



Item No.	Consent Items	
1	Approve minutes of the February 25, 2015, ICH meeting	9:45 – 9:50 am
Updates		
2	Written Standards & Point-In-Time Count Preliminary Data – Presenter: Joe Colletti, Ph.D	9:50 – 10:00 am
Presentation		
3	Pets of the Homeless– Presenter: Dr. Raines	10:00 – 10:20 am
Closing		
		10:20 – 10:30 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 will be a special
Strategic Planning Workshop
 to be held on:

April 22, 2015
8:00 am – 12:30 pm
Department of Behavioral Health Administration
303 E. Vanderbilt Way, Conference Room 109A and 109B
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Mission Statement

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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**Homeless Partnership Network Report
Prepared for the Interagency Council on Homelessness**

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

Date Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Presenter Sharon Green

Presentations The table below lists the presentations from Regional HPN's last meeting.

Announcements
<p><i>Updates on Regional HPN Meetings</i></p> <p><i>Central Valley Region HPN – Chair Anthony Brazier</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Central Valley Region is adopting the Pathways to Housing flow chart presented to the Homeless Provider Network (HPN) by Don Smith. This is used to identify the gaps in the service needs in our specific communities.• 211 Access and Mobility Coordinator Osvaldo Maysonet presented on meeting the transportation needs of the community. To borrow the words of Gary Madden, “transportation is the large elephant in every room. It is thought to be the #1 unmet need, but unfortunately has not been tracked through data collection”. This was the topic on the Mountain/Desert Region as well.



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Mountain/Desert Region HPN – Chair Lois Perkins

- Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) Access and Mobility Coordinator Aaron Moore presented on transportation needs in the High Desert Communities. VVTA is working with nonprofits to provide bus donations to aid with the unmet need. Victor Valley Family Resource Center (VVFRC) received a donation of a 16 passenger van. Aaron is working with that organization in getting drivers trained and routes set up to close some of the gaps in transportation. One of the graduates of the VVFRC program is now a licensed driver and will be the transportation coordinator working with Aaron.
- Kevin Mahany from St. Joseph Health, St. Mary presented on the upcoming High Desert Project Connect to be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. The HPN is assisting with coordinating the services to provide supplies for the chronically homeless that are feed at Our Lord’s Table in Victorville.
- Bruce Young presented information on the Impediments of Fair Housing study done in Los Angeles County. This information will assist the HPN in ending homelessness within San Bernardino County Region.

West Valley Region HPN – Chair Don Smith

- Doug Fazekas presented on the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Housing and Employment Program.
- The HPN Regional Chair continues to lead participants in a process to identify “Pathways to Housing in the West Valley Region.” Each monthly meeting includes a group discussion on access points and housing options for specific subpopulations - from eviction prevention to bridge housing to permanent housing opportunities. The February Regional meeting focused on “housing access points” for families with children and the March meeting focused on access points for people dealing with behavioral health issues.
- A “Pathways to Housing” spreadsheet listing identified options and is under development. The Housing Opportunities Collaborative has offered their “Virtual Counselor Network” as a potential vehicle for accessing pathways to housing opportunities.



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Countywide HPN – Chair Sharon Green

- Our Countywide HPN membership is continuing to grow. We are ensuring that capacity building trainings and stronger organizational structure is available to all of the members. Our focus continues to be ending homelessness and its barriers in our region.
- Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the County of San Bernardino Health Services building (Auditorium entrance) located at 850 Foothill Blvd. Rialto, CA 92376.



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**Office of Homeless Services Report
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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 March 25, 2015

Presenter Tom Hernandez, Homeless Services Manager

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

Announcements	
Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) has received the tentative final version of the GIW from the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). • There are 21 programs up for renewal this year. The Continuum of Care’s (CoC) annual renewal demand (ARD) this year totals: \$7,016,062. • The following is a breakdown of project component funding levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permanent Supportive Housing: \$5,096,297 ○ Rapid Re-housing: \$885,580 ○ Transitional Housing: \$784,027 ○ HMIS: \$250,158 • There is potentially one additional project that may be added to the ARD, in the amount of \$1,815,660, which will increase the ARD to \$8,831,722. 	
Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CES planning group last met on March 12, 2015, to discuss roles and expectations from participating agencies and cities. In order to best accommodate planning needs and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) set-up, the planning group agreed to move the pilot project tentatively to May. 	



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Homeless Management Information System Update

- 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. As you know, participating in AHAR benefits the CoC in terms of points potentially awarded in the scoring process.
- The OHS has requested action to amend its contract with Client Track to increase the number of user licenses to prepare for Coordinated Entry expansion. The remaining 7 months of contract licenses will be increase from 100 to 130. OHS is anticipating negotiating the number of licenses to 150 during the next contract agreement.

Homeless Youth Survey Training

- Training was conducted on March 19, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Transitional Age Youth Center in San Bernardino. Approximately 20 people were in attendance. The Train the Trainer PowerPoint presentation was conducted with a focus on how to conduct the survey, completing the survey instrument, and being safe during the process. In addition to the presentation, the attendees were given a foldout information guide to give to the survey teams with reminder tips for conducting the survey.

Needles Project Connect

- The Needles Project Connect was held at the El Garces Train Depot on Thursday, March 5, 2015. Approximately 200 individuals and families attended the event. Each attendee was provided with a tote bag containing hygiene items. Lunch was provided and attendees had the opportunity to take home donated clothing, toys, books, and groceries provided by Children's Fund and Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County.
- Eighteen service providers were in attendance and provided attendees with a wealth of information and support services that included medical, legal, and veteran information.
- Sharon Green, Chair of the Homeless Provider Network and Regina Weatherspoon-Bell, Field Representative for First District Supervisor Robert Lovingood, delivered opening remarks at the start of the event, welcoming attendees.
- Comments from the local vendors as well as community members were positive. They had stated that this was an event that has been needed for a long time, because of the lack of services in the area. It was a learning experience for some of the vendors, who were unaware of available services that could benefit their clients. Many clients and vendors expressed an interest in making this an annual event.



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Homeless and Policy Related News

- On Tuesday, March 3, 2015, the National Alliance to End Homelessness (Alliance) in its effort to provide guidance to communities during the run-up to the 2015 goal for ending veteran homelessness in the U.S., has produced a one page document that outlines and describes the five major steps that communities must take to end veteran homelessness. The document is the first in a series of resources on ending veteran homelessness. The Alliance will provide additional resources in the coming months. (see attached Report 2A).

Attachments

Five Steps to End Veteran Homelessness – Report 2A-Attached



FIVE STEPS TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

The drive to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 is underway across the country. The following are five steps your community can take to ensure that you are part of the January 2016 celebrations announcing an end to veteran homelessness. It is important to note that these five steps are part of a continual process – once a veteran is housed, the process begins again with the next veteran. These steps are not necessarily prescriptive, but are meant to guide your community efforts; they represent the general steps successful communities have taken to get veterans into housing quickly and efficiently. Use these steps to get the necessary parties in your community working together and on the path to ending veteran homelessness and ensuring all veterans in your community stay stably housed.

1 Identify all homeless veterans in your community and create a sharable master list

Creating a master list of veterans known to be homeless, and continuously updating this list, ensures that all providers and partners are on the same page and have a clear set of people that need housing. A coordinated assessment system is a good way to track this information. You and your partners should also work to ensure you are doing targeted outreach to veterans not already in your system for their inclusion on your list. The creation of such a list will also aid communication between the local VA and Continuum of Care (CoC) and aid in the identification of veterans that may be ineligible for VA services. The purpose of having a master list is to ensure that all partners, including the CoC and VA, can quickly find and house all homeless veterans as soon as a housing opportunity becomes available.

2 Identify all available housing stock, including currently existing and potential stock

Work with landlords in your community and the local Public Housing Authority to identify existing and potential housing stock and resources (vouchers, tax credits, units for rapid re-housing, etc.) for veterans. Creating strong working relationships with your community's landlords will help to ensure units are continuously available in order to quickly move the veterans into housing, particularly since most homeless veterans in your community will be housed through rapid re-housing. Securing a diversity of units will help service providers match veterans to the housing opportunity that best meets their needs.

3 Set a clear numerical goal and timeline for getting veterans housed and regularly track progress

You should be constantly working with your partners to assess and evaluate your efforts and assign resources and responsibilities as needed. A clear goal that states the number of veterans you plan on housing in a specified time frame will help to hold partners accountable; strategically allocate available resources and highlight any gaps; and ensure all stakeholders understand their responsibilities in the process. Progress toward this should be measured and reported to stakeholders and the community as often as possible.

4 Identify the needed supportive services and resources for veterans

In order to ensure the veterans stay successfully housed, they will need other supports such as employment training; case management; substance abuse and mental health treatment; help connecting to their own support networks in the community and community resources; and income assistance. It is important for you and your partners to have a clear understanding of the resources available in your community for veterans. You should be aware of and develop a working relationship with any other veteran support systems in your community, mainstream resources for which the veteran may be eligible, and other homeless resources available to them.

5 House the veterans!

Once you have done the steps above, you can now finish the job and get the veteran into housing with the supportive services appropriate for him or her. You should be doing a regular evaluation of your processes to ensure that you are housing veterans as quickly and efficiently as possible. Make sure that your efforts to house veterans are matched with established community-wide goals and timeline and adjust your efforts accordingly. You should be monitoring your housed veterans to ensure they remain stably housed with the necessary support services.

This document is the beginning of a series from the National Alliance to End Homelessness on ending veteran homelessness. To ensure you are receiving all materials, webinar invitations, and other updates, please email Kate Seif, the Alliance's Program & Policy Analyst on veteran homelessness, at cseif@naeh.org.

ICH Housing Committee Report

The ICH Housing Committee met on Wednesday, March 11th, 2015. Attendees included Kim Carter, Chair, Jeff Little and Don Smith.

Recommendations

Engaging Private Market Rental Property Owners

- The Housing Committee recommend that the ICH work in coordination with the HPN to conduct outreach and education activities designed to engage private market rental property owners and managers in the effort to end homelessness in San Bernardino County. This should include:
 - Opening a dialogue with the leadership of the Apartment Association of the Greater Inland Empire (AAGIA) to form a partnership around strategies in support homeless prevention and rapid re-housing initiatives.
 - Working with the Housing Authority on strategies to encourage rental owners in their network to provide housing opportunities to homeless and at-risk households engaged in services with HPN providers.
 - Work with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (or other appropriate entity) to conduct a training/education activity for rental property owners and managers on permanent supportive housing and housing first best practices.
 - Conduct a survey with rental property owners and managers to help identify strategies to address their challenging tenant issues and concerns.
- The Housing Committee recommends that the ICH request that the County Administrative Office work with the appropriate County Departments to explore options for creating tax and/or other incentives for private market rental property owners to provide affordable housing options for low-income households in the County through short, medium, or long-term rent reductions/subsidies or other best practice strategies.

Certified Tenant Education

- The Housing Committee recommends that the ICH work in coordination with the HPN to establish, endorse and implement a Certified Tenant Education curriculum to help support efforts to secure housing placements and eviction prevention for homeless and at-risk households throughout the County.

Housing and Homeless Program Funding Opportunities

- The Housing Committee recommends that the ICH request that an announcement be sent by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to all contacts in the SBC Homeless Partnership distribution list for all Requests for Proposals and other funding opportunities released by county departments related to housing and/or homeless services.



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Homeless Youth Taskforce Prepared for the Interagency Council on Homelessness

Date March 25, 2015

Presenter Chairman James Ramos, Homeless Youth Task Force Co-Chair

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

Announcements	
Homeless Youth Survey Subcommittee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Homeless Youth Task Force (HYTF) met on February 27, 2015 to discuss the implementation of the Homeless Youth Survey. • The Homeless Youth Survey will take place on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 between the hours of 1p.m. - 5p.m., targeting the cities of San Bernardino, Victorville, Morongo Basin, Redlands, and Rancho Cucamonga. • Andre Bossieux, Program Manager for Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Centers, is the point person for the youth volunteers. The TAY Centers in each community as well as Our House Shelter in Redlands will serve as the deployment centers. If you would like to volunteer or know of others who would like to volunteer, please contact Maribel Gutierrez at Maribel.Gutierrez@dbh.sbcounty.gov. • The Train the Trainer took place on Thursday March 19, 2015 to train key volunteers from each region who will then train other youth volunteers. We had 35 volunteers receive the training. • Incentive strategy; looking for donations of hygiene supplies to include in the bags which will be handed out to youth who complete the survey. If you have any suggestions, please email Molly Wiltshire at Molly.Wiltshire@bos.sbcounty.gov. A list of supplies is attached. Donations must be dropped off by COB Thursday March 23, 2015 at the San Bernardino One Stop TAY Center. • Homeless Youth Resource Guide- a pocket resource guide specifically listing resources for youth is being created. If you have any resources you know about, please send those to Tammy Williams at Tammy.Williams@hss.sbcounty.gov by COB Wednesday, April 1, 2015. 	



