation. We have acquired an 18 passenger van, so beginning the first of next month we will be rolling out. If you need transportation give us a call. • I just have a question for the VA, is your free ID card program mobile? Are you able to set up at project connects and other events throughout the County? Answer from Frank: Yes it is mobile • We have a list of deployment centers for the point in time count tomorrow, if you have not already signed up you can still be involved. Just pick an area you want to participate in and show up at the deployment center tomorrow morning at 5:30 am. |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS | PRESENTER | ACTION/OUTCOME |
| | Oswaldo Maysonet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment. |
| Adjournment | Supervisor Gonzales, Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. |
| Next Meeting | | <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Department of Behavioral Health Administration Building, Rooms 109A and 109B 303 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92415</p> |

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FROM: Chris Rymer, Chair, Bylaws and Membership Committee

SUBJECT: Approve recommendation for the appointment of Jennifer Resch-Silvestri, representing Kaiser Permanente for the Hospital Representative membership for the San Bernardino County Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

DATE: February 24, 2016

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Recommendation for the appointment of Jennifer Resch-Silvestri, Senior Director of Public Affairs and Brand Communications for Kaiser Permanente, for membership as the Hospital Representative for the ICH.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Bylaws and Membership Committee is tasked with the ongoing enhancement of ICH member participation through the establishment of membership recruitment procedures and the evaluation of potential members to promote the vision and mission of ICH and the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership in general.

On January 20, 2016, the Bylaws and Membership Committee convened to review applications for the Hospital Representative recruitment released on September 24, 2015, with a deadline for applications by October 30, 2015. The Committee received a total of 2 applications from a talented pool of applicants, the Bylaws and Membership Committee could only recommend 1 potential member for advancement to ICH as the Hospital Representative. The Committee unanimously recommends Ms. Jennifer Resch-Silvestri, Senior Director of Public Affairs and Brand Communications for Kaiser Permanente to serve in the capacity of ICH Hospital Representative.

As the Senior Director of Public Affairs and Brand Communication for Kaiser Permanente throughout San Bernardino County, Jennifer is responsible for government relations, community relations, internal communications and media relations for Kaiser Permanente's 2 medical centers and 16 satellite offices serving more than 542,000 members. Jennifer also directs the organization's Community Benefit program, and as such has served as the catalyst for the formation of the Community Clinic Association of San Bernardino County.

The Bylaws and Membership Committee is certain Ms. Resch-Silvestri will work diligently as a member of the ICH to assist the efforts to bring attention to the issue of homelessness and contribute to the development of effective solutions to this serious socioeconomic problem.

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RE: ESG Administrative Entity Solicitation of Interest

Dear Ms. Adams:

As the governing body for the County of San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC), the Interagency Council on Homelessness, recommends the Department of Community Development and Housing (CDH), a County department, as the Administrative Entity for the implementation and management of the State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program within San Bernardino County.

CDH has been an active partner in the management of and allocation of CoC funds, CoC activities, and the development of the Coordinated Entry System. CDH collaborated in the development and implementation of the CoC and ESG Program Written Standards for all CoC emergency shelters, transitional housing and permanent housing programs.

CDH provides guidance to ESG funded agencies to ensure they adhere to eligible activities and other criteria as a result of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. Local ESG funded agencies performance outcomes consistently exceed mandated program goals as noted in the ESG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

Thank you for the opportunity to endorse a valuable member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Respectfully,

JOSIE GONZALES, Chair, Interagency Council on Homelessness
 San Bernardino County Continuum of Care

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