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Homeless Youth Taskforce Full Committee

- The HYTF Full Committee met on Thursday, March 19, 2015 to discuss the upcoming Homeless Youth Survey on Wednesday, April 8, 2015.
- The HYTF discussed how to follow up with the youth encountered during the survey. One suggestion was to create a Youth Street Outreach Team. Further discussions will take place.
- Next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 24th from 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at the San Bernardino TAY Center, 780 E. Gilbert Street, San Bernardino.

Attachments

Hygiene Kit List – Report 2A-Attached

Goodie Bag Stuffing Party Flyer- Report 2B-Attached

Hygiene Kit Items

Below is a list of the items we are looking for.

Toothpaste

Bar of soap

Hand sanitizer

Purse size tissue

Deodorant

Lip Balm

Shampoo

Sunscreen

Band-aids

Toothbrush

Hand lotion

RAIN Poncho

Comb

Feminine products



Behavioral Health



HOMELESS YOUTH TASKFORCE GOODIE BAG STUFFING PARTY

The Homeless Youth Taskforce is seeking volunteers to assist in putting goodie bags/hygiene kits together for the Homeless Youth Survey/Outreach taking place on Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

Stuffing party date & time: Friday, March 27, 2015; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: One Stop TAY Center, Hollywood Room
780 E. Gilbert Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415

DONATIONS:

Donations are being accepted for the goodie bags/hygiene kits. Items can be delivered to the San Bernardino One Stop TAY Center, Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or via interoffice mail code 0920. Donations will be accepted until March 23, 2015.

Hygiene kit travel size items needed:

- Toothpaste • Bar of soap/body wash • Hand sanitizer • Baby wipes • Travel size tissue • Deodorant • Lip balm • Shampoo and conditioner • Sunscreen • Bandages • Toothbrush • Hand lotion • Rain poncho • Comb • Feminine products



- Gift cards to stores where food and necessities can be purchased (Stater Bros., Target, Walmart, 99 cent stores, etc.).

The Homeless Youth Count survey will be implemented in the cities of Morongo Basin, Redlands, San Bernardino, Rancho Cucamonga, and Victorville where large populations of homeless youth have been identified.

To volunteer for either event, please email Maribel Gutierrez Maribel.Gutierrez@dbh.sbcounty.gov. For more information on the Homeless Youth Taskforce please contact Molly Wiltshire at Molly.Wiltshire@bos.sbcounty.gov.



Interagency Council on Homelessness Bills of Interest
As of March 25, 2015

Please find below bills of interest introduced for the 2015/16 Legislative Session. The status of the bills listed below reflects the report date of March 17, 2015.

[AB 35](#)

([Chiu](#) D) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.
Status: 3/5/2015-Re-referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and REV. & TAX. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.
Location: 3/5/2015-A. H. & C.D.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapters
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Summary: Existing law establishes a low-income housing tax credit program pursuant to which the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee provides procedures and requirements for the allocation of state insurance, income, and corporation tax credit amounts among low-income housing projects based on federal law. Existing law limits the total annual amount of the credit that the committee may allocate to \$70 million per year, as specified. This bill, for calendar years beginning 2015, would increase the aggregate housing credit dollar amount that may be allocated among low-income housing projects by \$300,000,000, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 59](#)

([Waldron](#) R) Mental health services: assisted outpatient treatment.
Status: 3/10/2015-Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.
Location: 3/10/2015-A. HEALTH

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapters
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Summary: Existing law, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002, known as Laura's Law, until January 1, 2017, grants each county the authority to offer certain assisted outpatient treatment services for their residents. In counties in which these assisted outpatient treatment services are available, a court may order a person to receive assisted outpatient treatment for an initial treatment period not to exceed 6 months pursuant to an order if requisite criteria are met. Under that 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. Existing 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 delete the provisions that authorize a county to participate in the program, and instead require each county with available funding to implement the provisions of Laura's Law. The bill would delete the January 1, 2017, repeal date of those provisions, thereby extending the program indefinitely. By imposing additional duties upon the counties to implement these provisions, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also authorize the court to order a person to obtain assisted outpatient treatment for an initial period not to exceed 12 months if requisite criteria are met. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 90](#)

([Atkins](#) D) Federal Housing Trust Fund.
Status: 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
Location: 1/26/2015-A. H. & C.D.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapters
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Summary: Existing law establishes the multifamily housing program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide a standardized set of program rules and features applicable to all housing types based on the department's California Housing Rehabilitation Program. Existing law also establishes the CalHome Program under the administration of the department to provide grants and loans to enable low- and very low income households to become or remain homeowners. This bill would designate the Department of Housing and Community Development as the state agency responsible for administering the federal Housing Trust Fund. The bill would require the department to administer the federal funds pursuant to the multifamily housing program, except that up to 10% of the funds may be appropriated by the Legislature to the CalHome Program. The bill would require the department to submit notifications with specified information relating to the distribution, awarding, and expenditure of the federal funds, as prescribed. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 379](#)

(Gordon D) Foster youth: complaint of noncompliance.

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on ED.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. ED.

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Summary: Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to ensure that all pupils in foster care and those who are homeless, as defined, have a meaningful opportunity to meet state pupil academic achievement standards, and requires educators, juvenile courts, and certain other persons to work together to, among other things, ensure that each pupil has access to the academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all pupils. Existing law requires a foster child who changes residences pursuant to a court order or decision of a child welfare worker or a homeless child or youth to be immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities. This bill would authorize the filing of a complaint of noncompliance with the latter provision to be filed with the local educational agency under the Uniform Complaint Procedures set forth in the California Code of Regulations. The bill would also require information regarding the requirements of the provision relating to foster and homeless children and youth residency requirements for participation in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities to be included in a specified annual notification. By imposing additional requirements on local educational agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 690](#)

(Wood D) Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers: rural health clinics.

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. HEALTH

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Summary: Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law provides that federally qualified health center services and rural health clinic services, as defined, are covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, to be reimbursed, to the extent that federal financial participation is obtained, to providers on a per-visit basis. "Visit" is defined as a face-to-face encounter between a patient of a federally qualified health center or a rural health clinic and specified health care professionals. This bill would include a marriage and family therapist within those health care professionals covered under that definition.

[AB 702](#)

(Maienschein R) CalWORKs: temporary shelter assistance.

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on HUM. S.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. HUM. S.

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Summary: Existing federal law provides for the allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states. Existing law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program under which, through a combination of state and county funds and federal funds received through the TANF program, each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families. Existing law, with certain exceptions, provides eligible families with homeless assistance, including temporary shelter assistance for one period of up to 16 consecutive calendar days. This bill would eliminate the requirement that the temporary assistance be provided during one period of consecutive days, and instead would limit the temporary assistance to a maximum of 16 calendar days. This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to issue an all-county letter or similar instructions by April 1, 2016, and to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill by July 1, 2017. The bill also would make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes. Because this bill would create new administrative duties for counties, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 801](#)

(Bloom D) Postsecondary education: Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act.

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Coms. on HIGHER ED. and HUM. S.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. HIGHER ED.

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Summary: Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions and functions of the segments of postsecondary

education in this state. Among other things, the act requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority in that system for registration for enrollment to foster youth, as defined, or former foster youth, until the repeal of this provision on January 1, 2017. This bill would enact the Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act. The bill would extend the above-referenced priority requirement, with respect to the California State University and community college districts, and would extend the request for the granting of priority, with respect to the University of California, to include homeless youth and former homeless youth, as defined, and extend the existence of this provision until January 1, 2020. To the extent that this provision would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 838](#) ([Brough](#) R) Recovery houses.
 Status: 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on HUM. S.
 Location: 3/16/2015-A. HUM. S.

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Summary: Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of community care facilities, as defined, by the State Department of Social Services. A violation of the act is a misdemeanor. Existing law exempts recovery houses providing group living arrangements for persons recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction from the act. This bill would require a recovery house that is owned or operated, as defined, by a community care facility licensed pursuant to the act and that functions as an integral component of that community care facility to be deemed a facility that provides treatment or services under the license of the community care facility. The bill would subject a facility under that license to the inspection and enforcement provisions of the act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 870](#) ([Cooley](#) D) Homelessness: rapid rehousing.
 Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.
 Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Existing federal law, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, allocated, until September 30, 2011, \$1.5 billion to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Homelessness Prevention Fund, to be used for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing. Existing law, the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act, provides housing supports to individuals if the administering county determines that the individual or his or her family is experiencing homelessness or housing instability that would be a barrier to self-sufficiency or child well-being and declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that housing supports utilize evidence-based models, including those established in the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would utilize the principles of rapid rehousing in order to better care for California's homeless population.

[AB 878](#) ([Eggman](#) D) Child welfare: foster care.
 Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.
 Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Existing law establishes the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) program, under which counties provide payments to foster care providers on behalf of qualified children in foster care. The program is funded by a combination of federal, state, and county funds, with moneys from the General Fund being continuously appropriated to pay for the state's share of AFDC-FC costs. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 982](#) ([Eggman](#) D) Child care and development: eligibility: priority: homeless children.
 Status: 2/27/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.
 Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Existing law provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that in providing child development programs the Superintendent of Public Instruction give priority to children of families that qualify for public assistance and other low-income and disadvantaged

families. This bill would also include homeless families as part of the intended priority for child development programs. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1166](#)

([Bloom](#) D) Pupils in foster care: pupils who are homeless children or youth: school transfer: exemption from local graduation requirements.

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Existing law requires a school district, except as provided, to exempt a pupil in foster care, as defined, or a pupil who is a homeless child or youth, as defined, who transfers between schools any time after the completion of the pupil's 2nd year of high school from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing board of the school district that are in addition to certain statewide coursework requirements. Existing law requires the school district to notify specified individuals, including a pupil in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless child or youth, within 30 calendar days of the date that a pupil who may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements transfers into a school, of the availability of the exemption and whether the pupil qualifies for an exemption. This bill would, if the school district fails to provide that notification, declare the effected pupil eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements once notified, even if that notification is received after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the pupil or after the pupil is no longer a homeless child or youth, as applicable. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1225](#)

([Weber](#) D) Housing: former nonminor dependents: homeless youth.

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Existing law makes transitional housing available to any foster child who is at least 16 years of age and not more than 18 years of age who is eligible for AFDC-FC benefits, any nonminor dependent who is eligible for AFDC-FC benefits, and any former foster youth who is at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age who has exited from the foster care system and has elected to participate in the Transitional Housing Program-Plus, as defined, if he or she has not received services pursuant to these provisions for more than a total of 24 months. This bill would additionally make transitional housing available to any former nonminor dependent with special needs and any homeless youth. By expanding the duties of counties relating to the provision of transitional housing, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1228](#)

([Gipson](#) D) Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth.

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the 3 segments of the public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes them to provide instruction to students at community college campuses. Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as the other 2 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. This bill would request the regents and the trustees to provide that assistance to students who are homeless youth. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1500](#)

([Maienschein](#) R) California Environmental Quality Act: homeless complex projects: exemption.

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

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Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment

if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA exempts specified projects from its requirements. This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA homeless complex projects, as defined. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 7](#)

([Wolk](#) D) Housing: water meters: multiunit structures.

Status: 3/16/2015-April 7 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. T. & H.

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Summary: (1) Existing law generally regulates the hiring of dwelling units and, among other things, imposes certain requirements on landlords and tenants. Among these requirements, existing law requires landlords to provide tenants with certain notices or disclosures pertaining to, among other things, pest control and gas meters. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage the conservation of water in multifamily residential rental buildings through means either within the landlord's or the tenant's control, and to ensure that the practices involving the submetering of dwelling units for water service are just and reasonable, and include appropriate safeguards for both tenants and landlords. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 46](#)

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

Status: 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. RLS.

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Summary: Existing law authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot project for the purpose of establishing a cooperative housing project for veterans and their families. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

[SB 145](#)

([Pan](#) D) Health facilities: patient transporting.

Status: 3/12/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. HEALTH

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Summary: Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities by the State Department of Health Care Services. A violation of these provisions is a crime. This bill would prohibit a general acute care hospital, acute psychiatric hospital, or special hospital from causing a patient with a blood alcohol content of 0.8% percent or greater to be transported to another location except when the patient is either medically stabilized or appropriately transferred to another health facility pursuant to another provision of law. The bill would make the violation of that provision subject to civil penalties, as specified. The bill would require these civil penalties, upon appropriation, to be used exclusively for the provision of posthospital recuperative beds, transitional housing, and mental health counseling programs for the homeless. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 214](#)

([Berryhill](#) R) Foster care services.

Status: 2/26/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. RLS.

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Summary: Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature to preserve and strengthen a child's family ties whenever possible, removing the child from the custody of his or her parents only when necessary for his or her welfare or for the safety and protection of the public. Existing law includes various provisions relating to appropriate placement and other services for children in foster care. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relating to foster children.

[SB 252](#)

([Leno](#) D) Pupils: diploma alternatives: fees.

Status: 3/13/2015-Set for hearing March 25.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. ED.

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Summary: Existing law authorizes certain persons, including, among others, any person 16 years of age or older, to have his or her proficiency in basic skills taught in public high schools verified according to criteria established by the State Department of Education. Existing law requires the State Board of Education to award a certificate of proficiency to persons who demonstrate that proficiency. Existing law requires the department to develop standards of competency in basic skills taught in public high schools and to provide for the administration of examinations prepared by or with the approval of the department to verify competency. Existing law authorizes the department to charge a fee for each examination application in an amount sufficient to recover the costs of administering the requirements of these provisions, but prohibits the fee from exceeding an amount equal to the cost of test renewal and administration per examination application. This bill would prohibit the department from charging the fee for an examination application to a homeless child or youth who can verify his or her status as a homeless youth. The bill would authorize a homeless services provider, as defined, that has knowledge of the person's housing status to verify the person's status for purposes of these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 384](#)

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

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Coms. on V.A. and T. & H.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. V. A.

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Summary: Existing law provides various programs and bond issuances to provide housing for veterans, as defined, including the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014, which provides for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily supportive housing, affordable transitional housing, affordable rental housing, or related facilities for veterans and their families. This bill would require, for all multifamily housing units acquired, constructed, rehabilitated, or preserved on or after January 1, 2016, for the purpose of housing veterans, that a percentage of the units be reserved for female veterans with children, the percentage to be determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs based on the population of veterans in the area and the need of female veterans with children in that area for housing.

[SB 445](#)

([Liu](#) D) Pupil instruction and services: homeless children.

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on ED.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. ED.

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Summary: The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act sets forth specified requirements relating to the education of homeless children and youth, as defined. Under existing state law, a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youth is required to ensure that public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in schools within the liaison's local educational agency, as specified. This bill would require a local educational agency serving a homeless child, once a child becomes a homeless child, to allow the homeless child to continue his or her education in the school of origin through the duration of the homelessness, and would set forth related requirements governing the enrollment of homeless children. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 608](#)

([Liu](#) D) Homelessness.

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Coms. on T. & H. and JUD.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. T. & H.

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Summary: Existing law, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, provides that all persons within the state are free and equal, regardless of their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, or sexual orientation, and are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever. This bill would enact the Right to Rest Act, which would afford persons experiencing homelessness the right to use public space without discrimination based on their housing status. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would describe basic human and civil rights that may be exercised without being subject to criminal or civil sanctions or harassment, including the right to use and to move freely in public spaces, the right to rest in public spaces and to protect oneself from the elements, the right to eat in any public space in which having food is not prohibited, the right to perform religious observances in public spaces, and the right to occupy a motor vehicle or a recreational vehicle legally parked or parked with the permission of the property owner, as specified. This bill contains

other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 636](#)

([Liu](#) D) Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance.

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on HUMAN S.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. HUM. S.

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Summary: Existing law establishes various public social services programs to provide protection, care, and assistance to the people of the state in need of those services, by providing appropriate aid and services to the needy and distressed. Existing law establishes homeless youth emergency service pilot projects in the Counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara, and San Francisco. This bill would create the Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance Program. This bill would require that moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the program be allocated proportionally by the State Department of Social Services to each county program based on the number of homeless youth in the county. The bill would authorize a county to establish the program or request the department to administer the program, in which case the department would be required to retain the county's proportional share of funds and directly administer a program in that county. The bill would authorize a county to join with one or more other counties for the purpose of pooling their respective allocations and establishing a program for those counties. The bill would require each program to solicit proposals from, and contract with, nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth in the county or counties as directed by the entity administering the program. The bill would require contracted nonprofit organizations to, among other things, provide a minimum of 25% matching funds, as specified.

[SB 672](#)

([Hernandez](#) D) Certified records of live birth: homeless persons: fees.

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

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Summary: Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, duties as State Registrar relating to the uniform administration of provisions relating to vital records and health statistics. Existing law requires the State Registrar, local registrar, or county recorder to, upon request and payment of the required fee, supply to an applicant a certified copy of the record of a birth, fetal death, death, marriage, or marriage dissolution registered with the official. Existing law authorizes the issuance of certain records without payment of the fee. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. This bill contains other existing laws.

ICH REPORT



DATE: March 25, 2015

PHONE: (909) 387-4565

PRESENTED BY: KENT PAXTON

Homeless Policy Advisor, Fifth District

SUBJECT: ICH Related Board Items

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Board Agenda Items

03/3/2015

25. Department of Behavioral Health-This item is a **GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY** for the expansion of crisis residential treatment services, in the amount of \$3,945,906, for the period of December 4, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

Background: DBH will use the CHFFA grant to fund construction of a new facility in San Bernardino to provide crisis residential treatment services to individuals throughout the County. DBH anticipates the expansion will serve approximately 332 individuals through the residential facility annually. The construction of this facility will assist DBH in implementing statewide goals by expanding access to crisis services within the County, minimizing law enforcement involvement, and reducing costs to local law enforcement and hospital emergency departments. The use of grant funding will provide for the health and social service needs of residents throughout the County and fulfill County goals and objectives by: 1) increasing access to crisis residential services, 2) effectively meeting the needs of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in the least restrictive manner possible, and 3) working collaboratively with local law enforcement, hospitals, and community based providers. DBH intends to sustain the proposed expansion of services indefinitely, past the two-year grant funding term, through the use of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Medi-Cal funding.

The majority of the grant funding (\$3,397,500) will be used for capital costs to build a new facility, housing the new CRT program. The remaining grant funding will be used for furniture/equipment, information technology software and telephone infrastructure.

Financial Impact: This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

Presenter: CaSonya Thomas, Director

03/17/2015

9. Department of Behavioral Health – This item is **GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY** in the high desert region for the expansion of crisis residential treatment services, in the amount of \$3,054,094, for a three-year period.

Background: DBH will use the CHFFAQ grant to fund construction of a new facility in the High Desert Region to provide crisis residential treatment services to individuals throughout the County. DBH anticipates the expansion will serve approximately 375 individuals through the residential facility annually. The use of grant funding will provide for the health and social needs of residents throughout the County and fulfill County goals and objectives by increasing access to crisis residential services. DBH will accomplish these goals and objectives by effectively meeting the needs of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in the least restrictive manner possible and by working collaboratively with local law enforcement, hospitals, and community based providers.

Financial Impact:

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding. The California Healthy Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) does not require a match for the grant to fund crisis residential treatment services. If the grant is awarded, DBH will return to the Board to request award acceptance and necessary budget adjustments.

Presenter: CaSonya Thomas, Director

15. Department of Community Development and Housing – This item is **HOME FUNDING FOR THE HORIZONS AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITH UHC 00539 YUCAIPA, L.P. IN THE CITY OF YUCAIPA WHICH COMMITS UP TO \$2,000,100 IN HOME FUNDS TO ALLOW UHC 00539 Yucaipa, L.P. to secure a Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocation.**

Background: The recommended commitment of HOME Funds would expand the County's participation in a proposed 77-unit affordable senior housing development located in the Uptown District in the City of Yucaipa.

Financial Impact: Approval of the item will not result in the use of any additional Discretionary General Funding.

58. Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino – This item is the **THREE PROJECT BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM CONTRACTS TO SUPPORT THE NO CHILD LEFT UNSHELTERED PROGRAM AT SCATTERED SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, FOR A MAXIMUM OF 40 UNITS FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD** for: 1) Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, 2) HPI Property Acquisitions LLC, and 3) Summit Place LLC.

Background: On May 8, 2013, the former HACSB Board of Commissioners approved the declaration of a State of Emergency to address the tragedy of unsheltered children and their

families living within the HACSB's jurisdiction. The term unsheltered refers to families living in situations "not fit for human habitation," such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings. Since that time, HACSB has worked within the standard resources to house unsheltered children and their families in units located within the Waterman Gardens Affordable Housing community. In addition staff has been working to access resources from other non-profit agencies and County departments within the HACSB's jurisdiction to assist with support for rapid re-housing funds, health care, counseling and behavioral health services, education, career development, utility deposits, security deposits, and other vital resources to quickly stabilize families and transition them into permanent housing.

In the HACSB's 2015 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan, HACSB proposed the No Child Left Unsheltered-MTW Activity requesting a waiver of federal regulations to implement the No Child Left Unsheltered program. This activity proposed utilizing Housing Choice Voucher subsidy funds to set aside 40 voucher units to assist in rapidly rehousing the county's unsheltered children and families into permanent housing with wrap-around supportive services. The 2015 MTW Annual Plan was submitted to HUD on July 15, 2014, and approved by HUD on February 13, 2015.

In order to assist in the development and success of this program and to quickly provide accessible, affordable housing to the county's vulnerable unsheltered families, HACSB staff is proposing to utilize units within HACSB-owned and HSCSB-affiliated non-profit housing stock. This will give HACSB as the property owner, the ability to house the families much more quickly than in the traditional tenant-based voucher program, thus reducing the wait for housing from upwards of 60 days to only a few days within this non-traditional program. HACSB is authorized to award these contracts through a non-competitive process under its Local Project-Based Voucher-MTW Activity, approved by HUD in the HACSB's 2009 MTW Annual Plan.

HACSB plans to implement this new program and corresponding grant funds on April 1, 2015.

Financial Impact: Approval of the proposed three Project Based Voucher Program Contracts will have no net impact on the total amount of Federal funds provided to the Housing Authority of the County (HACSB) for this program.

Presenter: Gregory C. Devereaux, Chief Executive Officer

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	March 25, 2015
Presenter	Jose Marin, Special Projects Coordinator, Department of Public Health
Announcements	The table below lists the announcements for today's meeting.

<p>February 2015 Reentry Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held on 2/27 from 9:00 – 11:00. • Topics centered on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transitional Assistance Department's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) ○ GRID Alternatives Programs – Free solar panel installation training program geared towards the formerly incarcerated. 																																												
<p>March 2015 Workgroup meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup met to finish discussing Inpatient/Outpatient Mental Health Services • Workgroup attendees were asked to come up with new topics for discussion 																																												
<p>2014 Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Reentry Collaborative Annual Report is out. • It can be downloaded at: http://cms.sbcounty.gov/sbcrc/Resources.aspx under the column Data & Reports column. 																																												
<p>BRIDGES Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February was the last month that Reentry Peer Advocates will be providing pre-release services • March began Phase II – Post release services • Reentry Peer Advocates have begun to assist in obtaining housing services, substance abuse services, conservatorship, clothing, free cell phones, birth certificates/identification/social security cards, and advocating on behalf of participants to Probation Department <p>Referrals given for January & February 2015</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="196 1276 1427 1436"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="11">REFERRALS PROVIDED PRE AND POST RELEASE</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">Mental Health</th> <th colspan="2">Substance Abuse</th> <th colspan="2">Housing</th> <th colspan="2">Employment</th> <th colspan="2">Education</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>PRE</th> <th>POST</th> <th>PRE</th> <th>POST</th> <th>PRE</th> <th>POST</th> <th>PRE</th> <th>POST</th> <th>PRE</th> <th>POST</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>5</td> <td>9</td> <td>23</td> <td>31</td> <td>26</td> <td>28</td> <td>40</td> <td>43</td> <td>25</td> <td>27</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	REFERRALS PROVIDED PRE AND POST RELEASE												Mental Health		Substance Abuse		Housing		Employment		Education			PRE	POST	Total	5	9	23	31	26	28	40	43	25	27								
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2015 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monthly Reentry Steering Committee Meetings		
1/28/2015 (Wednesday)	7/22/2015 (Wednesday)	4th Wednesday of every other month (Beginning in January): Times: 1:30pm-3:00pm Location: TBD
2/27/2015 (Friday)	8/28/2015 (Friday)	
3/25/2015 (Wednesday)	9/23/2015 (Wednesday)	4th Friday of every other month (Beginning in January): Times : 9:30am-11:00am Location: Workforce Development, WIB Room 215 North "D" Street San Bernardino, CA 92410 The parking for this building is located at the public parking structure on the corner of 2nd street and "D" Street with access on both 2nd and D Streets.
4/24/2015 (Friday)	10/23/2015 (Friday)	
5/27/2015 (Wednesday)	11/20/2015 (Friday)	
6/26/2015 (Friday)		

Monthly Reentry Workgroup Meetings		
Meeting Date (2 nd Friday of each Month)	Meeting Times	Meeting Location
1/9/2015	9:00am - 11:00am	Public Health 172 W 3rd Street 6th Floor Conference Room San Bernardino, CA
2/13/2015	9:00am - 11:00am	
3/13/2015	9:00am - 11:00am	
4/10/2015	9:00am - 11:00am	
5/8/2015	9:00am - 11:00am	
6/12/2015	9:00am - 11:00am	
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11/13/2015	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 March 25, 2015

Presenter Daniel Nackerman, Executive Director

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

Announcements	
No Child left Unsheltered Program Update	
<p>“No Child Left Unsheltered” is an innovative locally focused program which aims to permanently end the tragedy of unsheltered children in San Bernardino County. This program focuses on the education and well-being of the children and the economic advancement of the parent(s), while providing housing subsidies to stabilize the family. HACSB is partnering with the Department of Behavioral Health to leverage limited resources in order to serve families in a holistic approach. This approach addresses the ongoing housing instability experienced by families which is detrimental to the overall health and development of children. In addition this program addresses the behavioral health and employment barriers experienced by the families. An MOU between the HACSB and DBH is pending Board of Supervisors Approval on April 7, 2015. In addition the HACSB has received funding approximately \$50,000 per year for the next 3 years from First 5 to assist families with children 0-5 that are eligible for the program to rapidly rehouse them while further permanent housing is attained, this includes short term motel costs, security deposits, and utility deposits.</p> <p>This program is nearing its final implementation and in addition to the current ten public housing units, HACSB has received approval to implement the No Child Left Unsheltered program for forty project-based vouchers, for eligible families.</p>	



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No Child left Unsheltered Program Update, Cont.

Families with children must be unsheltered at the time of application. Housing subsidies are offered through the No Child Left Unsheltered Program to families with children who:

1. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 90 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance; and
2. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 6 month period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
3. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance abuse disorders, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability; or
4. Have two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment.

For more information please contact Becky Murillo: 909-890-5308 , alternatively our Homeless Outreach line is: 909-890-5314

The Housing Services/Section 8 waitlist open enrollment closed at 4pm March 9, 2015.

Thanks to efforts from agencies throughout the county and two key county departments; the Workforce Development Department (WDD) and the Transitional Assistance Department (TAD), a total of 24,854 applications were received during the open enrollment period. A key goal of this open enrollment was to launch an online opening that did not create barriers due to transportation concerns or lack of access due to language barriers, disability or lack of computer or smart devices. Application guides were translated into 9 different languages for the online application site, in addition, a 24 hour information line was available that provided general information on how and where to apply, as well as information on a Waitlist call center. The Waitlist call center was operational from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday for the duration of the opening, and callers with language, disability or other access issues were able to provide their details over the phone and a technician submitted an application on their behalf. In addition, a list of computer locations was distributed, in which WDD and TAD were included in order to provide computer access for mutual customers.

Below is a brief summary of the Open Enrollment outcome:

Applications submitted: 24,854 (In county; 65%, Outside of California: **2.6%**)

Average submitted per day: 1,308



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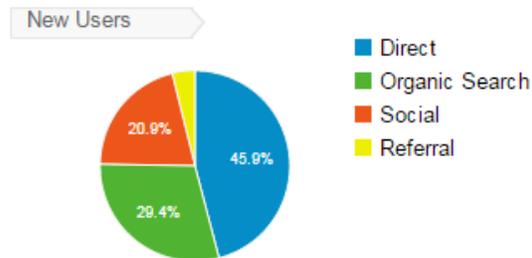
Acquisition:

Direct: specific search for our website which implies this was through our advertising/newspapers/television/radio or word of mouth.

Organic Search: e.g. 'Google Search' for our application and or website.

Social: Clicked on a link posted on Social Media such as someone's Facebook page.

Referral: Direct referral an agency such as Victor valley News had posted a link to our application on their news page.



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

February 25, 2015
9:00 am – 10:30 am
Department of Behavioral Health-Training Institute
303 E. Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Tammy Dickey, Secretary I, Office of Homeless Services

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Supervisor Gonzales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.
Introductions	Supervisor Gonzales	<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 1st Quarter Homeless Provider Network (HPN) met last week, Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Elections were held for HPN Chair and Vice Chair with Sharon Green, Chair and Brenda Dowdy, Vice Chair each being selected to serve another two year term. Plans are being made for training, capacity building and the opportunity to network with all agencies. Kim Savage, Attorney at Law, assisted in drafting Senate Bill 2, and presented on the Fair Housing Laws with regards to Transitional Housing in our communities. In March 2015, Ms. Savage will conduct an in-depth training to be held at the Victor Valley Family Resource Center. For additional information please contact Sharon Green via email at sjgreen@vwfrc.com or via phone at 760-669-0300. Jose Marquez from the Community Foundation presented on funding opportunities. A 2013 annual report along with the 2014 community indicators report.
Office of Homeless Services (OHS)	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Coordinated Entry System (CES) Planning Meeting group has been meeting regularly to develop a pilot project for CES that can be implemented in specific regions within the county to test our capacity for implementing such a system. The CES will use a fully functioning Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to screen households and determine the most appropriate intervention (i.e. Permanent Supporting Housing, Rapid-Rehousing, etc.). The VI-SPDAT tool is being incorporated into Client Track to link with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database to track available units. This will require participating agencies to maintain their inventory of units in "real time." Project HOPE will be providing the outreach and engagement for the pilot project and 2-1-1 will be providing support after hours and on the weekends, as well as matching clients to appropriate housing. Transportation will be provided by the HOPE team. For a complete listing of the project timeline, please refer to the handout. (Handouts are available upon request) The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) has issued the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIWs) workbook and supporting guidance to all CoC contacts as of February 3, 2015. The purpose of these worksheets is to ensure that HUD and CoCs agree on all grants that will expire during the time period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and to establish each CoCs FY 2015 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount. In the past couple of years the GIW has been released in or around August. The early release of the GIW may imply an early release of the CoC application, as the GIW is the precursor for the application process. Agencies that receive HUD funding and are up for renewal this year, were asked to update the GIW and OHS reviewed all submissions and forwarded to HUD on February 13, 2015.

Office of Homeless Services (OHS) (cont.)	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Project Connect will be hosted in the City of Needles next week on March 5, 2015, at the El Garces Transportation Depot in downtown Needles. The event will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. • There will be 14 vendors in attendance. Vendors will include Children and Family Services, Department of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Behavioral Health, Children's Network, Transitional Assistance Department, Public Defender, Preschool Services Department, Social Security Administration, U.S. Vets, Northern Arizona Veterans Resource Center, and the Colorado River Medical Center to name a few. • Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County will be providing groceries for approximately 200 households on the day of the event and Children's Fund will be providing Hanes clothing and toys for attendees at the event. • Set Free Church will be providing volunteer services for the event and will be assisting OHS in set-up. • The OHS met with the Performance, Education, and Resource Center's Chief Learning Officer, Summer Adams, Trinka Landry-Bourne and Tina Wright-Ervin to discuss the development of a Strategic Plan for the ICH that will take the recommendations from the 10-Year Strategy and focus on action steps needed to develop short, medium and long-term outcomes and measures. • Ms. Wright-Ervin is in attendance today to provide ICH members with guidance on how the process is anticipated to proceed. • The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the HUD and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program that helps homeless veterans find permanent supportive housing will, for the first time, expand directly into Native American communities. This support for veterans is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA. The HUD-VASH program will now be opened to tribes so they may directly serve Native American veterans living on or near tribal lands. To expand the HUD-VASH program, \$4 million will be invested specifically to support Native American veterans experiencing homelessness by providing them with secure housing and connecting them with clinical services and case management. For the full press release, please visit: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2015/HUDNo_15-009 • Matthew Doherty is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). Mr. Doherty is responsible for the implementation of Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, an effort that includes the coordination of Federal homelessness policies and strategies among 19 Federal departments and agencies, as well as partnerships with State and local communities, non-profits, and the private sector. Under his leadership, USICH provides technical assistance and supports to communities across the country, building systems of care that ensure individuals, families, youth, and Veterans are able to obtain or regain permanent housing as quickly as possible and access services to remain stably housed.
Housing Committee	Kim Carter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim shared information on Creating Health Alternatives Mobilizing Proposition (C.H.A.M.P.) 47. Consumers now have a three year time frame to work with the San Bernardino County Public Defender's Office to review prior offenses and possibly reduce and remove previous convictions. For additional information, please refer to the handout. (Handouts are available upon request)
ICH Subcommittee Reports Bylaws and Membership Committee	Chris Rymer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ByLaws and Membership Committee met after the Wednesday, January 25, 2015 ICH meeting and unanimously voted to post and recruit for the General Member-At-Large positions through the "homelessrfrp" mailbox. There are currently two vacant positions open for recruitment. The application process has begun and will close Friday, February 27, 2015.

<p>ICH Ad Hoc Homeless Youth Committee</p>	<p>Supervisor Ramos</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Homeless Youth Task Force (HYTF) met on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 to discuss the implementation of the Homeless Youth Survey. • The Homeless Youth Survey will take place on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 between the hours of 1 pm to 5 pm targeting the cities of San Bernardino, Victorville, Yucca Valley, Redlands, and Rancho Cucamonga. • The HYTF decided upon a survey instrument of 22 questions, just one page (front and back) to make the survey as efficient as possible. (The survey instrument is available upon request). • Youth will conduct the survey. A proven best practice is to have youth approach and survey other youth. One adult will accompany the youth team in the field but will not approach the youths being surveyed unless necessary. The HYTF estimates the need for at least 100 volunteers. • Our incentive strategy is to look for donations of gift cards to Target or Stater Bros. to provide to the youth taking the survey. Also, looking for gift cards for the youth volunteers who are conducting the survey. If you have any suggestions, please email Molly Wiltshire at Molly.Wiltshire@bos.sbcounty.gov. • Homeless Youth Resource Guide- a pocket resource guide specifically listing resources for youth is being created. If you have any resources you know about, please send those to Tammy Williams at Tammy.Williams@hss.sbcounty.gov. • Next meeting: Friday, February 27, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino TAY Center. • The next Homeless Youth Taskforce full committee meeting will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino TAY Center, 780 E. Gilbert Street, San Bernardino. (Handouts are available upon request)
<p>Reentry Collaborative Report</p>	<p>Jose Marin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reentry Collaborative is entering Phase II of the BRIDGES Project. February 2015 will be the last month that Reentry Peer Advocates will be providing pre-release services. Beginning March 2015 Phase II begins with post release services. Reentry Peer Advocates have begun to assist in obtaining housing services, substance abuse services, conservatorship, clothing, free cell phones, birth certificates, identification and/or social security cards, and advocate on behalf of the participants to Probation. • The Workforce Development Department, the Transitional Assistance Department and numerous stakeholders have come together to partner with and provide services to this specific population through the Reentry Collaborative. (Handouts are available upon request).
<p>Board Agenda Review</p>	<p>Kent Paxton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Tuesday, January 27, 2015, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a standard non-financial MOU template for the Homeless Service Providers for the HMIS with County of San Bernardino, effective Tuesday, January 27, 2015 through Saturday, October 31, 2015. For additional information please refer to Board Agenda item #25. • On Tuesday, January 27, 2015, the BOS approved a standard non-financial MOU template for HUD outlining expectations for housing supportive services for County of San Bernardino eligible homeless individuals and families provided by HUD, effective Tuesday, January 27, 2015 through Saturday, October 31, 2015. For additional information please refer to Board Agenda item #26. • On Tuesday, January 27, 2015, the BOS approved a Home Investment Partnership Program Sub-Recipient Revenue agreement between the City of San Bernardino and the County of San Bernardino in the amount of \$834,999. For additional information please refer to Board Agenda item #32. • On Tuesday, February 10, 2015 the BOS approved a contract with Lighthouse Social Service Centers for Family Stabilization Rapid Re-Housing in the amount of \$1,705,000 for the period of Sunday, March 1, 2015 through Tuesday, June 30, 2015. For additional information please refer to Board Agenda item #15.

<p>Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino Grant to House CalWORKs Homeless Families</p>	<p>Lisa Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Authority received approximately \$1.08 million from the County's Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) to provide housing and rental assistance to 405 CalWORKs families who identify themselves as homeless. The grant is made possible through Senate Bill 855, a new law that established the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) to promote housing stability for families in the CalWORKs program. • During this 6-month program, HACSB and its affiliate non-profit Knowledge and Education for Your Success (KEYS) will work with families and private landlords to provide rapid rehousing and rental assistance, ensure the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Quality Standards are followed and maintained, and that families know and understand their tenant rights and responsibilities. The Department of Behavioral Health is also providing case management through the Family Stabilization and Life Skills programs. • Note: Families can enquire through their CalWorks caseworker. • HACSB is accepting pre-applications for the Arrowhead Common Project- Based community located in the city of San Bernardino. Arrowhead Commons only has one bedroom units. • Applicants will be placed in order on the waiting list based on the date the application was received and any specified preferences. Veterans, the spouse of a veteran, widow or widower of a veteran will be given preference on the waiting list. Verification of veteran preference (i.e. DD214) is required at the time the application is submitted in order to receive the preference. • Note: Applicants can apply online or request a paper copy from one of the HACSB offices. • HACSB is accepting applications for the Meadowbrook Towers Project- Based waiting list for low and moderate income seniors 62 years of age or older. The Meadowbrook Towers is located in the City of San Bernardino and is a newly renovated apartment complex with studio and one bedroom apartments. • Applicants will be placed in order on the waiting list based on the date the application was received and any specified preferences. Veterans, the spouse of a veteran, widow or widower of a veteran will be given preference on the waiting list. Verification of veteran preference (i.e. DD214) is required at the time the application is submitted in order to receive the preference. • Note: Applicants can apply online or request a paper copy from one of the HACSB offices. • Applications are now being accepted for the Housing Services Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Programs waiting list (formerly known as Section 8). The open enrollment period will end at 4:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015. Anyone can apply. <u>Applicants do not need to rush to apply. Waiting List placement will be based on a computerized random selection process and not on a first come first serve basis.</u> Apply online at www.hacsb.com from any electronic device with access to the internet (smart phones, iPads, laptops, or computers). <i>Paper applications will not be accepted or distributed.</i> • Assistance will be made available for persons with special needs or persons in need of translation services by calling (909) 890-9596 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday during the open enrollment period. Hearing impaired applicants can call 711 to relay their application. • Applications are available online 24 hours a day during the open enrollment period. Interested persons are encouraged to visit www.hacsb.com for information on how to apply or call (866) 930-3335 for a recorded message. • Note: Entering an application does not represent an offer for housing assistance or placement on any waiting list.
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CONSENT ITEMS	PRESENTER	
<p>Approve minutes of the January 28, 2015 ICH meeting</p> <p>Approve letters of support for Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) Grantees</p> <p>Approve letter of support for Young Visionaries Runaway and Homeless Youth Outreach Program grant request</p>	Supervisor Gonzales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vote was taken to approve the consent calendar which included letters of support for Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF). The Council members that were not in direct conflict, voted to approve the letters of support as noted in item #2 and the attachments. Those that acknowledged conflicts recused themselves. Those agencies recusing themselves are Community Action Partnership and Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino. The remaining members in attendance voted in favor of the motion; minutes were approved as written.
PRESENTATION	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Strategic Planning Development Performance, Education and Resource Center (PERC)	Tina Wright-Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with OHS staff to discuss the 10-year Strategy to End Homelessness and the Recalibration for Results and the moving forward with the action planning and performance measures and outcomes. PERC will assist in the facilitation process of the consensus to create an action plan through PERC and the members of ICH. PERC has submitted a proposal that requires a one-half day session to review all recommendations of the 10-year Strategy and Recalibration, prioritize and decide the focus of the stakeholder process, focus on recommendations, create action plans, provide summaries and lastly a full action plan recommendation in an effort to move forward.
COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Public Comment	<p>Virginia Marquez</p> <p>Sergeant Robert McCoy</p> <p>Angela Pasco</p> <p>Maureen O'Keefe Hodge</p> <p>Supervisor Gonzales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of San Bernardino, City Council has approved to open the San Bernardino Access Center in collaboration with Mercy House and is located at Seccombe Lake Park in the Butler building. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in collaboration with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership, Loma Linda University and the Inland Empire Health Plan would like to invite you to "Proven Practices – Taking it to the Next Level" Conference to be held on Monday, March 23, 2015 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm located at Loma Linda University, Centennial Complex, 24760 Stewart Street, Loma Linda, CA 93254. This conference will bring leaders from successful programs from around the nation to the Inland Empire and will help local service providers learn methods that are proven to reduce homelessness. Workshops will focus on research, policy practice, and resources will benefit local programs. This conference will provide the opportunity to network and collaborate on the forefront in San Bernardino County. For registration information please visit our website at http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp. New Hope Village recently closed escrow on a 10-unit apartment building and moved in all families before December 31, 2014. A grand opening will take place in March 2015. K.E.Y.S. encouraged providers to work with clients to help engage those who qualify, to link them with the new CalWORKs program funded through the County of San Bernardino Housing Authority for Rapid Re-Housing resources. Client must be homeless to qualify. Supervisor Gonzales suggested holding a landlord workshop by July 2015; how do we propose opportunities to landlords to rent through Housing Authority and provide them with pre-screened tenants and guaranteed income?
Adjournment	Supervisor Gonzales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Next Meeting		<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 9:00 am – 10:30 am Department of Behavioral Health Administration Building 303 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92415</p>
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Attendees at February 25, 2015 • Interagency Council on Homelessness5				
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San Bernardino Continuum of Care (CoC):

**Working Paper to Establish Written Standards
for Providing Continuum of Care Assistance**

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH Act): Continuum of Care Program (24 CFR Part 578) describes in § 578.7 Responsibilities of the Continuum of Care,

subsection (a) Operate the Continuum of Care (9), the Continuum of Care must

“In consultation with recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants program funds within the geographic area, establish and consistently follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance.”¹

This subsection also states that at a minimum, written standards must include “policies and procedures for evaluating individuals’ and families’ eligibility for assistance” for

1. permanent supportive housing;
2. rapid rehousing; and
3. transitional housing.

However, written standards for the San Bernardino CoC will also include:

4. coordinated assessment;
5. seasonal shelter;
6. year-round shelter;
7. bridge housing; and
8. homeless prevention.

These written standards will be developed as HUD provides more guidance.

This subsection also states that written standards must also include

“policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive” transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing assistance.

¹ The Interim Rule for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program does not provide information concerning transitional housing beyond the Interim Rule for the HEARTH Act Continuum of Care program because in order for a transitional facility to receive ESG funds, the facility cannot require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements whereas CoC funded transitional housing programs must require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.

I. Determining Written Standards for Permanent Supportive Housing

A. Background information

In regards to rapid rehousing, § 578.7 Responsibilities of the Continuum of Care (a) (9) of the HEARTH Act Interim Rule notes that

In consultation with recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants program funds within the geographic area, establish and consistently follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance. At a minimum, these written standards must include:

- Policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under this part;
- Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive permanent supportive housing assistance.

Permanent supportive housing is considered permanent housing. HUD's regulatory definition of "permanent housing" states:

"The term 'permanent housing' means community-based housing without a designated length of stay, and includes both permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing."

HUD also states

"Additionally, in the regulatory definition of "permanent housing," HUD clarifies that to be permanent housing, "the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause. The lease must be renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long. HUD has determined that requiring a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and terminable only for cause, assists program participants in obtaining stability in housing, even when the rental assistance is temporary. These requirements are consistent with Section 8 requirements."

B. Eligible clients

As stated in the 2014 CoC NOFA under *Beds Dedicated to the Chronically Homeless*

"The total number of permanent supportive housing beds in the CoC's geographic area that are dedicated specifically for use by the chronically homeless, per 24 CFR 578.3, as reported in the CoC's Housing Inventory Count (HIC). For permanent supportive housing beds, when a participant exits the program, the bed must be filled by another chronically homeless participant unless there are no chronically homeless persons located within the CoC's geographic area. This concept only applies to permanent supportive housing projects. (see p. 18)"

Also stated in the 2014 CoC NOFA under *Non-Dedicated Permanent Supportive Housing Beds*

“Permanent supportive housing beds within a CoC’s geographic area that are not currently dedicated specifically for use by the chronically homeless. CoCs and projects are strongly encouraged to prioritize the chronically homeless in non-dedicated permanent supportive housing beds as they become available through turnover. This concept only pertains to permanent supportive housing projects (see p. 19).”

Eligible clients must also meet eligibility criteria as defined in the NOFA under which the program was funded.

C. Prioritizing Permanent Supportive Housing

On July 28, 2014, HUD published Notice: CPD-14-012 “Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status.”

HUD stated that to “ensure that all PSH beds funded through the CoC Program are used as strategically and effectively as possible, PSH needs to be targeted to serve persons with the highest needs and greatest barriers towards obtaining and maintaining housing on their own—persons experiencing chronic homelessness (see p. 2).”

HUD also stated that “CoCs are strongly encouraged to adopt and incorporate into the CoC’s written standards and coordinated assessment system” that are consistent with the order of priority established by HUD in the notice concerning CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Not Dedicated or Prioritized for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (see pages 2 and 3).

Thus, with “adoption by CoCs and incorporation into the CoC’s written standards, **all** recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH must then follow this order of priority, consistent with their current grant agreement, which will result in this intervention being targeted to the persons who need it the most (see p. 3).

HUD’s “Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing” is as follows:

- First Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness and with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- Second Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness.
- Third Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- Fourth Priority—All Other Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families.

HUD's "Order of Priority in Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Not Dedicated or Prioritized for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness" is as follows:

- First Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- Second Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with a Long Period of Continuous or Episodic Homelessness.
- Third Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with Disability Coming from Places Not Meant for Human Habitation, Safe Havens, or Emergency Shelters.
- Fourth Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability Coming from Transitional Housing.

Details of both sets of order of priority can be found on pages 6 – 10 of the notice.

A glossary of key terms for this notice can be found on pages 3 – 5.

The notice also requires "Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status." HUD stated that this notice "establishes recordkeeping requirements for all recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH that are required to document a program participant's status as chronically homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 and in accordance with 24 CFR 578.103. Further, HUD expects that where CoCs have adopted the orders of priority in Section III. of this Notice into their written standards, the CoC as well as recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH, will maintain evidence of implementing these priorities."

A. CoC Records

In addition to the records required in 24 CFR 578.103, it is recommended that the CoC should supplement such records with the following:

1. Evidence of written standards that incorporate the priorities in Section III. of this Notice, as adopted by the CoC;
2. Evidence of a standardized assessment tool;
3. Evidence that the written standards were incorporated into the coordinated assessment policies and procedures.

Details for 1 -3 can be found on pages 11 – 12 of the notice.

B. Recipient Recordkeeping Requirements

In addition to the records required in 24 CFR 578.103, recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH that is required by grant agreement to document chronically homeless status of program participants in some or all of its PSH beds must maintain the following records:

1. Written Intake Procedures;

2. Evidence of Chronically Homeless Status
 - a. Evidence of homeless status
 - b. Evidence of the duration of the homelessness:
 - o Evidence that the homeless occasion was continuous, for at least one year;
 - o Evidence that the household experienced at least four separate homeless occasions over 3 years;
 - o Evidence of diagnosis with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

Details for 1 -2 can be found on pages 11 – 12 of the notice.

D. Written Standards

Written Standard #1: No Designated Length of Stay

- **Program participants are provided housing without a designated length of stay that permits them to live as independently as possible.**

In Program Components and Eligible Costs (Subpart D) of the Preamble of the HEARTH Act (see p. 25) the following is noted:

“Consistent with the definition of permanent housing in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Act and § 578.3 of this interim rule, the permanent housing component is community-based housing without a designated length of stay that permits formerly homeless individuals and families to live as independently as possible. The interim rule clarifies that Continuum of Care funds may be spent on two types of permanent housing: permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities (PSH) and rapid rehousing that provides temporary assistance (i.e., rental assistance and/or supportive services) to program participants in a unit that the program participant retains after the assistance ends.”

Written Standard #2: Lease Agreement

- **The program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause. The lease must be renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long.**

On page 12 of the Preamble of the HEARTH Act Interim Rule,

“HUD clarifies that to be permanent housing, “the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause.

The lease must be renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long. HUD has determined that requiring a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and terminable only for cause, assists program participants in obtaining stability in housing, even when the rental assistance is temporary. These requirements are consistent with Section 8 requirements.”

Also, § 578.77 Calculating occupancy charges and rent (a) states the following about occupancy agreements:

“(a) Occupancy agreements and leases. Recipients and subrecipients must have signed occupancy agreements or leases (or subleases) with program participants residing in housing.”

Written Standard #3: Restricted Assistance and Disabilities

- **Permanent supportive housing can only provide assistance to individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability.**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (i) states that

“Permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities (PSH). *PSH can only provide assistance to individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability.* Supportive services designed to meet the needs of the program participants must be made available to the program participants.”

Written Standard #4: Supportive Services

- **Supportive services designed to meet the needs of program participants must be made available to the program participants.**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (i) states that

“Permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities (PSH). PSH can only provide assistance to individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability. *Supportive services designed to meet the needs of the program participants must be made available to the program participants.*”

Written Standard #5: Duration of Supportive Services Assistance

- **Supportive services to enable program participants to live as independently as possible must be provided throughout the duration of their residence**

§ 578.53 Supportive services (b) (2) states that

“Permanent supportive housing projects must provide supportive services for the residents to enable them to live as independently as is practicable throughout the duration of their residence in the project.”

Written Standard #6: One Person per Bedroom

- **Two individuals in a shared housing situation must have their own lease and their own bedroom unless the two individuals are presented together as a household**

Information received from HUD Exchange on February 9, 2015 is as follows:

“Under the CoC Program, all housing that is leased with Continuum of Care program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with Continuum of Care program funds, must meet the applicable Housing Quality Standards (HQS) under 24 CFR 982.401 of this title, except that 24 CFR 982.401(j) applies only to housing occupied by program participants receiving tenant-based rental assistance.

HQS dictates that, at a minimum, the unit must have a living room, a kitchen, and a bathroom. HQS requirements also dictates that the bathroom must be contained within the unit, afford privacy (usually meaning a door, although no lock is required), and be for the exclusive use of the occupants. Additionally, the unit must have suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a sanitary manner. This includes a requirement for an oven and stove or range, a refrigerator of appropriate size for the family, and a kitchen sink with hot and cold running water. Hot plates are not acceptable substitutes for stoves or ranges. However, a microwave oven may be used in place of a conventional oven, stove, or range if the oven/stove/range are tenant supplied or if microwaves are furnished in both subsidized and unsubsidized units in the building or premises.

The CoC Program also allows for shared housing/roommate situations in projects with leasing or rental assistance funds. **Each household must have the bedroom size that fits their household size. In other words, 2 individuals in a shared housing situation must have their own lease, and their own bedroom. The only situation where 2 people would be sharing one bedroom would be if they presented together as a household.**

For more information about Housing Quality Standards, please refer to Chapter 10 of the HCVP

Guidebook: www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/guidebooks/7420.10G/7420g10GUID.pdf.”

Written Standard #7: Program Income

- **Program income generated from rent and occupancy charges may be collected from program participants and added to funds committed to the project by HUD and used for eligible program activities**

§ 578.97 Program income includes the following:

“(a) Defined. Program income is the income received by the recipient or subrecipient directly generated by a grant-supported activity.

(b) Use. Program income earned during the grant term shall be retained by the recipient, and added to funds committed to the project by HUD and the recipient, used for eligible activities in accordance with the requirements of this part. Costs incident to the generation of program income may be deducted from gross income to calculate program income, provided that the costs have not been charged to grant funds.

(c) Rent and occupancy charges. Rents and occupancy charges collected from program participants are program income. In addition, rents and occupancy charges collected from residents of transitional housing may be reserved, in whole or in part, to assist the residents from whom they are collected to move to permanent housing.”

Also, § 578.49 Leasing (b) (7) states the following about program income

“Program income. Occupancy charges and rent collected from program participants are program income and may be used as provided under § 578.97.”

Written Standard #8: Calculating Occupancy Charges and Rent

- **if occupancy charges are imposed, they may not exceed the highest of: 1) 30 percent of the family’s monthly adjusted income (adjustment factors include the number of people in the family, age of family members, medical expenses, and child-care expenses); 2) 10 percent of the family’s monthly income; or 3) If the family is receiving payments for welfare assistance from a public agency and a part of the payments (adjusted in accordance with the family’s actual housing costs) is specifically designated by the agency to meet the family’s housing costs, the portion of the payments that is designated for housing costs.**

§ 578.77 Calculating occupancy charges and rent (b) (1) (2) (3) notes the following about occupancy agreements

“(b) Calculation of occupancy charges. Recipients and subrecipients are not required to impose occupancy charges on program participants as a condition of residing in the housing. However, if occupancy charges are imposed, they may not exceed the highest of:

(1) 30 percent of the family’s monthly adjusted income (adjustment factors include the number of people in the family, age of family members, medical expenses, and child-care expenses);

(2) 10 percent of the family’s monthly income; or

(3) If the family is receiving payments for welfare assistance from a public agency and a part of the payments (adjusted in accordance with the family’s actual housing costs) is

specifically designated by the agency to meet the family's housing costs, the portion of the payments that is designated for housing costs."

Written Standard #9: Examining Program Participant's Initial Income

- **a program participant's initial income must be examined at least annually to determine the amount of the contribution toward rent payable by the program participant and adjustments to a program participant's contribution toward the rental payment must be made as changes in income are identified.**

§578.77 Calculating occupancy charges and rent (c)(2) states that

"Recipients or subrecipients must examine a program participant's income initially, and at least annually thereafter, to determine the amount of the contribution toward rent payable by the program participant. Adjustments to a program participant's contribution toward the rental payment must be made as changes in income are identified."

§578.103 Recordkeeping requirements (7) (i) (ii) states that the recipient or subrecipient must keep records for each program participant that document:

"(i) The services and assistance provided to that program participant, including evidence that the recipient or subrecipient has conducted an annual assessment of services for those program participants that remain in the program for more than a year and adjusted the service package accordingly, and including case management services as provided in § 578.37(a)(1)(ii)(F); and

(ii) Where applicable, compliance with the termination of assistance requirement in § 578.91."

Written Standard #10: Verifying Program Participant's Initial Income

- **each program participant must agree to supply the information or documentation necessary to verify the program participant's income.**

§578.77 Calculating occupancy charges and rent (c)(3) states that

"As a condition of participation in the program, each program participant must agree to supply the information or documentation necessary to verify the program participant's income. Program participants must provide the recipient or subrecipient with information at any time regarding changes in income or other circumstances that may result in changes to a program participant's contribution toward the rental payment."

§578.103 Recordkeeping requirements (6) (i) (ii) (iii) and (iv) states that the following documentation of annual income must be kept by recipient or subrecipient:

“(i) Income evaluation form specified by HUD and completed by the recipient or subrecipient; and

(ii) Source documents (e.g., most recent wage statement, unemployment compensation statement, public benefits statement, bank statement) for the assets held by the program participant and income received before the date of the evaluation;

(iii) To the extent that source documents are unobtainable, a written statement by the relevant third party (e.g., employer, government benefits administrator) or the written certification by the recipient’s or subrecipient’s intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party of the income the program participant received over the most recent period; or

(iv) To the extent that source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, the written certification by the program participant of the amount of income that the program participant is reasonably expected to receive over the 3-month period following the evaluation.”

Written Standard #11: Recalculating Occupancy Charges and Rent

- **if there is a change in family composition (e.g., birth of a child) or a decrease in the resident’s income during the year, the resident may request an interim reexamination, and the occupancy charge will be adjusted accordingly.**

§ 578.77 Calculating occupancy charges and rent (b) (4) notes the following about recalculating occupancy charges and rent

“(4) Income. Income must be calculated in accordance with 24 CFR 5.609 and 24 CFR 5.611(a). Recipients and subrecipients must examine a program participant’s income initially, and if there is a change in family composition (e.g., birth of a child) or a decrease in the resident’s income during the year, the resident may request an interim reexamination, and the occupancy charge will be adjusted accordingly.”

Written Standard #12: Supportive Services Agreement

- **program participants may be required to take part in supportive services that are not disability-related services (including substance abuse treatment services) provided through the project as a condition of continued participation in the program. However, HUD tends to believe that these kind of requirements can be barriers and should be rare and minimal if used as all.**

§ 578.75 General operations (h) states that

“Recipients and subrecipients may require the program participants to take part in supportive services that are not disability-related services provided through the project as a condition of continued participation in the program. Examples of disability-related services include, but are not limited to, mental health services, outpatient health services, and provision of medication, which are provided to a person with a disability to address a condition caused by the disability. Notwithstanding this provision, if the purpose of the project is to provide substance abuse treatment services, recipients and subrecipients may require program participants to take part in such services as a condition of continued participation in the program.”

From “HOUSING FIRST IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING” (see www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Housing-First-Permanent-Supportive-Housing-Brief.pdf)

“Supportive services are voluntary, but can and should be used to persistently engage tenants to ensure housing stability - Supportive services are proactively offered to help tenants achieve and maintain housing stability, but tenants are not required to participate in services as a condition of tenancy. Techniques such as harm reduction and motivational interviewing may be useful. Harm reduction techniques can confront and mitigate the harms of drug and alcohol use through non-judgmental communication while motivational interviewing may be useful in helping households acquire and utilize new skills and information.”

Written Standard #13: Termination of Assistance

- **Assistance may be terminated to a program participant who violates program requirements or conditions of occupancy by providing a formal process that recognizes the due process of law.**

On page 37 of the Preamble of the HEARTH Act, the following is stated concerning termination of assistance:

“The interim rule provides that a recipient may terminate assistance to a participant who violates program requirements or conditions of occupancy. The recipient must provide a formal process that recognizes the due process of law. Recipients may resume assistance to a participant whose assistance has been terminated.

Recipients that are providing permanent supportive housing for hard-to-house populations of homeless persons must exercise judgment and examine all circumstances in determining whether termination is appropriate. Under this interim rule, HUD has determined that a participant’s assistance should be terminated only in the most severe cases. HUD is carrying over this requirement from the Shelter Plus Care program.”

II. Determining Written Standards for Rapid Rehousing

A. Background information

In regards to rapid rehousing, § 578.7 Responsibilities of the Continuum of Care (a) (9) of the HEARTH Act Interim Rule notes that

In consultation with recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants program funds within the geographic area, establish and consistently follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance. At a minimum, these written standards must include:

- Policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under this part;
- Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive rapid rehousing assistance;
- Standards for determining what percentage or amount of rent each program participant must pay while receiving rapid rehousing assistance;

Rapid rehousing is considered permanent housing. HUD's regulatory definition of "permanent housing" states:

"The term 'permanent housing' means community-based housing without a designated length of stay, and includes both permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing."

HUD also states

"Additionally, in the regulatory definition of "permanent housing," HUD clarifies that to be permanent housing, "the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause. The lease must be renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long. HUD has determined that requiring a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and terminable only for cause, assists program participants in obtaining stability in housing, even when the rental assistance is temporary. These requirements are consistent with Section 8 requirements."

Types of rapid rehousing assistance include:

- Rental assistance;
- Case management;
- Supportive services;
- security deposits.

B. Eligible Clients

Eligible clients must meet HUD's Category 1 definition of homelessness which is:

Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, etc.
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low income individuals); or
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

For information on HUD's other homeless categories, eligible for other CoC funds, visit: www.onecpd.info/resources/documents/HEARTH_HomelessDefinition_FinalRule.pdf

Eligible clients must also meet eligibility criteria as defined in the NOFA under which the program was funded.

C. Prioritizing Rapid Rehousing

Recently, HUD provided guidance for rapid rehousing in terms of prioritizing subpopulations. HUD noted in a SNAPS In Focus: Rapid Re-Housing As a Model and Best Practice, August 6, 2014, that

“Rapid re-housing can be effective for many populations, such as families with children, youth aging out of foster care, domestic violence survivors, single adults, and veterans, but should be targeted to those households that would not be able to get out of homelessness without the assistance. It is particularly a key strategy for achieving the Opening Doors goal of ending family, youth, and child homelessness by 2020.

Rapid re-housing should prioritize people with more challenges, including those with no income, poor employment prospects, troubled rental histories, and criminal records. Providers should link participants with community resources that will help them achieve longer-term stability and well-being. Now is the time for communities to be working together to establish written standards for administering rapid re-housing and thinking strategically about how this type of assistance will be used most effectively within the CoC.”

Recently, HUD also noted on www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf that

“Rapid re-housing is an effective intervention for many different types of households experiencing homelessness, including those with no income, with disabilities, and with poor rental history. The majority of households experiencing homelessness are good candidates for rapid re-housing. The only exceptions are households that can exit homelessness with little or no assistance, those who experience chronic homelessness and who need permanent supportive housing, and households who are seeking a therapeutic residential environment, including those recovering from addiction.”

Thus, the San Bernardino CoC will prioritize the following subpopulations:

- families with children;
- youth aging out of foster care;
- domestic violence survivors;
- single adults;
- and veterans

that can exit homelessness with little or no assistance, those who experience chronic homelessness and who need permanent supportive housing, and households who are seeking a therapeutic residential environment, including those recovering from addiction.

D. Written Standards

Written Standard #1: Lease Agreement

- **The program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause. The lease must be renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long.**

On page 12 of the Preamble of the HEARTH Act Interim Rule,

“HUD clarifies that to be permanent housing, “the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause. The lease must be renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long. HUD has determined that requiring a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and terminable only for cause, assists program participants in obtaining stability in housing, even when the rental assistance is temporary. These requirements are consistent with Section 8 requirements.”

Written Standard #2: Rental Assistance

- **Program participants may receive short-term (up to 3 months) and/or medium-term (for 3 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (ii) states that

“Continuum of Care funds may provide supportive services, as set forth in § 578.53, and/or **short-term (up to 3 months) and/or medium-term (for 3 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance**, as set forth in § 578.51(c), as necessary to help a homeless individual or family, with or without disabilities, move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.”

Written Standard #3: Amount of Rental Assistance

- **Standards for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, will be based on the following guidelines:**
 - **The maximum amount of rent that a participant will pay can be up to 100% of the rental amount;**
 - **The maximum percentage of income paid by participants towards rent at program completion shall be no more than 50%. However, in certain circumstances, on a case-by-case basis, there may be participants whose rental share may exceed 50% of the rent based on their financial circumstances. In general, the goal will be that participants pay generally no more than 50% of their income in rent;**
 - **100% of the cost of rent in rental assistance may be provided to program participants. However to maximize the number of households that can be served with rapid re-housing resources, it is expected that the level of need will be based on the goal of providing only what is necessary for each household to be stably housed for the long term;**
 - **Rental assistance cannot be provided for a unit unless the rent for that unit is at or below the Fair Market Rent limit, established by HUD;**
 - **The rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to rents currently being charged for comparable units in the private unassisted market and must not be in excess of rents currently being charged by the owner for comparable unassisted units.**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (ii) (F) states that a Continuum of Care

“May set a maximum amount or percentage of rental assistance that a program participant may receive, a maximum number of months that a program participant may receive rental assistance, and/or a maximum number of times that a program participant may receive rental assistance. The recipient or subrecipient may also require program participants to share in the costs of rent. For the purposes of calculating rent for rapid rehousing, the rent shall equal the sum of the total monthly rent for the unit and, if the tenant pays separately for utilities, the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) established by the public housing authority for the area in which the housing is located.”

Written Standard #4: Duration of Assistance

- **Program participants may receive up to 24 months of rental assistance. However, it is expected that program participants will only receive the level of assistance necessary to be stably housed for the long-term.**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (ii) states that

“Continuum of Care funds may provide supportive services, as set forth in § 578.53, and/or short-term (up to 3 months) and/or medium-term (for 3 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance, as set forth in § 578.51(c), as necessary to help a homeless individual or family, with or without disabilities, move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.”

Written Standard #5: Security Deposits including Last Month’s Rent

- **Program participants may receive funds for security deposits in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent.**

§ 578.51 Rental assistance (a) (2) states that

“Grant funds may be used for security deposits in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent. An advance payment of the last month’s rent may be provided to the landlord, in addition to the security deposit and payment of first month’s rent.”

Written Standard #6: Receiving Rental Assistance through Other Sources

- **Rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is already receiving rental assistance, or living in a housing unit receiving rental assistance or operating assistance through other federal, State, or local sources.**

§ 578.51 Rental assistance (a) Use states that

“Grant funds may be used for rental assistance for homeless individuals and families. Rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is already receiving rental assistance, or living in a housing unit receiving rental assistance or operating assistance through other federal, State, or local sources.”

Written Standard #7: Case Management

- **Program participants must meet with a case manager not less than once per month to assist the program participant in ensuring long-term housing stability.**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (ii) (F) states the following requirement

“Require the program participant to meet with a case manager not less than once per month to assist the program participant in ensuring long-term housing stability. The project is exempt from this requirement if the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925 *et seq.*) or the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 *et seq.*) prohibits the recipient carrying out the project from making its housing conditional on the participant’s acceptance of services.”

Written Standard #8: Supportive Services

- **Program participants may receive supportive services as set forth in § 578.53 (see Appendix A)**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (ii) states that

“Continuum of Care funds may provide **supportive services**, as set forth in § 578.53, and/or short-term (up to 3 months) and/or medium-term (for 3 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance, as set forth in § 578.51(c), as necessary to help a homeless individual or family, with or without disabilities, move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.”

Written Standard #9: Duration of Supportive Services

- **Program participants may receive supportive services for no longer than 6 months after rental assistance stops**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (ii) (F) states that the Continuum of Care “May provide supportive services for no longer than 6 months after rental assistance stops.”

Written Standard #10: Re-evaluation

- **Program participants must be re-evaluated, not less than once annually, in order to determine whether program participants lack sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without Continuum of Care assistance and the types and amounts of assistance that the program participant needs to retain housing.**

§ 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance (a) (1) (ii) (E) states that the Continuum of Care

“Must re-evaluate, not less than once annually, that the program participant lacks sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without Continuum of Care assistance and the types and amounts of assistance that the program participant needs to retain housing. The recipient or subrecipient may require each program participant receiving

assistance to notify the recipient or subrecipient of changes in the program participant's income or other circumstances (e.g., changes in household composition) that affect the program participant's need for assistance. When notified of a relevant change, the recipient or subrecipient must reevaluate the program participant's eligibility and the amount and types of assistance that the program participant needs."

III. Determining Written Standards for Transitional Housing

A. Background Information

This section proposes written standards for transitional housing based upon information provided in the HEARTH Act.

Under § 578.3 Definitions of the HEARTH Act, the following is stated:

"Transitional housing means housing, where all program participants have signed a lease or occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months or such longer period as HUD determines necessary. The program participant must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended."

B. Eligible Clients

Eligible clients must meet HUD's Category 1 definition of homelessness which is:

Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, etc.
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low income individuals); or
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

For information on HUD's other homeless categories, eligible for other CoC funds, visit: www.onecpd.info/resources/documents/HEARTH_HomelessDefinition_FinalRule.pdf

Eligible clients must also meet eligibility criteria as defined in the NOFA under which the program was funded.

C. Prioritizing Transitional Housing

Domestic violence survivors and youth ages 18 – 24 will be prioritized for transitional housing if they are not assessed as chronically homeless.² All chronically homeless individuals and families will not be served through transitional housing.³ Such households will be served by permanent supportive housing through a Housing First approach. Also, eligible single veterans and veterans with families, will be served by permanent supportive housing through the HUD VASH voucher program or the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program.

D. Written Standards

Written Standard #1:

The program participant must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended” unless a “homeless individual or family may remain in transitional housing for a period longer than 24 months, if permanent housing for the individual or family has not been located or if the individual or family requires additional time to prepare for independent living” as noted in § 578.79 Limitation on transitional housing.

Under § 578.51 Rental assistance, (l) Leases (2) Initial lease for transitional housing, the following is required:

² In the HEARTH Act, chronically homeless is defined as (1) An individual who: (i) Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and (ii) Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years; and (iii) Can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability; (2) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or (3) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

³ Chronically homeless households are no longer considered chronically homeless once they become residents of transitional housing programs. As a result, such households are no longer eligible for permanent supportive housing programs that are restricted to serve only chronically homeless households. In addition, HUD strongly encourages permanent supportive housing providers to fill vacant beds with chronically homeless households.

“Program participants in transitional housing must enter into a lease agreement for a term of at least one month. The lease must be automatically renewable upon expiration, except on prior notice by either party, up to a maximum term of 24 months.”

Written Standard #2:

The lease with program participant “must be automatically renewable upon expiration, except on prior notice by either party, up to a maximum term of 24 months.”

Under § 578.37 Program components and uses of assistance, subsection (2), transitional housing is further described in the HEARTH Act as follows:

“Transitional housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to PH within 24 months of entering TH. Grant funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, and supportive services.”

Written Standard #3:

In order to facilitate the movement of program participants to PH within 24 months of entering TH, grant funds may be used for all of the following activities: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, and supportive services.

Under § 578.53 Supportive services (b) Duration, the following is also noted:

(1) “For a transitional housing project, supportive services must be made available to residents throughout the duration of their residence in the project.”

(3) “Services may also be provided to former residents of transitional housing and current residents of permanent housing who were homeless in the prior 6 months, for no more than 6 months after leaving transitional housing or homelessness, respectively, to assist their adjustment to independent living.”

Written Standard #4:

Supportive services must be made available to program participants “throughout the duration of their residence” and such services “may also be provided to former residents of transitional housing and current residents of permanent housing who were homeless in the prior 6 months, for no more than 6 months after leaving transitional housing or homelessness, respectively, to assist their adjustment to independent living.”

Under § 578.77 Calculating occupancy charges and rent, the following guidelines are provided:

“(a) Occupancy agreements and leases. Recipients and subrecipients must have signed occupancy agreements or leases (or subleases) with program participants residing in housing.

(b) Calculation of occupancy charges. Recipients and subrecipients are not required to impose occupancy charges on program participants as a condition of residing in the housing. However, if occupancy charges are imposed, they may not exceed the highest of:

(1) 30 percent of the family’s monthly adjusted income (adjustment factors include the number of people in the family, age of family members, medical expenses, and child-care expenses);

(2) 10 percent of the family’s monthly income; or

(3) If the family is receiving payments for welfare assistance from a public agency and a part of the payments (adjusted in accordance with the family’s actual housing costs) is specifically designated by the agency to meet the family’s housing costs, the portion of the payments that is designated for housing costs.

(4) Income. Income must be calculated in accordance with 24 CFR 5.609 and 24 CFR 5.611(a). Recipients and subrecipients must examine a program participant’s income initially, and if there is a change in family composition (e.g., birth of a child) or a decrease in the resident’s income during the year, the resident may request an interim reexamination, and the occupancy charge will be adjusted accordingly.”

Written Standard #5:

Recipients and subrecipients of funding for transitional housing “are not required to impose occupancy charges on program participants as a condition of residing” in transitional housing. “However, if occupancy charges are imposed, they may not exceed the highest of:

(1) 30 percent of the family’s monthly adjusted income (adjustment factors include the number of people in the family, age of family members, medical expenses, and child-care expenses);

(2) 10 percent of the family’s monthly income; or

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Under § 578.79 Limitation on transitional housing, the following is stated:

“A homeless individual or family may remain in transitional housing for a period longer than 24 months, if permanent housing for the individual or family has not been located or if the individual or family requires additional time to prepare for independent living. However, HUD may discontinue assistance for a transitional housing project if more than half of the homeless individuals or families remain in that project longer than 24 months.”

Written Standard #6:

Assistance for a transitional housing project may be discontinued “if more than half of the homeless individuals or families remain in that project longer than 24 months.”

As noted on page 1, § 578.7 Responsibilities of the Continuum of Care, subsection (a) Operate the Continuum of Care (9), states that written standards must also include

“policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive” transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing assistance.

Prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive transitional housing has been the focus of a few HUD publications during the past few years. On September 18, 2013, “What about Transitional Housing” was the emphasis of SNAPS Weekly Focus.

“It is time for CoCs to look at transitional housing programs with a critical eye – look at recent research, review each program’s eligibility criteria, analyze outcomes and occupancy rates, and make sure the services offered (and paid for) actually match the needs of people experiencing homelessness within the CoC. Many transitional housing programs may need to change their program design or serve a different population. For example, some may need to remove strict eligibility criteria that result in those families that really need intensive services being screened out (often resulting in low occupancy). In other cases, the best course of action is to reallocate the transitional housing program in favor of a more promising model.

For many years, using HUD funds for transitional housing was the only funding alternative for serving families and individuals that did not need permanent supportive housing. With rapid re-housing now eligible under both the CoC Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, there is an alternative and promising option for families with low-barriers that need shorter interventions. Rapid re-housing can be done with a lower cost per household – increasing the total number of households that

can be served with the same amount of funding. If the majority of households served in your CoC's transitional housing are families with lower barriers, you should consider reallocating those projects into new rapid re-housing projects for families.

Similarly, as CoCs move to a more direct Housing First approach, eligible households with disabilities that will need long-term assistance likely do not need an interim stay in transitional housing. For example, a CoC that has a high number of people in transitional housing **waiting** for placement into permanent supportive housing should consider reallocating those transitional housing units into new permanent supportive housing.

We know that there are families and individuals who need more assistance than rapid re-housing offers but who do not qualify for permanent supportive housing. Transitional housing should be reserved for those populations that most need that type of intervention – programs that serve domestic violence survivors and youth and those that provide substance abuse treatment come to mind first – rather than being used either as a holding pattern for those that really need permanent supportive housing or those that need less intensive interventions.”

Appendix A: Supportive Services

§ 578.53 Supportive services.

(a) In general. Grant funds may be used to pay the eligible costs of supportive services that address the special needs of the program participants. If the supportive services are provided in a supportive service facility not contained in a housing structure, the costs of day-to-day operation of the supportive service facility, including maintenance, repair, building security, furniture, utilities, and equipment are eligible as a supportive service.

(1) Supportive services must be necessary to assist program participants obtain and maintain housing.

(2) Recipients and subrecipients shall conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants and should adjust services accordingly.

(b) Duration.

(1) For a transitional housing project, supportive services must be made available to residents throughout the duration of their residence in the project.

(2) Permanent supportive housing projects must provide supportive services for the residents to enable them to live as independently as is practicable throughout the duration of their residence in the project.

(3) Services may also be provided to former residents of transitional housing and current residents of permanent housing who were homeless in the prior 6 months, for no more than 6 months after leaving transitional housing or homelessness, respectively, to assist their adjustment to independent living.

(4) Rapid rehousing projects must require the program participant to meet with a case manager not less than once per month as set forth in § 578.37(a)(1)(ii)(F), to assist the program participant in maintaining long-term housing stability.

(c) Special populations. All eligible costs are eligible to the same extent for program participants who are unaccompanied homeless youth; persons living with HIV/AIDS; and victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(d) Ineligible costs. Any cost that is not described as an eligible cost under this section is not an eligible cost of providing supportive services using Continuum of Care program funds. Staff training and the costs of obtaining professional licenses or certifications needed to provide supportive services are not eligible costs.

(e) Eligible costs.

(1) Annual Assessment of Service Needs. The costs of the assessment required by § 578.53(a)(2) are eligible costs.

(2) Assistance with moving costs. Reasonable one-time moving costs are eligible and include truck rental and hiring a moving company.

(3) Case management. The costs of assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to meet the needs of the program participant(s) are eligible costs. Component services and activities consist of:

(i) Counseling;

(ii) Developing, securing, and coordinating services;

(iii) Using the centralized or coordinated assessment system as required under § 578.23(c)(9).

(iv) Obtaining federal, State, and local benefits;

(v) Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;

(vi) Providing information and referrals to other providers;

(vii) Providing ongoing risk assessment and safety planning with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

(viii) Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability.

(4) Child care. The costs of establishing and operating child care, and providing child-care vouchers, for children from families experiencing homelessness, including providing meals and snacks, and comprehensive and coordinated developmental activities, are eligible.

(i) The children must be under the age of 13, unless they are disabled children.

(ii) Disabled children must be under the age of 18.

(iii) The child-care center must be licensed by the jurisdiction in which it operates in order for its costs to be eligible.

(5) Education services. The costs of improving knowledge and basic educational skills are eligible.

(i) Services include instruction or training in consumer education, health education, substance abuse prevention, literacy, English as a Second Language, and General Educational Development (GED).

(ii) Component services or activities are screening, assessment and testing; individual or group instruction; tutoring; provision of books, supplies, and instructional material; counseling; and referral to community resources.

(6) Employment assistance and job training. The costs of establishing and operating employment assistance and job training programs are eligible, including classroom, online and/or computer instruction, on-the-job instruction, services that assist individuals in securing employment, acquiring learning skills, and/or increasing earning potential. The cost of providing reasonable stipends to program participants in employment assistance and job training programs is also an eligible cost.

(i) Learning skills include those skills that can be used to secure and retain a job, including the acquisition of vocational licenses and/or certificates.

(ii) Services that assist individuals in securing employment consist of:

(A) Employment screening, assessment, or testing;

(B) Structured job skills and job-seeking skills;

(C) Special training and tutoring, including literacy training and pre-vocational training;

(D) Books and instructional material;

(E) Counseling or job coaching; and

(F) Referral to community resources.

(7) Food. The cost of providing meals or groceries to program participants is eligible.

(8) Housing search and counseling services. Costs of assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain, and retain suitable housing are eligible.

(i) Component services or activities are tenant counseling; assisting individuals and families to understand leases; securing utilities; and making moving arrangements.

(ii) Other eligible costs are:

(A) Mediation with property owners and landlords on behalf of eligible program participants;

(B) Credit counseling, accessing a free personal credit report, and resolving personal credit issues; and

(C) The payment of rental application fees.

(9) Legal services. Eligible costs are the fees charged by licensed attorneys and by person(s) under the supervision of licensed attorneys, for advice and representation in matters that interfere with the homeless individual or family's ability to obtain and retain housing.

(i) Eligible subject matters are child support; guardianship; paternity; emancipation; legal separation; orders of protection and other civil remedies for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; appeal of veterans and public benefit claim denials; landlord tenant disputes; and the resolution of outstanding criminal warrants.

(ii) Component services or activities may include receiving and preparing cases for trial, provision of legal advice, representation at hearings, and counseling.

(iii) Fees based on the actual service performed (i.e., fee for service) are also eligible, but only if the cost would be less than the cost of hourly fees. Filing fees and other necessary court costs are also eligible. If the subrecipient is a legal services provider and performs the services itself, the eligible costs are the subrecipient's employees' salaries and other costs necessary to perform the services.

(iv) Legal services for immigration and citizenship matters and issues related to mortgages and homeownership are ineligible. Retainer fee arrangements and contingency fee arrangements are ineligible.

(10) Life skills training. The costs of teaching critical life management skills that may never have been learned or have been lost during the course of physical or mental illness, domestic violence, substance abuse, and homelessness are eligible. These services must be necessary to assist the program participant to function independently in the community. Component life skills training are the budgeting of resources and money management, household management, conflict management, shopping for food and other needed items, nutrition, the use of public transportation, and parent training.

(11) Mental health services. Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment of mental health conditions that are provided by licensed professionals. Component services are crisis interventions; counseling; individual, family, or group therapy sessions; the prescription of psychotropic medications or explanations about the use and management of medications; and combinations of therapeutic approaches to address multiple problems.

(12) Outpatient health services. Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions when provided by licensed medical professionals including:

(i) Providing an analysis or assessment of an individual's health problems and the development of a treatment plan;

(ii) Assisting individuals to understand their health needs;

(iii) Providing directly or assisting individuals to obtain and utilize appropriate medical treatment;

(iv) Preventive medical care and health maintenance services, including in-home health services and emergency medical services;

(v) Provision of appropriate medication;

(vi) Providing follow-up services; and

(vii) Preventive and non-cosmetic dental care.

(13) Outreach services. The costs of activities to engage persons for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants, are eligible.

(i) Eligible costs include the outreach worker's transportation costs and a cell phone to be used by the individual performing the outreach.

(ii) Component activities and services consist of: initial assessment; crisis counseling; addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries; actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and mainstream programs; and publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services provided within the geographic area covered by the Continuum of Care.

(14) Substance abuse treatment services. The costs of program participant intake and assessment, outpatient treatment, group and individual counseling, and drug testing are eligible. Inpatient detoxification and other inpatient drug or alcohol treatment are ineligible.

(15) Transportation. Eligible costs are:

(i) the costs of program participant's travel on public transportation or in a vehicle provided by the recipient or subrecipient to and from medical care, employment, child care, or other services eligible under this section.

(ii) Mileage allowance for service workers to visit program participants and to carry out housing quality inspections;

(iii) The cost of purchasing or leasing a vehicle in which staff transports program participants and/or staff serving program participants;

(iv) The cost of gas, insurance, taxes, and maintenance for the vehicle;

(v) The costs of recipient or subrecipient staff to accompany or assist program participants to utilize public transportation; and

(vi) If public transportation options are not sufficient within the area, the recipient may make a one-time payment on behalf of a program participant needing car repairs or maintenance required to operate a personal vehicle, subject to the following:

(A) Payments for car repairs or maintenance on behalf of the program participant may not exceed 10 percent of the Blue Book value of the vehicle (Blue Book refers to the guidebook that compiles and quotes prices for new and used automobiles and other vehicles of all makes, models, and types);

(B) Payments for car repairs or maintenance must be paid by the recipient or subrecipient directly to the third party that repairs or maintains the car; and

(C) The recipients or subrecipients may require program participants to share in the cost of car repairs or maintenance as a condition of receiving assistance with car repairs or maintenance.

(16) Utility deposits. This form of assistance consists of paying for utility deposits. Utility deposits must be a one-time fee, paid to utility companies.

(17) Direct provision of services. If the a service described in paragraphs (e)(1) through (e)(16) of this section is being directly delivered by the recipient or subrecipient, eligible costs for those services also include:

(i) The costs of labor or supplies, and materials incurred by the recipient or subrecipient in directly providing supportive services to program participants; and

(ii) The salary and benefit packages of the recipient and subrecipient staff who directly deliver the services.

Homeless People and Their Pets

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Overview

- **How Many people own pets?**
- **How Many Homeless People own pets?**
- **The Human Animal Bond**
- **Homeless people and their pets is a Public Health Issue**
- **Mental Health**
- **Zoonotic Disease**
- **Dog Bites**

How Many People Own Pets?

http://www.americanpetproducts.org/press_industrytrends.asp

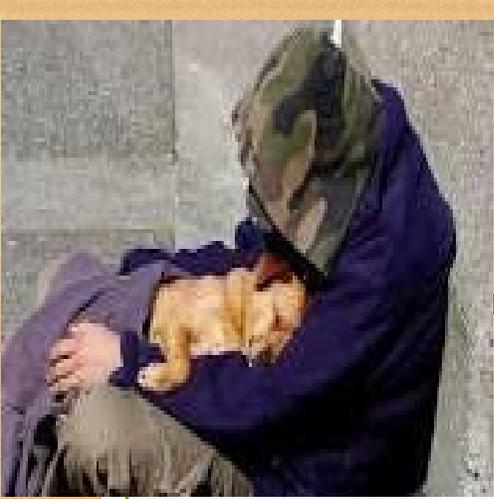
- 1988 : First National Pet Owner Survey: 58% of US Households own a pet
- 2009-2010: National Pet Owner Survey: 62% of US Households own a pet
- 2013-2014: National Pet Owner Survey: 68% of US Households own a pet



How Many Homeless Own Pets?

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- Some sources report 5-10% and 24%
- HOPE: 65-70% of homeless they encounter in SB County own one or more pets ????
- So we can make an assumption that the Homeless Population of pets mirrors that of Pets in homes.
- If we look at the statistics, the issue of homeless people with pets will only increase, or at least mirror that of pets in homes.
- ASSUME Many are NOT spayed or neutered ??? Adds to the overpopulation problem.
- ASSUME Many are NOT Vaccinated for Rabies and other diseases ???? PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE!!



The Human Animal Bond:

Why it's Important to keep pets and people Together

http://www.pawsitiveinteraction.com/ha_bond_facts.html

- Seniors who own pets coped better with stress life events without entering the healthcare system. (Raina, 1998)
- Pet owners feel less afraid of being a victim of crime when walking with a dog or sharing a residence with a dog. (Serpel, 1990)
- Pet owners have fewer minor health problems. (Friedmann, 1990, Serpel, 1990)
- Pet owners have better psychological well-being. (Serpel, 1990)
- Pets fulfill many of the same support functions as humans for adults and children. (Melson, 1998)
- Dogs are preventive and therapeutic measures against everyday stress. (Allen, 1991, 1996)
- Pets decrease feelings of loneliness and isolation. (Kidd, 1994)
- Positive self-esteem of children is enhanced by owning a pet. (Bergensen, 1989)



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- **Children who own pets score significantly higher on empathy and prosocial orientation scales than non-owners. (Vidovic, 1999)**

- **People with AIDS who have pets have less depression and reduced stress. Pets are a major source of support and increase perception the ability to cope. (Siegel, 1999, Carmack, 1991)**

Mental Health and the Importance of Pets

- **“Dilemmas Associated with Rehousing Homeless People Who Have Companion Animals” (Singer1995)**
- Homelessness is commonly associated with traumatic experiences early in life, mental illness, substance abuse.
- Although homeless people frequently are accompanied by pets, the possible role of pets in maintaining emotional stability and self esteem and in motivating people to locate homes has been ignored.



Mental Health and the Importance of Pets

- **“Homeless People Who are Animal Caretakers: A Comparative Study” (Cronley2009)**
- Comparison of Homeless with and without pets
- 5.5% had pets, 41% were women who were victims of Domestic Violence



Mental Health and the Importance of Pets

- **“Animals as Lifechangers and Lifesavers: Pets in the Redemption Narratives of Homeless People” (Irvine,2013)**
- ..Tellers describe overcoming adversity to face a better future, with animals paying key roles.
- As dependent others, animals encourage a sense of responsibility. As the providers of unconditional love, they reward the fulfillment of responsibility. And as silent witnesses, they keep the tellers from lapsing into risky behavior.



Mental Health and the Importance of Pets

- **“Friends and Pets as Companions: Strategies for Coping with Loneliness Among Homeless Youth” (Rew200)**
- Three themes emerged from the data: how lonely subjects felt, circumstances that provoked feelings of loneliness, and ways of coping with loneliness. Thirteen (of 32) identified their pets as companions that provided unconditional love, reduced feelings of loneliness, and improved their health.



Mental Health and the Importance of Pets

- **“Capacity for Survival: Exploring Strengths of Homeless Street Youth” (Bender2007)**
- Perhaps the most passionately discussed topics among street youth participants were related to their pets. Pets identified as the youths’ first priorities and were their companions, protectors, and sources of comfort. For many street youth, who had little connection to their biological family, pets were described as the ‘closest thing you have to kin out there.’
- “keep my head straight”
- “My dog is my home”



Zoonotic Diseases We Can Share With Our Pets

Most, If Not All, Are Preventable.....

- Rabies
- Sarcoptic Mange
- Fleas.. Bubonic Plague, Murine Typhus
- Ticks... Lyme, other blood borne pathogens
- Roundworms
- Hookworms
- Fungal Infections (ringworm)
- Bartonella (cat scratch fever)
- Coccidiomycosis (valley fever)
- E.Coli
- Giardia
- Leptospirosis



Dog Bites

<http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/dog-bites/>

<http://www.californiadogbitelawyer.com>

- Each Day about 1000 dog bites require emergency care in the U.S.
- 92% of fatal dog attacks involve male dogs, 94% are not neutered.
- 79% of fatal attacks involve children
- 25% involve chained dogs
- 71% involve extremities, hands, feet
- Mostly large breed dogs.





Conclusion

- Homeless people are similar to the general population in terms of pet ownership
- The role of the pet with homeless people is similar to the general population
- Homeless with mental health issues benefit from pet ownership and should be allowed to keep their pets as long as they are not harming them. Just like the general population.
- Homeless are possibly at more risk of contracting zoonotic disease from their pets due to their living conditions
- Homeless people are possibly at higher risk to dog bites due to their living conditions
- If we want to get the homeless off the streets and back into society, we need to make room for their pets.